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Wednesday 17th November 1999.

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

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

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

4 Metropolitan Police,—Ordered, That the Commissioner of the Police of the Metropolis do take care that during the Session of Parliament the passages through the streets leading to this House be kept free and open and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Members to and from this House, and that no disorder be allowed in Westminster Hall, or in the passages leading to this House, during the Sitting of Parliament, and that there be no annoyance therein or thereabouts; and that the Serjeant at Arms attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commissioner aforesaid.
5 Votes and Proceedings,—Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by the Speaker; and that she do appoint the printing thereof; and that no person but such as she shall appoint do presume to print the same.

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

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

Ordered, That the said Journal and Index be printed by the appointment and under the direction of William Robert McKay, 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 Selection (Standing Committees).—Mr John McWilliam 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.

9 Selection (Select Committees).—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Committee of Selection the following Resolution:

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

Report to lie upon the Table.

10 Chairman’s Panel (Parliament Act 1911).—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Committee of Selection, That, in pursuance of section 1(3) of the Parliament Act 1911, it had appointed Mr John McWilliam and Mr Nicholas Winterton to be the two Members whom the Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before certifying a Bill to be a Money Bill.

11 Standing Committee C,—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had designated Standing Committee C as the Committee on which Government Bills shall not have precedence.

12 Queen’s Speech,—The 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

This is my Government’s third legislative programme. It aims to build on my Government’s programme of reform as they seek to modernise the country and its institutions to meet the challenges of the new Millennium.

My Government’s aim is to promote fairness and enterprise, providing people with real opportunities to liberate their potential. They will focus on continued modernising of our economy, the promotion of enterprise, reform of the welfare system, protection of the public, and the development of a safe transport system.

The central economic objectives of my Government are high and stable levels of economic growth and employment. More people are in work in Britain today than ever before, with employment up by 700,000, and long-term unemployment has halved.

My Government are helping people back into work. The New Deal has helped 145,000 young people into employment.

My Government have introduced a national minimum wage and a new 10p starting rate of tax. They have reformed National Insurance and from next April will cut the basic rate of income tax. The new Working Families Tax Credit, introduced in October, is raising incomes of working families.

My Government will continue to manage the public finances prudently, in accordance with the Code for Fiscal Stability and the two fiscal rules.

The new system of monetary policy-making ensures that interest rate decisions are taken in the best long-term interests of the economy. As a result, long-term interest rates are around their lowest level for almost thirty years. Inflation is historically low and expected to meet my Government’s target of 2½ per cent.
My Government will continue to work with others to promote economic reform in Europe. They will work for more open markets, greater economic growth and new job creation.

To prepare Britain as a dynamic, knowledge-based economy my Government will introduce a Bill to promote electronic commerce and electronic government, improving our ability to compete in the digital marketplace.

Financial services lie at the heart of a modern economy. The financial services industry accounts for 7 per cent of our national income, employing over 1 million people. With the new Financial Services Authority, my Government are determined to maintain and advance the UK’s position, and the Bill introduced last Session will be carried over to this.

As part of my Government’s drive to address inappropriate and over-complex regulation, legislation will be introduced to increase the effectiveness of the power to remove regulatory burdens.

My Government will introduce a Bill to enable the Post Office to improve its services and to compete more effectively in UK and overseas markets.

To put the consumer first, cut prices and make utility regulation more transparent and accountable, a Bill will be introduced to modernise the utility regulation system.

Legislation will be introduced to assist the rescue of viable businesses in short-term difficulties, and improve the procedure for disqualifying unfit company directors.

My Government believe a stronger and fairer society strengthens our economy. They will continue to give young people and the long-term unemployed the opportunity to learn new skills and fulfil their potential.

Education remains my Government’s number one priority. My Government will continue to implement policies to reward good teaching, reduce infant class sizes, and continue the drive to build on the improvements in literacy and numeracy already achieved.

Having focused change upon primary and secondary education, a Bill will now be introduced to establish a new Learning and Skills Council to improve standards for Post 16 education and training.

As part of my Government’s drive against social exclusion, a Bill will be introduced to improve the help available to young people leaving local authority care.

To build on my Government’s modernisation of the welfare system, a Bill will be introduced to reform child support so that money gets to children more speedily and effectively. It will introduce further pension reforms, including the State Second Pension, which will give more help to low earners, carers and long-term disabled people with broken work records. And it will reinforce people’s obligations to society by linking benefit entitlement to compliance with community sentences.

Legislation will be introduced to improve the education of children with Special Educational Needs. My Government are determined to promote fairness of opportunity for disabled people building on the establishment of a Disability Rights Commission.

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’s ten year programme of modernisation for health and social care will provide faster, more convenient services to help improve the country’s health.

As part of this programme, a Bill will be introduced to improve standards and stamp out abuse in social services, in private and voluntary healthcare, and in childcare.

My Government are determined to reduce crime and improve public protection. A Bill will be introduced to extend the use of mandatory drug testing in the criminal justice system. It will reform the probation services in England and Wales, create a new Children and Family Court Advisory Service, and prevent unsuitable people from working with children.

A Bill will be introduced to give the courts themselves the power to decide whether certain defendants should be tried by jury or by magistrates.

The Bill to equalise the age of consent, and strengthen the protection of young people from abuse of trust, will be re-introduced.

My Government are determined to combat terrorism. A Bill will be introduced to modernise and make permanent the powers available to respond to all forms of terrorism.

A Bill will be introduced to ensure that the interception of communications, and the use of other intrusive techniques, continues to be regulated for the protection both of the rights of individuals and of society as a whole.
The report into the murder of Stephen Lawrence raised profound issues for our multiracial society. A Bill will be introduced which will make it unlawful for public bodies to racially discriminate, implementing one of the report’s key recommendations.

A Bill will be introduced to give people greater access to the countryside and to improve protection for wildlife. And my Government will continue their leading role in protecting the global climate.

My Government are committed to creating a modern integrated and safe transport system, providing more choice for the travelling public. Following the recent tragedy at Paddington my Government will ensure that rail safety is a top priority. A Bill will be re-introduced to establish a Strategic Rail Authority. It will contain measures to improve bus services and reduce road congestion. It will include measures for National Air Traffic Services to separate safety regulation from operational matters, and deliver major investment in the next generation technology.

My Government will bring forward a Bill to introduce the latest accounting methods to improve value for money in Whitehall and generate more investment in public infrastructure and front line services. A Bill will be brought forward to allow firms to incorporate with limited liability whilst organising themselves as partnerships. A Bill will be introduced to modernise the powers and duties of trustees.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons

In Northern Ireland, my Government will continue to work closely with the political parties and the Irish Government to secure the full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement. A Bill will be presented to implement proposals from the Independent Commission on Policing, following the completion of consultation.

My Government are committed to making devolution in Scotland and Wales work and to continue the process of decentralising Government in the interests of all the people in the United Kingdom. A Bill will be introduced to set up an Electoral Commission to regulate the funding and spending of political parties and organisations. My Government will also bring forward a Bill to reform our electoral procedures to make it easier for people to participate in elections.

My Government will introduce a Bill on Freedom of Information. It will give everyone the right of access to information held across the public sector for the first time. My Government will continue to provide greater openness by publishing legislation in draft for public scrutiny. This will include Bills enabling the United Kingdom to ratify the International Criminal Court, promoting more efficient water use and leasehold reform as well as commonhold for flat owners.

Other measures will be laid before you.

The Duke of Edinburgh and I look forward to receiving a State Visit by Her Majesty Queen Margrethe of Denmark and Prince Henrik in February next year. We also look forward to our visit to Australia in March.

My Government will work towards a new partnership between Britain and the Overseas Territories. They will take forward the offer of British Citizenship to the people of the Territories.

My Government will take a leading role with our partners to shape the future development of the European Union. They will promote the enlargement of the Union, support co-operation in the fight against cross-border crime and work to improve the effectiveness of the European Union’s Foreign and Security Policy and its development programmes.

My Government will ensure that NATO remains the foundation of Britain’s defence and security. They will seek to continue the work of adapting the Alliance to meet the challenges and opportunities of the new century. A Bill will be introduced to reform aspects of the armed forces’ system for administering discipline.

My Government will seek to modernise the United Nations. They will work to make the Security Council more effective and more representative.
Over the coming year, which is the 10th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, my Government will build on their work to strengthen protection for children. My Government will take further measures to meet its target of abolishing child poverty in 20 years. It will play an active part in the Council of Europe Conference against Racism.

My Government believe this is a substantial programme of work, addressing their priorities and helping the country to meet the challenges of the new millennium.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons

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

13 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—(Dr Jack Cunningham);

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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

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 presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office during the Prorogation of Parliament pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Mental Health,—Paper, entitled Reform of the Mental Health Act 1983: Proposals for Consultation [Cm. 4480] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the Prorogation of Parliament pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Wednesday 17th November 1999:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

4 Agriculture,—Draft Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

6 Agricultural Marketing,—Report and Accounts of Food from Britain for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].
7 Culture, Media and Sport,—Department of Culture, Media and Sport Minute concerning the proposed gifting of the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, to the Board of Trustees of the Victoria and Albert Museum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

8 Energy Information,—First Report on the Exercise of Functions by Enforcement Authorities under the Energy Information (Refrigerators and Freezers) Regulations 1994 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

9 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions Minute concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for legal action in relation to an independent inquiry into safety on the River Thames conducted by the Rt Hon Lord Justice Clarke [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

10 Legal Aid and Advice (Scotland),—Report and Statement of Accounts of the Scottish Legal Aid Board for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

11 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of the National Museum of Wales for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 17] [Clerk of the House].

12 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Twenty-fourth and Thirty-fifth to Thirty-eighth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1998–99 [by Command] [Cm. 4515] [Mr Stephen Timms].

13 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [13th July] from patients, parents, relatives and supporters of patients and residents within the catchment area served by the Poole Hospital Cleft Team against the relocation of services provided by the Team; to be printed [by Standing Order] [Clerk of the House].

14 Transport,—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Transport Group for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

15 Treaty Series (No. 73, 1999),—Headquarters Agreement, done at London on 15th April 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Mobile Satellite Organisation [by Command] [Cm. 4511] [Mr Secretary Cook].

16 Treaty Series (No. 74, 1999),—Agreement, done at Tallinn on 23rd February 1995 and at Stockholm on 23rd April 1996, between the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden regarding the M/S Estonia with Additional Protocol [by Command] [Cm. 4512] [Mr Secretary Cook].

17 Treaty Series (No. 75, 1999),—Amendment, done at Peking on 17th September 1998, to the Protocol on Scientific and Technological Co-operation between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People’s Republic of China [by Command] [Cm. 4513] [Mr Secretary Cook].

18 Treaty Series (No. 76, 1999),—Agreement, done at Tórshavn (Faroe Islands) on 18th May 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, on the one hand, and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark together with the Home Government of the Faroe Islands, on the other hand, relating to the Maritime Delimitation in the area between the United Kingdom and the Faroe Islands [by Command] [Cm. 4514] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Private Business

1 Committee on Unopposed Bills (Panel),—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had appointed eighteen 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.: John Austin, Mr Nigel Beard, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mrs Helen Brinton, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr John McDonnell, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr David Marshall, Mr Syd Rapson, Mr Nick St. Aubyn, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Jon Trickett, Mr Robert Walter, Mrs Ann Winterton and Audrey Wise.

2 Provisional Orders (Scotland) (Panel),—The Committee of Selection, in pursuance of Standing Order 228 relating to Private Business (Parliamentary Panel), has selected fifteen members to form the Parliamentary Panel of Members of the House to act as
Commissioners under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, viz.: Mr Douglas Alexander, Dr Lynda Clark, Mr Eric Clark, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Donald Gorrie, Rosemary McKenna, Mr David Marshall, Mr John Maxton, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Alasdair Morgan, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Andrew Welsh and Mr James Wray.

3 Standing Orders Committee,—The Committee of Selection has nominated six members to serve on the Standing Orders Committee under Standing Order 103 relating to Private Business (Appointment of Standing Orders Committee), viz.: Mrs Lin Golding, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Bill O’Brien, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Andrew Stunell and Mr Nicholas Winterton.

Standing Committees

4 Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1999:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has appointed sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Dr Peter Brand, Mr David Chaytor, Ann Clwyd, Mr John Cryer, Mr Stephen Day, Mrs Janet Dean, Mr Paul Goggins, Mr James Gray, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr John Hutton, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Dennis Murphy, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Mr Richard Shepherd and The Reverend Martin Smyth.

5 Draft Maximum Number of Stipendiary Magistrates Order 1999:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has appointed sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Mr John Burnett, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Paul Clark, Mr Geraint Davies, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Nick Hawkins, Jane Kennedy, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr John McDonnell, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Dan Norris, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Helen Southworth, Mr John M. Taylor and Dr Tony Wright.

Grand Committees

6 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—The Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-three additional Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Tony Colman, Mr James Cran, Mr Mike Gapes, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Phil Hope, Mr Andrew Hunter, Helen Jackson, Mr Andrew MacKay, Shona McIsaac, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Tony McWalter, Ms Margaret Moran, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Bill O’Brien, Mr Lembit Opik, Ms Sandra Osborne, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Martin Salter, Mr Ian Taylor and Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West).

7 Welsh Grand Committee,—The Committee of Selection has nominated two additional Members to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee, viz.: Mr Nigel Evans and Mr Owen Paterson.

European Standing Committees

8 European Standing Committee A,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jackie Ballard from European Standing A; and nominated in substitution Sir Robert Smith.

9 European Standing Committee B,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Vincent Cable from European Standing B; and nominated in substitution Jackie Ballard.

10 European Standing Committee C,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Oaten from European Standing C; and nominated in substitution Norman Baker.

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The Speaker appointed The Stationery Office Limited to print the Votes and Proceedings of this House.
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Representation of the People Bill,—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Secretary Reid, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Secretary Mandelson and Mr Mike O’Brien, presented a Bill to make new provision with respect to the registration of voters for the purposes of parliamentary and local government elections; to make other provision in relation to voting at such elections; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 2].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Representation of the People Bill be printed [Bill 2–EN].

2 Government Resources and Accounts Bill,—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Margaret Beckett, Mr Secretary Milburn, Mr Andrew Smith, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Stephen Timms and Miss Melanie Johnson, presented a Bill to make provision about government resources and accounts; to provide for financial assistance for a body established to participate in public-private partnerships; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 3].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Government Resources and Accounts Bill be printed [Bill 3–EN].

3 Electronic Communications Bill,—Mr Secretary Byers, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Reid, Marjorie Mowlam, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Secretary Mandelson and Ms Patricia Hewitt, presented a Bill to make provision to facilitate the use of electronic communications and electronic data storage; to make provision about the modification of licences granted under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 4].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Electronic Communications Bill be printed [Bill 4–EN].

4 Financial Services and Markets Bill,—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Byers, Mr Secretary Milburn, Jane Kennedy, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Andrew Smith, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Stephen Timms and Miss Melanie Johnson, presented a Bill to make provision about the regulation of financial services and markets; to provide for the transfer of certain statutory functions relating to building societies, friendly societies, industrial and provident societies and certain other mutual societies; and for connected purposes.

Pursuant to Order [25th October], the Bill was read the first and second time without Question put, was ordered to be printed [Bill 1], and stood committed to a Standing Committee in respect of Clauses Nos. 135 to 367 and Schedules Nos. 12 to 17.

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Financial Services and Markets Bill be printed [Bill 1–EN].

5 Freedom of Information Bill,—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Marjorie Mowlam, Mr Secretary Byers, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Secretary Mandelson and Mr Mike O’Brien, presented a Bill to make provision for the disclosure of information held by public authorities or by persons providing services for them and to amend the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Public Records Act 1958; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 5].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Freedom of Information Bill be printed [Bill 5–EN].

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.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

7 Business of the House.—Ordered, That Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over government business on 28th January, 4th and 11th February, 3rd, 10th and 24th March, 7th and 14th April, 5th, 12th and 19th May, 9th June and 21st July 2000.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

8 Sittings of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 12 (House not to sit on certain Fridays), That this House shall not sit on the following Fridays: 3rd, 10th and 17th December 1999 and 14th and 21st January, 18th February, 31st March, 16th and 30th June and 14th July 2000.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth):—It was agreed to.

9 National Health Service,—Ordered, That the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 2218) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

10 National Health Service,—Ordered, That the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (Establishment and Constitution) Amendment Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 2219) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

11 Civil Aviation,—Ordered, That the Air Navigation (Fifth Amendment) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 2059) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

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

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 Negative Resolution:

1 Gas,—Gas Act 1986 (Exemptions) (No. 2) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3089), dated 16th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Immigration,—(1) Immigration (Transit Visa) (Amendment) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3086), dated 16th November 1999 [by Act]; and

(2) Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 22]

[Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Water,—Water Appointment (Competition Commission) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3088), dated 16th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

4 Appropriation Accounts, 1998–99,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Classes:

(1) II (Foreign and Commonwealth Office), and

(2) XV (Northern Ireland)

for 1998–99 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 11-II and -XV][Mr Stephen Timms].

5 Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 18th November 1999, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes specified in the Winter Supplementary Estimates for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

6 Charities (Scotland),—Report of the Scottish Charities Nominee for the year ended 31st August 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

7 Churches Conservation,—Review, Report and Financial Statements of the Churches Conservation Trust for 1998–99 [by Measure] [Mr Secretary Smith].
8 Defence (Votes A), 1999–2000.—Supplementary estimates of the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces for 1999–2000 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 8] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

9 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Government Response to the Eighteenth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 1998–99, on Tendered Bus Services [by Command] [Cm. 4519] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

10 Merchant Shipping,—Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for 1997–98, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 13] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

11 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of English Heritage for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

12 Supply Estimates, 1999–2000.—Winter Supplementary Estimates for 1999–2000 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 4] [Mr Stephen Timms].

13 Supply Estimates, 2000–01,—(1) Estimates (Classes I-XVIII), for which a Vote on Account is required for 2000–01 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 5] [Mr Stephen Timms];

(2) Estimates for the House of Commons Commission [Class XVIII, A], for which a Vote on Account is required for 2000–01 [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 2000–01 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 7] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1999,—(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1999.

(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Kevin McNamara from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Colin Burgon.

2 Draft Maximum Number of Stipendiary Magistrates Order 1999,—(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Maximum Number of Stipendiary Magistrates Order 1999.

(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Dismore from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Chris Ruane.

European Standing Committees

3 The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Documents No. 8329/99, relating to Financial Services and Nos. 6615/98, 8781/98 and 8484/1/99, relating to Taxation and Financial Services.

4 The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document No. 10297/99, relating to World Trade Organisation Millennium Round.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) First Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Countdown to the Millennium], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee in the last Session of Parliament; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 24]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Funding of the BBC]; to be printed [No. 25-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Kosovo]; to be printed [No. 28-i] [Mr Donald Anderson].
Friday 19th November 1999.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [17th 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 22nd November.

2 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 22nd November.

[Adjourned at 3.00 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Health and Safety.—Good Laboratory Practice Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3106), dated 18th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Public Health,—Motor Fuel (Composition and Content) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3107), dated 19th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


Other Papers:

Museums and Galleries,—Report of National Museums & Galleries of Wales for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Treaty Series (No. 77, 1999),—Protocol, done at Geneva on 18th November 1991, to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution concerning the Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds or their Transboundary Fluxes [by Command] [Cm. 4517] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Financial Services and Markets Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Mr William O’Brien Chairman; and

(2) pursuant to the Order of the House of 25th October, in the last Session of Parliament, the following are Members of the Committee, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Nigel Beard, Mrs Liz Blackman, Ms Hazel Blears, Mr Colin Breed, Mrs Helen Brinton, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Brian Cotter, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Howard Flight, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Patrick Hall, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Miss Melanie Johnson, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr David Kidney, Mr Tim Loughton, Sir Nicholas Lyell, Ms Sandra Osborne, Mr James Plaskitt, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr Andrew Tyrie.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 European Standing Committee C,—Mrs Marion Roe reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 10297/99, a Commission Communication on the European Union approach to the World Trade Organisation Millennium Round; considers that a new comprehensive round of trade negotiations is essential for growth and jobs, for maintaining the momentum of trade liberalisation and counteracting protectionist pressures, for promoting sustainable development and better integrating developing countries into the world trade system; and supports the Government’s intention to press for this approach within the EU.

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

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

Baxi Partnership Limited Trusts Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act to confirm the validity of and vary the trusts of a settlement created by Baxi Partnership Limited for the benefit of employees of Baxi Partnership Limited; to modify certain provisions of the settlement; to confer powers on the trustees of that settlement; and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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.

United Reformed Church Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act to make provision as to property held on behalf of the Congregational Union of Scotland, its member churches and the Scottish Congregational College, and for other purposes incidental to or consequential upon the unification of the Congregational Union of Scotland with the United Reformed Church in the United Kingdom; to amend the United Reformed Church Act 1972 and the United Reformed Church Act 1981; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 City of Stoke-on-Trent Tunstall Northern By-pass Local Government Act Compulsory Purchase Order 1997 (Petitions of General Objection),—Ordered, That a Message be sent to the Lords to acquaint them that this House has appointed a Committee of three Members to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee to which the Petitions of General Objection against the City of Stoke-on-Trent Tunstall Northern By-pass Local Government Act Compulsory Purchase Order 1997 stand referred, pursuant to section 4 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945.

4 Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill,—Mr Nicholas Brown, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Byers, Mr Secretary Murphy and Mr Elliot Morley, presented a Bill to prohibit the keeping of animals solely or primarily for slaughter for the value of their fur; to provide for the making of payments in respect of the related closure of certain businesses; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 6].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill be printed [Bill 6–EN].

5 Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill,—Mr Nicholas Brown, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Byers, Mr Secretary Murphy and Mr Elliot Morley, presented a Bill to ensure the validity of charges made in the administration of certain grant schemes relating to sea fishing. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 7].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill be printed [Bill 7–EN].

6 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [17th 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.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr Greg Pope.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

7 Social Security,— Ordered, That Miss Julie Kirkbride be discharged from the Social Security Committee and Mr Laurence Robertson be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Treasury,— Ordered, That Dr Vincent Cable be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Mr Edward Davey be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Adjournment,— A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Greg Pope);

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 Tony McNulty.)

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

Adjourned at 10.26 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft Maternity and Parental Leave etc. Regulations 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Council Tax,—Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3123), dated 22nd November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


6 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Claims and Information) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3108), and

dated 18th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Transport,—(1) Docklands Light Railway (Lewisham Extension) (Exemptions) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3112),

   (2) Docklands Light Railway (Miscellaneous Closure Exemptions) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3111), and

   (3) Railways (Alternative Closure Procedure) (Amendment) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3113),
dated 19th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3114), dated 22nd November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms]; and

   (2) Value Added Tax (Importation of Investment Gold) Relief Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3115),
(3) Value Added Tax (Input Tax) (Specified Supplies) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3121),
(4) Value Added Tax (Investment Gold) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3116),
(5) Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3120),
(6) Value Added Tax (Terminal Markets) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3117), and
(7) Value Added Tax (Treatment of Transactions) (Amendment) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3119),
dated 19th November 1999 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

9 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Improving VAT Assurance, and
(2) The Newcastle Estate Development Project
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 15 and 16] [Clerk of the House].


11 Regulatory Impact Assessments.—List of Regulatory Impact Assessments for 1st January to 30th June 1999 [by Command] [Cm. 4478] [Marjorie Mowlam].

Papers withdrawn:

12 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Draft Maternity and Parental Leave etc. Regulations 1999 [laid on 4th November, in the last Session of Parliament].

APPENDIX II

Joint Committees

1 City of Stoke-on-Trent Tunstall Northern By-pass Local Government Act Compulsory Purchase Order 1997 (Petitions of General Objection) (Joint Committee).—The Committee of Selection has nominated three Members to serve on a Committee to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee to which the Petitions of General Objection against the City of Stoke-on-Trent Tunstall Northern By-pass Local Government Act Compulsory Purchase Order 1997 stand referred, pursuant to section 4 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, viz.: Mr Colin Breed, Mr Martin Caton and Miss Anne McIntosh.

Standing Committees

2 Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1999.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Clwyd and Mr Paul Goggins from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Maria Eagle and Joan Walley.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [European Structural Funds], to be printed [No. 46-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].
PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills (Suspension).—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office that, in respect of the following Bill upon which proceedings were suspended in this House, the Agents for the Bill have deposited in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them, stating the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was presented in the last Session of Parliament, viz.:

   City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.

2 Private Bills.—The Standing Order of 2nd November relating to the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill being read;

   City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—A Bill to make further provision with respect to the qualification of voters at ward elections in the city of London; and for connected purposes, was read the first and second time and committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means.

   City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, pursuant to the Standing Order of 2nd November, That he had gone through the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

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

   Alliance & Leicester plc (Group Reorganisation) Bill [Lords] (formerly Girobank plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords]).—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to provide for the transfer to Alliance & Leicester plc of the undertakings of Girobank plc and Alliance & Leicester Personal Finance Limited; and for related purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

   City of Stoke-on-Trent Tunstall Northern By-pass Local Government Act Compulsory Purchase Order 1997 (Petitions of General Objection),—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of three Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons as the Joint Committee to which the Petitions of General Objection against the City of Stoke-on-Trent Tunstall Northern By-pass Local Government Act Compulsory Purchase Order 1997 stand referred, pursuant to section 4 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945; that they have ordered that the Committee have power to agree with the Committee of the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman; and that they propose that the Joint Committee do meet on Monday 29th November at half-past Ten o’clock in Committee Room 4.

   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 20th May 1997, in Session 1997–98; and that they propose that the Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the Commons this day at a quarter past Four o’clock.

4 Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office that, in respect of the following Bills brought from the Lords, and upon which proceedings were suspended in this House, the Agents for each Bill have deposited in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them, stating the Bill is the same, in every respect, as the Bill which was brought from the House of Lords in the last Session of Parliament, viz.:

   Alliance & Leicester plc (Group Reorganisation) Bill [Lords] (formerly Girobank plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords])
   Baxi Partnership Limited Trusts Bill [Lords]
   London Local Authorities Bill [Lords]
   United Reformed Church Bill [Lords].

5 Private Bills [Lords].—The Standing Orders of 27th October and 1st and 4th November relating to the Alliance & Leicester plc (Group Reorganisation) Bill [Lords], the Baxi Partnerships Limited Trusts Bill [Lords], the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] and the United Reformed Church Bill [Lords] being read;
Alliance & Leicester plc (Group Reorganisation) Bill [Lords].—The Alliance & Leicester plc (Group Reorganisation) Bill [Lords] was read the first and second time, and committed.

Baxi Partnership Limited Trusts Bill [Lords].—The Baxi Partnership Limited Trusts Bill [Lords] was read the first and second time, and committed.

London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] was read the first and second time, and committed.

United Reformed Church Bill [Lords].—The United Reformed Church Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

6 Liaison.—Mr Robert Sheldon reported, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee), That the Liaison Committee had directed him to report the following recommendations for the allocation of time for the consideration of Estimates on an allotted day (being the first allotted day in the present Session of Parliament):

That a day not later than 6th February be allotted for the consideration of the following Votes on Account for the financial year 2000–01:

1. Class III, Vote 6: Environment, Transport and the Regions: transport industries, in so far as they relate to aviation safety;
2. Class XIII, Vote 1: Scotland and transfers to the Scottish Consolidated Fund, in so far as they relate to inward and outward investment in Scotland;
and that debate on the first Estimate be interrupted not later than three hours after its commencement.

Report to lie upon the Table.

7 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [17th 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 makes no mention of the fact that the number of police officers in England and Wales has declined by more than 1,000 since the General Election, that a large proportion of the Government’s measures have been ineffective, that crime is rising in many areas of the country and that, despite the large number of Home Office Bills listed in the Gracious Speech, there are hardly any measures to combat crime; further note the chaos in the Home Office over the past year which has been caused by the Government’s mismanagement; deplore the Government’s proposals to abolish the right to elect trial by jury; believe that the Government’s proposals for Freedom of Information will result in greater secrecy; further regret the failure of the Government to include any measures in the Gracious Speech to improve standards in schools; and call for effective scrutiny of the other measures proposed in the Gracious Speech to ensure that common sense prevails.’—(Miss Ann Widdecombe.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Stephen Day:181.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 338.

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.

8 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—Resolved, That the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 1999, which was laid before this House on 1st November, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Jane Kennedy.)
9 World Trade Organisation Millennium Round.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 10297/99, a Commission Communication on the European Union approach to the World Trade Organisation Millennium Round; considers that a new comprehensive round of trade negotiations is essential for growth and jobs, for maintaining the momentum of trade liberalisation and counteracting protectionist pressures, for promoting sustainable development and better integrating developing countries into the world trade system; and supports the Government’s intention to press for this approach within the EU—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.28 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

1 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Road Safety in Northern Ireland [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 10] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

2 Companies,—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on Companies in 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

3 Customs and Excise,—Report and Financial Statements of the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Customs and Excise for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 4447] [Dawn Primarolo].

4 Employment Protection,—Report of the Central Arbitration Committee for 1998 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 Provisional Orders (Scotland),—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 the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken into consideration the representations which have been made to the Secretary of State for Scotland by Alliance & Leicester plc that they desire to obtain the Parliamentary powers specified therein, to be operative in Scotland and elsewhere, and that it is expedient that such powers should be conferred by one enactment because it is necessary to provide for the uniform regulation in Scotland and elsewhere of the affairs of Alliance & Leicester plc and are of the opinion that the said powers would be more properly obtained by the promotion of a Private Bill than by the promotion of a Private Bill and of a draft Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1999,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Chaytor and Mr Stephen Day from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Denzil Davies and Mr Keith Simpson.

2 Draft Number of Stipendiary Magistrates Order 1999,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John McDonnell and Mr John M. Taylor from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Peter Atkinson and Mr Gerald Bermingham.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Marketing of Milk]; to be printed [No. 36-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Implications for UK Agriculture and EU Agricultural Policy of Trade Liberalisation and the WTO Round; Marketing of Milk; Sea Fishing; Segregation of GM Foods]

[Mr Peter Luff].
2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Funding of the BBC]; to be printed [No. 25-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Work of the Health and Safety Executive]; to be printed [No. 31-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Environmental Audit,—(1) First Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [EU Policy and the Environment: an Agenda for the Helsinki Summit], 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. 44]; and

(2) Second Report from the Committee [World Trade and Sustainable Development: An agenda for the Seattle Summit (incorporating the Government’s Response to the First Report of the Committee, 1998–99, on Multilateral Agreement on Investment, HC 58)], 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 John Horam].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Human Rights Annual Report]; to be printed [No. 41-i] [Mr Donald Anderson].

6 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Managing Dangerous People with Severe Personality Disorder]; to be printed [No. 42-i] [Mr Robin Corbett].

7 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Delegated Legislation]; to be printed [No. 48-i] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

8 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [The Modernising Government Initiative]; to be printed [No. 40-i] [Dr Tony Wright].

9 Statutory Instruments,—First Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-i] [Mr David Tredinnick].


(2) First Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Eleventh and Twelfth Reports from the Committee, Session 1998–99, on The Horizon Project for Automated Payment of Benefits through Post Offices; the 1999 Post Office White Paper]; to be printed [No. 50]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Pre-Budget Scrutiny: Climate Change Levy; Export Credits Guarantee Department]; to be printed [Nos. 51-i and -ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

11 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 18th November and 23rd November [The Bank of England November Inflation Report]; to be printed [Nos. 43-i and -ii] [Mr Giles Radice].

19
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Sessional Returns,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Returns for Session 1998–99 of—

(1) Business of the House;
(2) Closure of Debate, Proposal of Question and Allocation of Time (including Programme Motions);
(3) Sittings of the House;
(4) Private Bills and Private Business;
(5) Public Bills;
(6) Delegated Legislation and Deregulation Orders;
(7) European Legislation, &c.;
(8) Grand Committees;
(9) Chairmen’s Panel; and
(10) Select Committees.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

2 Private Bills (Suspension).—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Certificate by one of the Clerks in the Private Bill Office that, in respect of the following Bill upon which proceedings were suspended in the last Session of Parliament, 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 at the last stage of its proceedings in this House in the last Session of Parliament, viz.: Transport Salaried Staffs’ Association (Amendment of Rules) Bill.

3 Private Bills.—The Standing Order of 1st November, relating to the Transport Salaried Staffs’ Association (Amendment of Rules) Bill, being read; Transport Salaried Staffs’ Association (Amendment of Rules) Bill,—A Bill to enact provisions relating to the amendment of the rules of the Transport Salaried Staffs’ Association, and for other purposes, was read the first, second and third time, and passed.

4 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [17th 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 contains no proposals to reverse the policies that have given Britain a spiralling burden of taxation and a huge rise in burdens on business, that it contains no proposals to reverse the decline in Britain’s productivity growth or the recent fall in Britain’s international competitiveness, and that it does nothing to ensure that the public accounts are honest and open, nor to prevent the Government from saying one thing and doing another, and calls on the Government instead to adopt policies which will engineer a return to the golden economic legacy of enterprise, dynamism and flexibility left by the previous Government.’—(Mr Francis Maude.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mrs Eleanor Laing: 149.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Don Touhig: 381.

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 address the urgent need to protect the rights of the individual, reinforce communities and promote enterprise through increased
liberalisation, decentralisation and deregulation; calls for a reforming agenda including
the prevention of discrimination on grounds of age, disability, religion, sex and sexual
orientation; urges the introduction of measures to increase the accountability of the
police, promote crime prevention and victims’ rights, rehabilitate offenders in the
community, and establish a Royal Commission to examine the misuse of all drugs; calls
for effective Freedom of Information legislation; regrets the continued failure of the
Government to provide for referendums on a fair voting system for the House of
Commons and the European Single Currency; urges the Government to introduce
proportional representation for local elections and to ensure that innovations in local
government are transparent and accountable; notes the absence of proposals to promote
environmental responsibility and efficiency in government, business and private
households; urges the Government to replace the Child Support Agency with a unified
system of family courts to deal with cases quickly and fairly; believes that good health
policy demands that the Government should abolish charges for eye and dental checks
and establish a single healthcare regulator; deplors the Government’s continued neglect
of rural communities and calls for effective scrutiny of supermarket profiteering,
fundamental reform of the Common Agricultural Policy and the establishment of an
Agricultural Ombudsman; and regrets that the timidity of the other measures in the
Gracious Speech will do little to assist those who are worst off in society.’—(Mr. Paul
Tyler.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 33 (Calling of
Amendments at end of debate), That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Edward Davey: 44.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Don Touhig: 340.
So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Don Touhig: 329.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Keith Simpson: 185.
So the Question was agreed to.

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.12 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish
Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Medical Profession,—European Specialist Medical Qualifications Amendment (No. 2)
Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3154), dated 22nd November 1999 [by Act] [Mr
Secretary Milburn].
Other Papers:

3 Explosives,—Report of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Explosives for Northern Ireland for 1998 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 3] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

4 Health Service Commissioner,—First Report of the Health Service Ombudsman, Session 1999–2000. Investigations completed—April to September 1999 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 19] [Clerk of the House].

5 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Report and Accounts of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 Public Petitions,—Observations by—
   (1) the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [26th October] from residents of the constituency of Spelthorne against proposals to cut services at Ashford Hospital, Middlesex, and
   (2) the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [25th October] from John Blackman and others for legislation relating to the dates on which benefits may be treated as having been paid [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

7 United Kingdom Ecolabelling Board,—Report and Accounts of the UK Ecolabelling Board for 1997–98 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Financial Services and Markets Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Humfrey Malins an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Financial Services and Markets Bill.

2 Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1999,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Denis Murphy from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations), and nominated in substitution Mr Marsha Singh.

3 Draft Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr George Stevenson Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Barbara Follett, Jane Griffiths, Mr David Heath, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Richard Livsey, Judy Mallaber, Dan Norris, Mr James Paine, Ms Joyce Quinn, Mr Bill Rammell, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Gareth Thomas and Dr Desmond Turner.

4 Draft Number of Stipendiary Magistrates Order 1999,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dan Norris from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Gordon Prentice.

5 Air Navigation (Fifth Amendment) Order 1999 (S.I. 1999, No. 2059):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Peter Snape, Mr Ian Stewart, Mr Jon Trickett, Ms Claire Ward, Mr John Wilkinson, Mr Shaun Woodward and Mr Phil Woolas.

6 Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1999:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jim Cunningham Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr James Cran, Jim Dowd, Lorna Fitzsimmons, Mr George Howarth, Mr Michael Jack, Helen Jackson, Mr Lembt Opik, Mr Phil Sawford, Mr Llew Smith, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr William Thompson and Mr David Winnick.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Orders to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mrs Ray Michie Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: John Austin, Dr Peter Brand, Mr Ian Cawsey, Ann Clwyd, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr John Denham, Mr Paul Goggins, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Stephen Hesford, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Peter Luff, Mr David Maclean, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr Keith Simpson, Mrs Caroline Spelman and Ms Dari Taylor.

8 Draft Maternity and Parental Leave etc. Regulations 1999:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr Bowen Wells Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Ms Candy Atherton, Mrs Angela Browning, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Ben Chapman, Mr David Chaytor, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Alan Johnson, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Martin Linton, Mr Paul Marsden, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Greg Pope and Sir Teddy Taylor.

9 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tony McNulty from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee and nominated Mrs Louise Ellman and Mr John McWilliam.

Select Committees

10 Standing Orders Committee.—The Committee of Selection has nominated two additional Members to serve on the Standing Orders Committee, viz.: Mr Clive EV and Helen Jones.

11 Committee on Unopposed Bills (Panel).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gerry Sutcliffe from the Committee on Unopposed Bills and nominated in substitution Helen Jones.

Joint Committees

12 City of Stoke-on-Trent Tunstall Northern By-pass Local Government Act Compulsory Purchase Order 1997 (Petitions of General Objection) (Joint Committee).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Colin Breed from the Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Bob Russell.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Employability and Jobs: Is there a Jobs Gap?], to be printed [No. 60-i] [Mr Derek Foster].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—(1) First Special Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Government Response to the Second Report of the Environment Committee in Session 1996-97, Contaminated Land]; to be printed [No. 61];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Rural White Paper]; to be printed [No. 32-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee [Millennium Compliance of the Transport Industry]; to be printed [No. 33-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

3 European Scrutiny.—First Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-i] [Mr Jim Marshall].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Current problems relating to the livestock industry in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 62-i] [Mr Peter Brooke].
5 Public Accounts.—(1) First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Improving the delivery of Government IT projects], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 65]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Industrial Development Board for Northern Ireland: Inward Investment]; to be printed [No. 66-i]

[Mr David Davis].

6 Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 3rd November, in the last session of Parliament, and on 24th November [Poverty in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 59-i and ii] [Mr David Marshall].

7 Social Security.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [The Contributory Principle]; to be printed [No. 56-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

8 Standards and Privileges.—(1) First Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaints against Mr Bruce George], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 38]; and

(2) Second Report from the Committee [Complaints against Mr Bowen Wells], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 39]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

9 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Customs and Excise]; to be printed [No. 53-i] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 7.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Joe Benton reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1999.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Maximum Number of Stipendiary Magistrates Order 1999.

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

3 European Standing Committee B.—Mr Roger Gale reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents Nos. 8484/1/99, the second progress report from the ECOFIN Council to the European Council on reinforced tax policy co-operation, 6615/98, a draft Directive on a common system of taxation applicable to interest and royalty payments, 8781/98, a draft Directive to ensure a minimum of effective taxation of savings income within the Community, and 8329/99, a Commission Communication on the action plan for implementing the framework for financial markets; supports the Government’s objective of amending the draft savings Directive to ensure that competitiveness of EU financial markets, including the City of London, are not damaged, through securing among other things an exemption for eurobonds and other similar instruments; and welcomes the Commission’s efforts to develop further the single market in financial services.

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

4 Public Accounts.—Resolved. That this House takes note of the 68th and 69th Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 1997–98, of the 1st to 38th Reports of Session 1998–99 and of the Treasury Minutes and Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memoranda on these Reports (Cm. 4279, 4285, 4312, 4335, 4380, 4381, 4394, 4408, 4456, 4469, 4471 and 4515).—(Mr David Davis.)

5 Environmental Audit.—Ordered. That Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West) be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Mr Jon Owen Jones be added to the Committee.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)
6 Procedure.—Ordered, That Chris McCafferty be discharged from the Procedure Committee and Mr Tony Banks be added to the Committee.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

7 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Tony McNulty).

     And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to Order [25th October, in the last Session of Parliament].

8 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.23 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Environmental Protection,—Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Rating and Valuation,—Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (England) Regulations 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Agriculture,—(1) Habitat (Salt-Marsh) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3161), and
     (2) Habitat (Water Fringe) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3160), dated 23rd November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

4 Disabled Persons,—Equal Opportunities (Employment Legislation) (Territorial Limits) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3163), dated 24th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

     (2) Parliamentary Copyright (Northern Ireland Assembly) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3146), and

6 Telegraphs,—Wireless Telegraphy (Third Generation Licences) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3162), dated 24th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

7 Fire Services,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Fire Services for Scotland for 1998–99 [by Command] [Cm. 4518] [Mr Secretary Reid].

8 Intelligence Services,—Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee for 1998–99 [by Command] [Cm. 4532] [The Prime Minister].

9 Law Reform (Scotland),—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Conveyancing & Executry Services Board for 1998–99 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 14] [Mr Secretary Reid].

10 Parliamentary Ombudsman (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Parliamentary Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints for 1st January 1998 to 31st March 1999 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 18] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

11 Pensions,—Report of the Pensions Compensation Board for 1st August 1998 to 31st July 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

     (2) Afghanistan (United Nations Sanctions) (Isle of Man) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3135),
     (3) Afghanistan (United Nations Sanctions) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3133), and
dated 24th November 1999 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

Papers withdrawn:

13 Environmental Protection.—Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1999 [laid on 23rd July, in the last Session of Parliament].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuff(s) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bill Rammell from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr John Grogan.

2 Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1999.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gerry Steinberg from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Ms Fiona Jones.

3 National Institute for Clinical Excellence (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 2218), and the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (Establishment and Constitution) Amendment Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 2219).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Caroline Spelman from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations and Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Philip Hammond.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Funding of the BBC]; to be printed [No. 25-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Defence.—First Report from the Defence Committee [The OCCAR Convention], 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] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The Tobacco Industry and the Health Risks of Smoking]; to be printed [No. 27-ii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

4 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [The Future of Sanctions]; to be printed [No. 67-i] [Mr Bowen Wells].
[No. 8.]
Friday 26th November 1999.

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 Thomas McAvoy);

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

2 Procedure,—Ordered, That Mr Robert Syms be discharged from the Procedure Committee and Mr Eric Forth be added to the Committee.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

3 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 29th November.

[Adjourned at 2.56 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Consumer Credit,—Consumer Credit (Total Charge for Credit, Agreements and Advertisements) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3177), dated 26th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

2 Environmental Audit,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee, Session 1998–99, on Genetically Modified Organisms and the Environment: Coordination of Government Policy [by Command] [Cm. 4528] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Export of Works of Art,—Report of the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art for 1st July 1998 to 30th June 1999 [by Command] [Cm. 4466] [Mr Secretary Smith].

4 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the First Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 1998–99, on Scientific Advisory System: Genetically Modified Foods [by Command] [Cm. 4527] [Mr Secretary Byers].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Financial Services and Markets Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Financial Services and Markets Bill.
[No. 9.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Electronic Communications Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Electronic Communications Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Electronic Communications Bill because it introduces a completely unnecessary element of regulation in the supervision of electronic commerce which will damage the United Kingdom’s lead in this field and because no proper consideration has been given to the manner in which United Kingdom law will interact with impending EU law, in particular with regard to the jurisdiction that will govern electronic trade’, instead thereof.—(Mr Alan Duncan.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Oliver Heald: 128.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr David Jamieson: 319.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (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.

2 Electronic Communications Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Electronic Communications Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Electronic Communications Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State for or in connection with the carrying out of his functions under the Act; and

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

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr Greg Pope):—It was agreed to.

3 Estimates,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee), That this House agrees with the Report [23rd November] of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Greg Pope):—It was agreed to.

4 Adjournment (Christmas).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Tuesday 21st December, do adjourn till Monday 10th January 2000.—(Mr Greg Pope):—It was agreed to.

5 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 21st December, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until she shall have notified the Royal Assent to Acts agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr Greg Pope.)

6 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Maria Eagle be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr Nigel Griffiths and Mr Jim Murphy be added to the Committee.—(Mr Greg Pope.)

7 Dentists,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 1999, which were laid before this House on 2nd November, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr Greg Pope):—It was agreed to.

8 Justices of the Peace,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Maximum Number of Stipendiary Magistrates Order 1999, which was laid before this House on 3rd November, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr Greg Pope):—It was agreed to.
9 Taxation and Financial Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Documents Nos. 8484/1/99, the second progress report from the ECOFIN Council to the European Council on reinforced tax policy co-operation, 6615/98, a draft Directive on a common system of taxation applicable to interest and royalty payments, 8781/98, a draft Directive to ensure a minimum of effective taxation of savings income within the Community, and 8329/99, a Commission Communication on the action plan for implementing the framework for financial markets; supports the Government’s objective of amending the draft Savings Directive to ensure the competitiveness of EU financial markets, including the City of London, are not damaged, through securing among other things an exemption for eurobonds and other similar instruments; and welcomes the Commission’s efforts to develop further the single market in financial services.—(Mr Greg Pope)—It was agreed to.

10 Agriculture.—Ordered, That Mr Richard Livsey be discharged from the Agriculture Committee and Mr Lembit Opik be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Catering.—Ordered, That Rosemary McKenna be discharged from the Catering Committee and Mr Gerald Berrymenham be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Defence.—Ordered, That Mr John McWilliams be discharged from the Defence Committee and Mr Mike Gapes be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Education and Employment.—Ordered, That Yvette Cooper, Mr John Healey, Mrs Eleanor Laing and Mr Malcolm Wicks be discharged from the Education and Employment Committee and Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Ian Pearson and Mr Barry Sheerman be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 Health.—Ordered, That Julia Drown be discharged from the Health Committee and Mrs Eileen Gordon be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

15 Scottish Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr John McAllion, Ms Sandra Osborne and Mr David Stewart be discharged from the Scottish Affairs Committee and Mr Russell Brown, Mr Mohammed Sarwar and Mr Bill Tynan be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

16 Social Security.—Ordered, That Kali Mountford, Mr Chris Pond and Ms Debra Shipley be discharged from the Social Security Committee and Mr Andy King and Mr Gareth Thomas (Clywed West) be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

17 Treasury.—Ordered, That Jacqui Smith be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Mr James Plaskitt be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:
1 Legal Aid and Advice.—Draft Legal Aid (Prescribed Panels) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

2 Northern Ireland.—Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Appointed Day) Order 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
3 Charities.—(1) Draft Charities (Boxmoor Estate, Hemel Hempstead) Order 1999, and
       (2) draft Charities (Corporation of the Hall of Arts and Sciences) Order 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].
4 Civil Aviation,—Yugoslavia (Prohibition of Flights) (No. 2) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3166), dated 24th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Education,—Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3181), dated 26th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

6 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Choice of Medical Practitioner) Amendment Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3179), dated 27th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


8 Supreme Court,—Civil Courts (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3187), dated 26th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

9 Telecommunications,—Telecommunications (Appeals) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3180), dated 26th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

10 Cabinet Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Property Advisers to the Civil Estate for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 63] [Marjorie Mowlam].

11 Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development,—Report and Accounts of English Partnerships for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

12 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Criminal Justice: Working Together [by Act]; to be printed [No. 29] [Clerk of the House].

13 Railways,—Report and Accounts of the British Railways Board for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Paper withdrawn:

14 Northern Ireland,—Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 1999 [laid on 4th November, in the last Session of Parliament].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Grogan and Mr Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West) from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations), and nominated in substitution Mr Terry Lewis and Mr Martin Salter.

2 Air Navigation (Fifth Amendment) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 2059),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jim Murphy from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order), and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Pearson.

3 National Institute for Clinical Excellence (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 2218), and the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (Establishment and Constitution) Amendment Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 2219),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations and Order), and nominated in substitution Mr Austin Mitchell.

4 Draft Maternity and Parental Leave etc. Regulations 1999,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Candy Atherton and Mr Terry Lewis from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations), and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews and Mr Bill Rammell.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Customs and Excise], to be printed [No. 53-ii] [Mr Giles Radice].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr George Stevenson reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs)(England and Wales) Regulations 2000.

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

2 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—Ordered, That the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill be considered on Tuesday 7th December.

3 City of Stoke-on-Trent Tunstall Northern By-Pass Local Government Act Compulsory Purchase Order 1997,—Ordered, That the Committee appointed to join with the Lords as the Joint Committee to consider the Petitions of General Objection against the City of Stoke-on-Trent Tunstall Northern By-Pass Local Government Act Compulsory Purchase Order 1997 have leave to visit and inspect the site of the proposed by-pass, and other sites named in the order, provided that no evidence shall be taken in the course of such visit and that any party who has made an appearance before the Committee be permitted to attend by their Counsel or Agent or other representative.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

4 New Member sworn,—The Right Honourable Michael Denzil Xavier Portillo, Member for Kensington and Chelsea, was sworn.

5 Welsh Grand Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales)), That the Matter of the Government’s legislative programme as outlined in the Queen’s Speech and the Chancellor’s Pre-budget Report, as they relate to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth).—It was agreed to.

6 Representation of the People Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Representation of the People Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Representation of the People Bill because the Government has failed to undertake a sufficiently comprehensive public consultation on such important and far-reaching changes to the conduct of elections and the publication of electoral registers, because Members of this House have had no time in which to consult with local authorities and interested parties in their constituencies, because only one month has elapsed since the publication of the report of the Home Office Working Party on Electoral Procedures whose recommendations the Bill is designed to implement, and because more careful consideration of the costs and long-term implications of the measures contained in the Bill is required’, instead thereof.—(Mr John Greenway.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mrs Jacqui Lait: 143.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Clelland, Jim Dowd: 332.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (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. 63 (Committal of bills), That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House—(Mr Mike O’Brien).—It was agreed to.

Committee to-morrow.
7 Representation of the People Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Representation of the People Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Representation of the People Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable out of money so provided;

(2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable out of that Fund—(Mr Greg Pope).—It was agreed to.

8 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Appointed Day) Order 1999, which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved—(Mr Secretary Mandelson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Clive Betts: 318.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr William Thompson, The Reverend Ian Paisley: 10.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Appointed Day) Order 1999, which was laid before this House on 29th November, be approved.

9 Welsh Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 108 (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings)), That the Welsh Grand Committee shall meet on Tuesday 14th December at half past Ten o’clock at Westminster to take questions under Standing Order No. 103 (Welsh Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)), and to consider the matter of the Government’s legislative programme as outlined in the Queen’s Speech and the Chancellor’s Pre-budget Report as they relate to Wales, under Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales))—(Mr Don Touhig).—It was agreed to.

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

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Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.22 a.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) (No. 2) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3193), dated 29th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Designs.—(1) Design Right (Proceedings before Comptroller) (Amendment) Rules 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3195), and

(2) Registered Designs (Amendment) Rules 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3196),

dated 29th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

4 Health and Safety,—Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3194), dated 29th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 Patents,—Patents (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3197), dated 29th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

6 Pensions,—Occupational Pensions (Revaluation) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3159), dated 23rd November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

7 Education (Scotland),—Accounts of the Scottish Qualifications Authority for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 74] [Clerk of the House].

8 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Government Response to the Fourteenth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 1998–99, on Aviation Safety [by Command] [Cm. 4539] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

9 European Union,—Paper, entitled Developments in the European Union, January to June 1999 [by Command] [Cm. 4531] [Mr Secretary Cook].

10 Mental Health (Scotland),—Report and Financial Statement of the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

11 Police (Northern Ireland),—Accounts for the Police Authority for Northern Ireland, including Accounts of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Fund and the Police Property Fund, for 1998–99, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 70] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

12 Social Security,—Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Social Security Committee, Session 1998–99, on the 1999 Child Support White Paper [by Command] [Cm. 4536] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Segregation of GM Foods]; to be printed [No. 71-i]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Segregation of GM Foods] [Mr Peter Luff].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Funding of the BBC]; to be printed [No. 25-iv] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Pre-Budget Report 1999]; to be printed [No. 76-i] [Mr John Horam].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Environment Agency], to be printed [No. 34-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Helsinki European Council]; to be printed [No. 68-i] [Mr Donald Anderson].

6 Home Affairs,—(1) First Special Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Government Reply to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 1998–99, on Police Training and Recruitment]; to be printed [No. 77]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Managing Dangerous People with Severe Personality Disorder]; to be printed [No. 42-ii] [Mr Robin Corbett].

7 International Development,—First Report from the International Development Committee [Export Credits Guarantee Department—Developmental Issues], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 73] [Mr Bowen Wells].

8 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Delegated Legislation]; to be printed [No. 48-ii] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

9 Public Administration,—(1) First Report from the Public Administration Committee [The Freedom of Information Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 78]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Innovations in Citizen Participation in Government]; to be printed [Nos. 79-i and -ii]
[Dr Tony Wright].

10 Statutory Instruments.—Second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-ii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

11 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [International Monetary Fund]; to be printed [No. 72-i] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 10; WH, No. 1]

Tuesday 30th November 1999.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

1 Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Jim Dowd)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.54 p.m.

[No. 11.]

Wednesday 1st December 1999.

PRAYERS.

1 United Reformed Church Bill [Lords].—The United Reformed Church Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Barry Jones reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Air Navigation (Fifth Amendment) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 2059).

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

3 Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill.—Mr Secretary Darling, supported by Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Keith Hill and Mr Chris Mullin, presented a Bill to make provision about transport: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 8].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill be printed [Bill 8–EN].

4 Transport Bill.—Mr Secretary Prescott, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Byers, Mr Secretary Reid, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Keith Hill and Mr Chris Mullin, presented a Bill to make provision about transport: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 9].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Transport Bill be printed [Bill 9–EN].

5 Adjournment (European Union).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr David Clelland)

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

6 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 8th December, any Motion in the name of Mr William Hague relating to the Postal Privilege (Suspension) Order 1999 (Revocation) Order 1999 may be proceeded with as if Standing Orders Nos. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents) and 17 (Delegated legislation (negative procedure)), were applicable thereto.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)
7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

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 Legal Aid and Advice,—Draft Legal Advice and Assistance (Scope) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—(1) Statute, dated 16th June 1999, made by the Governing Body of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the College, and

   (2) Statute, dated 21st June 1999, made by the University of Cambridge amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

5 Appropriation Accounts, 1998–99,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for 1998–99 for Class XI (Department of Health) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 11-XI] [Mr Stephen Timms].

6 Parliamentary Commissioner,—First Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1999–2000: Selected cases - April to September 1999 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 20] [Clerk of the House].

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

   Tax Credits (New Deal Pilot Consequential Amendments) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3188) [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Electronic Communications Bill:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Mr John Maxton and Mr Roger Gale Chairmen; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has appointed seventeen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr Alan Duncan, Barbara Follett, Ms Patricia Hewitt, Mr Alan Johnson, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Andrew Miller, Ms Margaret Moran, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Greg Pope, Mr David Ruffley, Mr Nick St. Aubyn, Mr Ian Stewart and Mr Derek Twigg.

2 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Regulations 1999:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has appointed sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Douglas Alexander, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Russell Brown, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Maria Fyfe, Mr George Galloway, Mr Donald Gormie, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mrs Anne McGuire, Ms Sandra Osborne, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Robert Syms, Mr David Wilshire and Mr Brian Wilson.
3 Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1999:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jim Cunningham Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has appointed sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Damian Green, Jane Griffiths, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Phil Sawford, Mr David Taylor and Mr Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West).

4 Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (England) Regulations 1999:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Frank Cook Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has appointed sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Tony Baldry, Mr Roger Berry, Mr David Drew, Mr Don Foster, Mr Christopher Fraser, Ms Beverley Hughes, Ms Sally Keeble, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Alice Mahon, Mr Gordon Marsden, Laura Moffatt, Mr Adrian Sanders, Dr Rudi Vis and Mr Nigel Waterson.

5 Draft Legal Aid (Prescribed Panels) (Amendment) Regulations 1999:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mrs Ray Michie Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has appointed sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr John Burnett, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Paul Clark, Mr Iain Coleman, Mr Michael Colvin, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr Mark Fisher, Lorna Fitzsimons, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr David Lock, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Lembri Opik, Mr Llew Smith and Dr George Turner.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Sir David Madel Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has appointed sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Karen Buck, Mr John Burnett, Mr Keith Darvill, Mr Edward Davey, Valerie Davey, Mr Christopher Gill, Ms Fiona Jones, Mr Oliver Letwin, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr John McDonnell, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Ted Rowlands, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Gerry Steinberg and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

7 National Institute for Clinical Excellence (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 2218), and the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (Establishment and Constitution) Amendment Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 2219)—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Harvey and Ms Dari Taylor from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations and Order), and nominated in substitution Mr Paul Burstow and Mr Alan Campbell.

8 Draft Maternity and Parental Leave etc. Regulations 1999.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ronnie Campbell and Mr David Chaytor from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations), and nominated in substitution Christine Butler and Dr Doug Naysmith.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Employability and Jobs: Is there a Jobs Gap?], to be printed [No. 60-ii] [Mr Derek Foster].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Rural White Paper]; to be printed [No. 32-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee [Public-Private Partnership for National Air Traffic Services]; to be printed [No. 35-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

3 European Scrutiny,—Second Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-ii] [Mr Michael Connarty].
4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Non-Departmental Bodies in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 80-i][Mr Peter Brooke].

5 Public Accounts,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The Millennium Threat: Are We Ready?]; to be printed [No. 83-i];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [NAO Estimates 2000–2001]; to be printed [No. 84-i]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [NIAO Estimates 2000–2001]; to be printed [No. 85-i]
   [Mr David Davis].

6 Science and Technology,—First Report from the Science and Technology Committee [The Year 2000—Computer Compliance: Follow-Up]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 37][Dr Michael Clark].

[No. 11; WH, No. 2]

Wednesday 1st December 1999.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

1 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);
   And it being Two o’clock, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the sitting, without Question put, till to-morrow.

   [Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 12.]

Thursday 2nd December 1999.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Ray Michie reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 2218) and the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (Establishment and Constitution) Amendment Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 2219).
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bowen Wells reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Maternity and Parental Leave etc. Regulations 1999.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Terrorism Bill,—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Cook, Mr Secretary Reid, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Secretary Mandelson, Mr Charles Clarke and Mr Adam Ingram, presented a Bill to make provision about terrorism, and to make temporary provision for Northern Ireland about the prosecution and punishment of certain offences, the preservation of peace and the maintenance of order: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next and to be printed [Bill 10].

   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Terrorism Bill be printed [Bill 10–EN].

4 Adjournment (Long-term Care),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr David Clelland);
   And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.
5 Liaison Committee,—Ordered, That Mr Chris Mullin and Mr Malcolm Wicks be discharged from the Liaison Committee and Mr Barry Sheerman and Mr Robin Corbett be added to the Committee.—(Mr David Jamieson.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 6th December.  

[Adjourned at 7.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Legal Aid and Advice,—Legal Aid in Civil Proceedings (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3098), dated 17th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

3 Pensions,—Personal and Occupational Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3198), dated 30th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

4 Archives,—Paper, entitled Government Policy on Archives [by Command] [Cm. 4516] [Mr David Lock].

5 Cereals Marketing,—Report and Accounts of the Home Grown Cereals Authority for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

6 Culture, Media and Sport,—Departmental Minute, dated 2nd December 1999, concerning the proposed gifting of the rent of London Zoo to the Zoological Society of London [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

7 Local Government (Organisation and Standards),—Government Response to the Report of the Joint Committee on Local Government (Organisation and Standards), Session 1998–99, on the Draft Local Government (Organisation and Standards) Bill [by Command] [Cm. 4529] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Office of Fair Trading: Protecting the Consumer from Unfair Trading Practices [by Act]; to be printed [No. 57] [Clerk of the House].

9 Thames Safety,—Paper, entitled Thames Safety Inquiry: Interim Report by Lord Justice Clarke (Volumes 1–3) [by Command] [Cm. 4530] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Funding of the BBC]; to be printed [No. 25-v] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

[No. 12; WH, No. 3]

Thursday 2nd December 1999.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

1 Adjournment (Sea Fishing),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 7th December.  

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 1999.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jim Cunningham reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1999.

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

3 Government Resources and Accounts Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government Resources and Accounts 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 Government Resources and Accounts Bill because, although great benefit can be derived from the construction of a proper balance sheet for the public sector and from proper rules for clear, simple and rigorously-defined government accounts, the Bill gives unfettered discretion to the Treasury, establishes no clear principles for the accounting of income or expenditure, will permit the Treasury to continue to omit large public assets and liabilities from the national balance sheet, and hence represents a missed opportunity to make much-needed improvements in the compilation and presentation of government accounts’, instead thereof.—(Mr Oliver Letwin.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Peter Atkinson: 140.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Mike Hall: 327.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (Amendment on second or third reading):—It was agreed to.

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

4 Government Resources and Accounts Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Government Resources and Accounts Bill [Money]:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Government Resources and Accounts Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) The payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the Treasury under the Act;

(2) refunds of money paid into the Consolidated Fund as the result of an error;

(3) the charging on and payment out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required for fulfilling guarantees given by the Treasury;

(4) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under any other Act; and

(5) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Don Touhig);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Kevin Hughes: 318.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr James Gray: 3.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Government Resources and Accounts Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

1. the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the Treasury under the Act;
2. refunds of money paid into the Consolidated Fund as the result of an error;
3. the charging on and payment out of the Consolidated Fund of sums required for fulfilling guarantees given by the Treasury;
4. any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under any other Act; and
5. the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.

5 Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuff) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 17th November, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Kevin Hughes: 304.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Edward Leigh: 2.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuff) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 17th November, be approved.

6 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Maternity and Parental Leave etc. Regulations 1999, which were laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Kevin Hughes: 277.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Christopher Gill: 2.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Maternity and Parental Leave etc. Regulations 1999, which were laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved.

7 Agriculture.—Ordered, That Ms Sally Keeble and Mrs Diana Organ be discharged from the Agriculture Committee and Mr David Borrow and Mr David Drew be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Culture, Media and Sport.—Ordered, That Mrs Diana Organ be added to the Culture, Media and Sport Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Defence.—Ordered, That Ms Dari Taylor be discharged from the Defence Committee and Mr Stephen Hepburn be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—Ordered, That Dr Alan Whitehead be discharged from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee and Mr Hilary Benn be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Home Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Chris Mullin be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Mr Ian Cawsey be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Social Security.—Ordered, That Mr David Crausby be added to the Social Security Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Helen Hooton, pensioner, and others relating to Council Tax 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 Don Touhig.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.18 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 3rd December 1999 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Health,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Health Committee, Session 1998–99, on the Regulation of Private and Other Independent Healthcare [Cm. 4540] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

2 Treaty Series (No. 78, 1999),—Agreement, done at Bonn on 16th May 1994, to amend the Protocol of Signature to the Agreement of 3rd August 1959, as amended by the Agreements of 21st October 1971 and 18th May 1981, to Supplement the Agreement between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty regarding the Status of their Forces with respect to Foreign Forces stationed in the Federal Republic of Germany [Cm. 4521] [Mr Secretary Cook].

3 Treaty Series (No. 79, 1999),—Exchange of Notes, done at Dhaka on 23rd December 1997 and 9th July 1998, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh amending the Air Services Agreement done at London on 5th July 1978 [Cm. 4522] [Mr Secretary Cook].

4 Treaty Series (No. 80, 1999),—Agreement, done at London on 6th December 1993, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Latvia concerning Air Services [Cm. 4523] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 3rd December 1999 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of Statutory Instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Health and Safety,—Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3165), dated 23rd November 1999 [Mr Secretary Prescott].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 6th December 1999:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

7 Food,—Contaminants in Food (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3221), dated 2nd December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

8 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Radio) (Fishing Vessels) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3210), dated 30th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

9 Ministers of the Crown,—(1) Transfer of Functions (Agriculture and Food) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3141),

(2) Transfer of Functions (Medicines and Poisons) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3142), and

(3) Transfer of Functions (Road Traffic) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3143), dated 24th November 1999 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

10 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Approval) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3226), dated 3rd December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

11 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 6th July 1999, made by the University of Oxford, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:


13 Currency,—Treasury Minute, dated 6th December 1999, directing a raising of the limit on the amount of the Bank of England’s fiduciary note issue [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

14 Export Credits Guarantee Department,—Report and Trading Accounts of the Export Credits Guarantee Department for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 2] [Mr Secretary Byers].
15 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Highways Agency: Getting best value from the disposal of property [by Act]; to be printed [No. 58] [Clerk of the House].

16 Science and Technology.—Accounts of the Natural Environment Research Council for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 91] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 1999,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Brian H. Donohoe and Ms Sandra Osborne from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Desmond Browne and Mr James Wray.

2 Draft Legal Aid (Prescribed Panels) (Amendment) Regulations 1999,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Fisher from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Fraser Kemp.

3 Value Added Tax (Input Tax) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3118),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Karen Buck from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Austin Mitchell.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [HM Customs and Excise: Improving VAT Assurance]; to be printed [No. 75-i] [Mr Richard Page].

2 Treasury,—(1) First Report from the Treasury Committee [Research Assistance for Monetary Policy Committee Members]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 43]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The International Monetary Fund]; to be printed [No. 72-ii] [Mr Giles Radice].

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 14th December.

2 Freedom of Information Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Freedom of Information 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 Freedom of Information Bill because it will result in greater secrecy than is the case under the existing Code of Practice, because it fails to promote open government instead of secrecy or transfer from Ministers and officials to Parliament the final decision over the release of information, and because it represents a significant dilution of the proposals in the White Paper, Your Right to Know (Cm. 3818), and disregards the recommendations from the Select Committee on Public Administration’, instead thereof.—(Miss Ann Widdecombe.)
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mrs Jacqui Lait: 138.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Greg Pope: 377.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (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. 63 (Committal of bills), That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House—(Mr John Greenway);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mrs Jacqui Lait: 178.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Greg Pope: 327.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Freedom of Information Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any increase attributable to the Act in the expenses of the Secretary of State in respect of the Data Protection Commissioner (renamed the Information Commissioner by the Act), the Data Protection Tribunal (renamed the Information Tribunal by the Act) or the members of that Tribunal,

(b) any administrative expenses of the Secretary of State attributable to the Act,

(c) any other expenses incurred in consequence of the Act by a Minister of the Crown or government department or by the House of Commons or the House of Lords, and

(d) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable out of money so provided.—(Mr Don Touhig):—It was agreed to.

4 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 1999, which was laid before this House on 24th November, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig):—It was agreed to.

5 Environmental Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) Regulations 1999, which were laid before this House on 25th November, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig):—It was agreed to.

6 Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—Ordered, That, for the purposes of their approval under section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993, the Financial Statement and Budget Report 1999–2000, the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 1999–2000 and the Pre-Budget Report 1999 shall be treated as if they were instruments subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation).—(Mr Don Touhig)

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Don Touhig)

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

[Adjourned at 10.57 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals.—(1) Breeding of Dogs (Licensing Records) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3192), and
   (2) Sale of Dogs (Identification Tag) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3191),
   dated 29th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Civil Aviation.—Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3227), dated 2nd December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Telecommunications.—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (AT & T-Unisource Communications Services (UK) Limited) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3238), dated 4th December 1999,
   (2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Drive Memory Limited) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3235), dated 4th December 1999,
   (3) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Easynet Group plc) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3234), dated 4th December 1999,
   (4) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Flag Telecom Ireland Limited) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3239), dated 4th December 1999,
   (9) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Sala Limited) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3229), dated 3rd December 1999,
   (10) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Thus Limited) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3230), dated 3rd December 1999,
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

4 British Library.—Statement of appointment of Professor Linda Colley to the Board of the British Library [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

5 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons.—Statement by the Secretary of State for Health on the provision of residential accommodation for disabled persons under the age of 65 in England for 1997–98 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 Football Spectators.—Report and Accounts of the Football Licensing Authority for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].


8 Telecommunications.—Licences granted under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—
   (1) AT & T-Unisource Communications Services (UK) Limited,
   (2) Drive Memory Limited,
   (3) Easynet Group plc,
   (4) Flag Telecom Ireland Limited,
   (5) iaxis Limited,
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (England) Regulations 1999.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Laura Moffatt from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Ms Dari Taylor.

2 Draft Legal Aid (Prescribed Panels) (Amendment) Regulations 1999.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Lorna Fitzsimons from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Ronnie Campbell.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—First Report from the Administration Committee [Revised Framework for Re-opening the Line of Route during the Summer Adjournment], together with an Appendix, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 98] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 Agriculture.—(1) First Report from the Agriculture Committee [The Current Crisis in the Livestock Industry]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 94];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Segregation of GM Foods]; to be printed [No. 71-ii]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Segregation of GM Foods]

[Mr Peter Luff].

3 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Funding of the BBC]; to be printed [No. 25-vi] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

4 Education and Employment.—(1) First Report from the Education and Employment Committee [School Meals], 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. 96]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [School Meals]

[Mr Barry Sheerman].

5 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Pre-Budget Report 1999]; to be printed [No. 76-ii] [Mr John Horam].

6 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Environment Agency], to be printed [No. 34-ii][Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

7 European Scrutiny.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the European Scrutiny Committee [Inquiry into The Forthcoming Inter-Governmental Conference]; to be printed [No. 97-i][Mr Jimmy Hood].

8 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Controls over Firearms]; to be printed [No. 95-i] [Mr Robin Corbett].

9 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Administration Committee [Innovations in Citizen Participation in Government]; to be printed [No. 79-ii][Dr Tony Wright].
10 Statutory Instruments,—Third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-iii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

11 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Work of Oftel]; to be printed [No. 93-i] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

[No. 14; WH, No. 4]

Tuesday 7th December 1999.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

1 Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.51 p.m.]

[No. 15.]

Wednesday 8th December 1999.

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 24th 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 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Frank Cook reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (England) Regulations 1999.

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

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Ray Michie reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Legal Aid (Prescribed Panels) (Amendment) Regulations 1999.

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

4 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. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

“Tube” Investment, Ways of Paying for More “Tube” Investment and the General Transport Budget,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets the Government’s failure to raise private investment for the London Underground, condemns the cuts in investment in the Underground since they took office and the way their failure has squeezed other parts of the transport budget; recommends dropping the failed public private partnership, seeking more private money in another way; calls on the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions to take the necessary action now to expand all types of British transport capacity, including the “Tube”, so people are able to travel more easily and businesses can move their goods around efficiently; condemns the Secretary of State’s failure to make crucial decisions to expand the mainline railway; regrets his decision to make the motorist a whipping boy for his own failure; urges him to follow planning polices which lessen the North South divide rather than worsen it, and which will encourage more people to live near town centres and their points of access to trains and buses rather than on greenfield developments; and concludes that the experiment in so-called joined-up Government between environment, transport and the regions has under this Secretary of State comprehensively failed—(Mr John Redwood);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the Government’s approach for an Integrated Transport Strategy, depletes the previous Government’s record of under-investment in transport, fragmentation of bus and rail services and encouragement of ill-planned out-of-town development; in particular condemns their
erratic investment in London Underground, which left a £1.2 billion backlog; welcomes
the Government’s long-term strategy to secure over £8 billion investment for upgrading
London Underground over the next 15 years, depletes the official Opposition’s plans to
privatise London Underground; and welcomes the Government’s commitment to an
extra £1.8 billion for public transport and local transport plans, improving road
maintenance, reducing pollution, and encouraging the major investment needed to widen
transport choice’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Prescott.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;
Mr James Arbuthnot 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 Keith Simpson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 144.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 369.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith,
pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 327.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 176.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved: That this House welcomes the Government’s approach for an Integrated
Transport Strategy; depletes the previous Government’s record of under-investment in
transport, fragmentation of bus and rail services and encouragement of ill-planned out-
of-town development; in particular condemns their erratic investment in London
Underground, which left a £1.2 billion backlog; welcomes the Government’s long-term
strategy to secure over £8 billion investment for upgrading London Underground over
the next 15 years; depletes the official Opposition’s plans to privatise London
Underground; and welcomes the Government’s commitment to an extra £1.8 billion for
public transport and local transport plans, improving road maintenance, reducing
pollution, and encouraging major investment needed to widen transport choice.

5 Post Office.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Postal Privilege
(Suspension) Order 1999 (Revocation) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 2863), dated 19th
October 1999, a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th October, in the last
session of Parliament, be revoked—(Mr Nick Gibb);

And it being half-past Eleven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant
to Order [1st December].
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mrs Eleanor Laing: 126.
Tellers for the Noes, Jim Dowd, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 306.

So the Question was negatived.

6 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Angus and others calling for increased
rights of access through traffic for the emergency services was presented and read; 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 David Jamieson).

Thursday 9th December 1999.

And the Question being put;

Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.14 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Ecclesiastical Law,—The Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3265), dated 15th November 1999 [by Measure] [Clerk of the House].

2 Environmental Protection,—Environmental Protection (Controls on Injurious Substances) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3244), dated 6th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Health and Safety,—Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3242), dated 3rd December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Registration of Ships, and Tonnage) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3206), dated 30th November 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Taxes,—(1) Distraint by Collectors (Fees, Costs and Charges) (Stamp Duty Penalties) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3263),
(3) Stamp Duty and Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (Open-ended Investment Companies) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3261), and
(4) Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3264),
dated 7th December 1999 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

Other Papers:

6 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 8th December 1999, concerning the proposed long-term loan of historic furniture to the Greenwich Foundation for the Royal Naval College [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 Parliamentary Commissioner,—Second Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1999–2000: Investigations Completed—April to October 1999 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 21] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Government Resources and Accounts Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Mr John Butterfill Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Colin Burgon, Mr Tony Clarke, Mr Edward Davey, Mr David Davis, Mr Howard Flight, Mr Michael Foster, Jane Griffiths, Mr John Healey, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Oliver Letwin, Mr Chris Pond, Mr David Rendel, Mr David Ruffley, Joan Ryan, Mr Keith Simpson and Mr Stephen Twigg.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Reports to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Mark Fisher, Lorna Fitzsimons, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Miss Melanie Johnson, Ms Oona King, Ms Linda Perham, Mr Chris Pond, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Joan Ruddock and Mr Keith Simpson.

3 Draft Legal Advice and Assistance (Scope) (Amendment) Regulations 1999:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr John Burnett, Mr Paul Clark,
Mr Andrew George, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mr David Lock, Chris McCafferty, Mrs Anne McGuire, Laura Moffatt, Mr Peter Snape, Mr Brian White, Mr David Wilshire and Mr David Winnick.

European Standing Committees

4 The unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 5th December 1999, relating to Fisheries: Total Allowable Catches and Quotas for 2000, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [The Defence Geographic and Imagery Agency]; to be printed [No. 100-i] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Public-Private Partnership for National Air Traffic Services]; to be printed [No. 35-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

3 European Scrutiny,—(1) Third Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-iii]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Forthcoming Inter-Governmental Conference]; to be printed [Nos. 97-ii and -iii]

[Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Relations with the Russian Federation]; to be printed [No. 101-i] [Mr Donald Anderson].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Current Problems relating to the Livestock Industry in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 62-ii] [Mr Peter Brooke].

6 Public Accounts,—(1) Second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Financial Management and Governance at Gwent Tertiary College], 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. 102];

(2) Third Report from the Committee [Appropriation Accounts 1997-98: Class XII, Vote 1 (Central Government Administered Social Security Benefits & Other Payments) & Benefits Agency: Performance Measurement]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 103]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Contributions Agency: The Newcastle Estate Development Project (Private Finance Initiative)]; to be printed [No. 104-i]

[Mr David Davis].

7 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Director General of the Research Councils]; to be printed [No. 81-i] [Dr Michael Clark].

8 Scottish Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Poverty in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 59-iii] [Mr David Marshall].

[No. 15; WH, No. 5]

Wednesday 8th December 1999.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

1 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Don Touhig);

And it being Two o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the sitting lapsed, and the sitting was accordingly adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Alliance & Leicester plc (Group Reorganisation) 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 Alliance & Leicester plc (Group Reorganisation) 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.

2 Financial Services and Markets Bill.—Mr Bill O'Brien reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Financial Services and Markets Bill, in respect of Clauses Nos. 135 to 367 and Schedules Nos. 12 to 17, and made Amendments thereunto.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of Standing Committee A in the last Session of Parliament in respect of Clauses Nos. 1 to 134 and Schedules Nos. 1 to 11 of the Bill, to be printed [No. 108].

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir David Madel reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Value Added Tax (Input Tax) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3118).

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

4 Peter Nevile Wake Jennings, Esquire, CVO,—Resolved, nemine contradicente, That this House expresses its appreciation of Peter Nevile Wake Jennings, Esquire, CVO, for his 47 years distinguished public service, including four years as Serjeant at Arms, and extends to him its best wishes for his retirement.—(Margaret Beckett.)

5 Adjournment (World Trade Organisation Millennium Round).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr David Clelland); And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

6 Select Committees (Joint Meetings).—Ordered, That, for the current Session of Parliament, Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments) be amended as follows:

   Line 37, before the word “European” insert the words “Environmental Audit Committee or with the”.

   Line 46, before the word “European” insert the words “Environmental Audit Committee or with the”.

   Line 48, at the end, insert the words—

   “(4A) notwithstanding paragraphs (2) and (4) above, where more than two committees or sub-committees appointed under this order meet concurrently in accordance with paragraph (4)(e) above, the quorum of each such committee or sub-committee shall be two.”—(Mr Don Touhig.)

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Don Touhig)

   And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 13th December.

[Adjourned at 7.25 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation.—(1) Civil Aviation (Joint Financing) (Second Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3268), and
   (2) Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3266),
   dated 7th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Health and Safety.—Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3232), dated 3rd December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Landfill Tax.—Landfill Tax (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3270), dated 9th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

4 Local Government (Scotland).—Sale of Solid Fuel Byelaws (Exemption from Repeal) (Scotland) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3283), dated 8th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 National Health Service.—South Birmingham Mental Health National Health Service Trust (Transfers of Trust Property) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3276), dated 8th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mälvern].

6 Opticians.—General Optical Council (Rules relating to Injury or Disease of the Eye) Order of Council 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3267), dated 6th December 1999 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].


8 Telegraphs.—Wireless Telegraphy (Licence Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3243), dated 3rd December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


Other Papers:

10 Firearms.—Report of the Firearms Consultative Committee for 1998–99 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 88] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Government Resources and Accounts Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Twigg from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Stephen Timms.

2 Financial Statement and Budget Report 1999–2000, the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 1999–2000 and the Pre-Budget Report 1999 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Charlotte Atkins, Lorna Fitzsimons and Joan Ruddock from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Reports); and nominated in substitution Mr Hilary Benn, Mr John Grogan and Mr Tony McWalter.

Grand Committees

3 Welsh Grand Committee.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Tuesday 14th December 1999.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Second Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [The Future of Professional Rugby], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee in the last Session of Parliament; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 98] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].
2 Health,—(1) First Report from the Health Committee [Cost and Availability of Generic Drugs to the NHS], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee in the last Session of Parliament; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 105];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Tobacco Industry and the Health Risks of Smoking] to be printed [No. 27-iii], and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Cost and Availability of Generic Drugs to the NHS]

[Mr David Hinchliffe].

3 Public Administration,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Report of the Parliamentary Ombudsman for 1998–99]; to be printed [No. 106-i]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Report of the Health Service Ombudsman for 1998–99]; to be printed [No. 107-i]

[Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 16; WH, No. 6]

Thursday 9th December 1999.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

1 Adjournment (Modernising Government White Paper).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Jim Dowd)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 14th December.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.


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

2 Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 5th December 1999, relating to the fixing of fishing opportunities for 2000 and certain conditions under which they may be fished, shall not stand referred to European Standing Committee A—(Mr David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.

3 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, the provisions of Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents) shall not apply to any proceedings on the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to fisheries, and the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of those proceedings not later than Seven o'clock, and such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved.—(Mr David Jamieson.)

4 Fisheries.—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, submitted by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 5th December 1999, relating to the fixing of fishing opportunities for 2000 and certain conditions under which they may be fished, recognises that many fish stocks remain in poor shape and need to be rebuilt for the future; and supports the Government's intention to negotiate the best possible fishing opportunities for UK fishermen consistent with the sustainable management of stocks, effective enforcement and the need to ensure that the regional differences of fisheries and their communities are fully recognised—(Mr Elliot Morley);

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 'in taking note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, submitted by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, on 5th December 1999, recalls that the previous Government added to the burden on UK fishing communities and failed to take any decisive action to protect British fishing interests in 18 years; believes that the Government should establish a coherent joined-up vision of where the UK wants the fishing industry to be in the medium and long term; recommends that the Government both itself and in its negotiations with European and other fishing nations seeks: to develop arrangements which significantly improve the cooperative relationship between fishermen and scientists, to avoid the last-minute annual total allowable catch and quota-setting process which does much to damage this relationship and the ability of the industry to plan ahead, to bring forward proposals to regularise and manage the trading of track records and fishing licences, to establish a decentralised system based on regional fisheries management whilst seeking to reduce the need for discards and engage fishermen in management decisions, to ensure quality of monitoring and enforcement across the European Union, to develop a pan-European policy to encourage low-impact fishing methods, and to reinstate a system of fishing safety grants', instead thereof.—(Mr Andrew George.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Bob Russell: 36.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr David Jamieson: 320.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being after Seven o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings, pursuant to Order [this day].

Another Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 6, to leave out from the word 'future' to the end of the Question and add the words 'and believes that this can only be achieved by negotiating a reform of the Common Fisheries Policy that will devolve power to national, regional and local levels’, instead thereof.—(Mr Malcolm Moss.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 131.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr David Jamieson: 347.

So the Question was negatived.

The Main Question was put and agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum, submitted by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on 5th December 1999, relating to the fixing of fishing opportunities for 2000 and certain conditions under which they may be fished, recognises that many fish stocks remain in poor shape and need to be rebuilt for the future, and supports the Government’s intention to negotiate the best possible fishing opportunities for UK fishermen consistent with the sustainable management of stocks, effective enforcement and the need to ensure that the regional differences of fisheries and their communities are fully recognised.

5 Welsh Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 108 (Welsh Grand Committee(sittings)), That the Order of the House of 30th November relating to the meeting of the Welsh Grand Committee on Tuesday 14th December shall have effect with the substitution of the words ‘half-past Ten o’clock and between Four o’clock and Six o’clock’ for the words ‘half-past Ten o’clock’—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—It was agreed to.

6 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mrs Anne McGuire).

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

7 Education and Employment.—Ordered, That Caroline Flint and Mr Bill Rammell be discharged from the Education and Employment Committee and Helen Jones and Mr Stephen Twigg be added to the Committee.—(Mr Keith Bradley, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Graham Stringer be discharged from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee and Dr Stephen Ladyman be added to the Committee.—(Mr Keith Bradley, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Health.—Ordered, That Mr Ivan Lewis be discharged from the Health Committee and Mr Stephen Hesford be added to the Committee.—(Mr Keith Bradley, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Martin Salter be discharged from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Dr Nick Palmer be added to the Committee.—(Mr Keith Bradley, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Mid-Bedfordshire against the sale of Long Meadow Farm in Chalton, Bedfordshire, to the Exodus Collective was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 10th December 1999 (Non-sitting Friday. S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Education.—(1) Education (Transition to New Framework) (New Schools, Groups and Miscellaneous) Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3297), and
Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 13th December 1999:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

10 Local Government,—Draft Local Government Best Value (Exemption) (England) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

11 Income Tax,—Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Foreign Interests and Dividends) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3330), dated 13th December 1999 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].


14 Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc,—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3311), dated 7th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

15 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Medway) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3313), and

   (2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Kent) (Borough of Gravesend) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3314), dated 13th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

16 Air Force (Constitution),—Regulations of the Defence Council amending Air Publication 400B-0010: Regulations for the Royal Air Force Reserve and the Royal Auxiliary Air Force (First Edition) (Amendment List No. 5) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
17 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Government on the Web [by Act]; to be printed [No. 87] [Clerk of the House].

18 National Health Service.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 8th December 1999 on loans proposed to be raised by the Somerset Partnership National Health Service and Social Care Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

19 United Reformed Church Bill.—Report by the Attorney General on the United Reformed Church Bill [by Standing Order] [Mr Attorney General].

WEDNESDAY SITTINGS

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 10 (Wednesday sittings) and the Sessional Order of 24th May relating to Sittings in Westminster Hall, the Speaker has appointed Wednesday 15th March, Wednesday 17th May and Wednesday 21st June as days when the subject or subjects for debates on the Motion for the Adjournment until half-past Twelve o’clock in Westminster Hall shall be Select Committee Reports chosen by the Liaison Committee.

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel), the Speaker nominated Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Eric Illsley and Mr Jonathan Sayeed to be additional members of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

PRAYERS.

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

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 21st December.

2 Private Bills.—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That, in accordance with Standing Order 81 relating to Private Business (Division of bills between this House and the House of Lords), he had conferred with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords, for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective Private Bills should be first considered, and they had determined that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Lords, viz.:

   Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer)
   Colchester Borough Council,
   and that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Commons, viz.:

   Greenham and Crookham Commons
   Mersey Tunnels.

3 Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr Barry Jones reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of the Government’s legislative programme as outlined in the Queen’s Speech and the Chancellor’s Pre-Budget Report as they relate to Wales, referred to it on 30th November, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 117].

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

   City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, An Act to confer powers on the Council of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne for the better control of street trading in the city of Newcastle; for the registration of door supervisors and second-hand goods dealers in the city; for controlling the distribution of free literature in the city, and for other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
5 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

   Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

6 Terrorism Bill.—The Terrorism Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

   A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 63 (Committee of bills), That the Bill be committed to a Special Standing Committee—(Mr Simon Hughes);

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Andrew Stunell: 47.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Don Touhig: 262.

   So the Question was negatived.

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

7 Terrorism Bill [Money], Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Terrorism Bill [Money]:

   A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Terrorism Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

   (1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure of a Minister of the Crown under or by virtue of the Act,

   (2) any increase attributable to the Act in sums payable out of money provided by Parliament under any other enactment, and

   (3) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

6 Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Value Added Tax (Input Tax) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3118), dated 19th November 1999, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved—(Mr Robert Ainsworth)—It was agreed to.

7 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (England) Regulations 1999, which were laid before this House on 25th November, be approved—(Mr Robert Ainsworth)—It was agreed to.

8 Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [7th December] and Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That this House takes note with approval of the Government's assessment as set out in the Financial Statement and Budget Report 1999–2000, the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 1999–2000 and the Pre-Budget Report 1999 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993—(Mr Robert Ainsworth)—It was agreed to.

9 Business of the House.—Ordered, That the Sessional Orders [25th October] relating to Thursday sittings and Meetings of standing committees and the Sessional Order [24th May] relating to Sittings in Westminster Hall shall apply to times of sitting on Tuesday 21st December as if that day were a Thursday.—(Mr Mike Hall).

10 Consolidated Fund Bill.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 16th December, any Consolidated Fund Bill ordered to be brought in and read the first time shall be proceeded with as if the Second Reading thereof stood as an Order of the day, and Standing Order No. 56 (Consolidated Fund Bills) shall apply.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

11 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, at the sitting on Thursday 16th December, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any messages from the Lords shall have been received—(Mr Mike Hall),

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

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

12 European Scrutiny Committee.—Ordered, That Rosemary McKenna be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Mr Patrick Hall be added to the Committee.—(Mr Mike Hall.)
13 Environmental Audit Committee,—Ordered, That Mr Paul Truswell be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Christine Russell be added to the Committee.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

14 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Bromley for aid to be directed to education for child labourers was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

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 Fees and Charges,—Travel Documents (Fees) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3339), dated 13th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Local Government,—Local Government (Best Value) Performance Plans and Reviews Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3251), dated 7th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3259), dated 7th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Social Security,—Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Amendment Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3266), dated 8th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

6 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—(1) Crown Court (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 1999 (S.R.(N.I.), 1999, No. 491), and
   (2) Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 3) 1999 (S.R.(N.I.), 1999, No. 493), dated 10th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

7 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Transnational Information and Consultation of Employees Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3233), dated 12th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

8 Town and Country Planning,—Town and Country Planning (Development Plan) (England) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3280), dated 8th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

9 Courts and Legal Services,—Final Report and Financial Statements of the Lord Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Legal Education and Conduct for 1998-99 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 64] [Mr David Lock].

10 International Monetary Fund,—Report on UK Operations at the International Monetary Fund for 1st October 1998 to 30th September 1999 [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

11 Tribunals and Inquiries,—Report of the Council on Tribunals for 1998-99 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 30] [Mr David Lock].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Legal Advice and Assistance (Scope) (Amendment) Regulations 1999,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Hepburn from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Robert N. Wareing.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Segregation of GM Foods]; to be printed [No. 71-iii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Implications for UK Agriculture and EU Agricultural Policy of Trade Liberalisation and the WTO Round; Marketing of Milk; Segregation of GM Foods]
   [Mr Peter Luff].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) First Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Potential Risk of Fire Spread in Buildings via External Cladding Systems]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 109]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee [The Environment Agency]; to be printed [No. 34-iii]
   [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Controls over Firearms]; to be printed [No. 95-ii] [Mr Robin Corbett].

4 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Delegated Legislation]; to be printed [No. 48-iii] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

5 Standards and Privileges,—(1) Third Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr Iain Duncan Smith], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 110]; and
   (2) Fourth Report from the Committee [Complaint against Mr William Hague], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 111]
   [Mr Robert Sheldon].

6 Trade and Industry,—(1) Second Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Draft Insolvency Bill], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 112];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Pre-Budget Scrutiny: Financing of High Technology Businesses]; to be printed [Nos. 51-ii and -iii]; and
   (3) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Department of Trade and Industry Memorandum on Outcome of Structural Funds Negotiations, the UK’s Proposed Objective 2 areas]
   [Mr Martin O’Neill].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-iv] [Mr David Tredinnick].

8 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Pre-Budget Report and International Monetary Fund]; to be printed [No. 72-iii] [Mr Giles Radice].

9 Welsh Affairs,—First Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Government and National Assembly for Wales Responses to the Fourth and Fifth Reports from the Committee, Session 1998-99, on Health Issues in Wales and Paediatric Cardiac Services in Wales]; to be printed [No. 116] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 18; WH, No. 7]
Tuesday 14th December 1999.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

1 Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 City of Stoke-on-Trent Tunstall Northern By-pass Local Government Act Compulsory Purchase Order 1997 (Petitions of General Objection).—Miss Anne McIntosh reported from the Joint Committee to which the Petitions of General Objection against the City of Stoke-on-Trent Tunstall Northern By-pass Local Government Act Compulsory Purchase Order 1997 stood referred, pursuant to section 4 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, That it had considered the said Petitions; and had made Amendments to the Order, and had directed her to report the Order, as amended, to the House, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before it; and had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed her to make to the House: And the Report was brought up and read.

Amendments to be printed [No. 113].

Order, as amended, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 114].

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Barry Jones reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Legal Advice and Assistance (Scope) (Amendment) Regulations 1999.

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

3 Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill,—Mrs Ann Winterton, supported by Mr Joe Benton, Mr Julian Brazier, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Jim Dobbin, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Kerry Pollard, Mrs Marion Roe, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Miss Ann Widdecombe, Mr Nicholas Winterton and Mr William Cash, presented a Bill to prohibit the withdrawal or withholding of medical treatment, or the withdrawal or withholding of sustenance, with the intention of causing the death of a patient; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th January and to be printed [Bill 12].

4 Carers and Disabled Children Bill,—Mr Tom Pendry, supported by Mr David Hinchcliffe, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mrs Marion Roe, Mr David Chaytor, Jackie Ballard, Mrs Sylvia Heal, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Andrew Reed and Mr Lawrie Quinn, presented a Bill to make provision about the assessment of carers’ needs; to provide for services to help carers; to provide for the making of payments to carers and disabled children aged 16 or 17 in lieu of the provision of services to them; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 4th February and to be printed [Bill 13].

5 Licensing (Young Persons) Bill,—Mr Paul Truswell, supported by Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Harold Best, Mr Colin Burgon, Mr John Gunnell, Mr George Mudie, Dr Hilary Benn, Chris McCafferty, Mr Christopher Leslie and David Taylor, presented a Bill to make provision in connection with the sale and consumption of intoxicating liquor in cases involving persons under eighteen; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th February and to be printed [Bill 14].

6 Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) Bill,—Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, supported by Sir Peter Emery, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Alan Williams (Swansea West), Dr Howard Stoate, Dr Peter Brand, Angela Smith, Mr David Amess, Mr Marsha Singh and Mr David Hinchcliffe, presented a Bill to amend the Health Service Commissioners Act 1993: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 15].

7 Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Bill,—Mr David Amess, supported by Mr David Atkinson, Mr Simon Burns, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Michael Colvin, Mr Cynog Dafis, Mrs Linda Gilroy, Ms Jenny Jones, Mr Alan Simpson, The Reverend Martyn Smyth, Sir Teddy Taylor and Mr Paul Tyler, presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to draw up and facilitate the carrying out of a programme of action to provide households with a comprehensive package of home insulation, heating and other energy efficiency improvements for the purpose of reducing fuel poverty; to require the setting of targets for the achievement of that programme; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th March and to be printed [Bill 16].
8 Government Powers (Limitations) Bill.—Mr Iain Duncan Smith, supported by Mr John Bercow, Mr John Whittingdale, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Robert Key, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Dr Julian Lewis and Mr Oliver Letwin, presented a Bill to amend the law in relation to the permitted number of Ministers of the Crown; to limit the powers of Ministers to make certain appointments; to make provision with respect to the parliamentary scrutiny of European Union proposals and other subordinate legislation; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th April and to be printed [Bill 17].

9 Urban Regeneration and Countryside Protection Bill.—Mr Anthony Steen, supported by Mr Tony Baldry, Mr Martin Bell, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Sir Peter Emery, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr Tom King, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Patrick Nicholls and Sir Michael Spicer, presented a Bill to require local planning authorities to undertake urban capacity studies and to publish audits of derelict, vacant, under-used and under-utilised buildings and land; to place a duty on public bodies to maximise the use of previously developed buildings and land; to impose new requirements in respect of planning applications for housing development on undeveloped land or for housing development likely to have a significant impact on existing infrastructure; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 24th March and to be printed [Bill 18].

10 Wild Mammals (Hunting with Dogs) Bill.—Mr Ken Livingstone, supported by Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr David Amess, Mr Mike Haxoock, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Jackie Ballard, Glenda Jackson, Norman Baker, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Ian Cawsey, Dr Ian McNamara, Mr Tom King, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Patrick Nicholls and Sir Michael Spicer, presented a Bill to prohibit the export of live farm animals for slaughter or further fattening; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th April and to be printed [Bill 19].

11 Export of Farm Animals Bill.—Mr Gwyn Prosser, supported by Jackie Ballard, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Bill Etherington, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mrs Eileen Gordon, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Nigel Jones, Laura Moffatt, Dr Nick Palmer and Angela Smith, presented a Bill to prohibit the export of live farm animals for slaughter or further fattening; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 4th February and to be printed [Bill 20].

12 Food Labelling Bill.—Mr Stephen O’Brien, supported by Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Jim Dobbins, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr James Gray, Mr John Hayes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Owen Paterson, David Prior, Mr John Randall and Mr Andrew Stunell, presented a Bill to make further provision for consumers of food to be informed about the country of origin and standards of production of food presented for sale by labelling, marking or in other ways; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 21].

13 Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Robert Walter, supported by Sir John Stanley, Derek Wyatt, Mr John Burnett, Miss Anne McIntosh, Sir David Maudlin, Mr David Curry, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Andrew Rowe, Ms Claire Ward and Mrs Lilian Golding, presented a Bill to amend the Sex Discrimination Act 1975; to make provision with respect to discrimination concerning the provision of goods, facilities, services and access to governance by private member clubs; and to continue to permit wholly single-sex clubs and sporting events. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th February and to be printed [Bill 22].

14 Welfare of Broiler Chickens Bill.—Ann Clwyd, supported by Mr Colin Burgon, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Mr Harry Cohen, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Alice Mahon, Ms Julie Morgan, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr Alan Williams (Swansea West), presented a Bill to make provision with respect to 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 4th February and to be printed [Bill 24].

15 Newspaper and Magazine Recycling Bill.—Dr Doug Naysmith, supported by Dr Roger Berry, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Tom Brake, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Cynog Dafis, Valerie Davey, Julia Drown, Mr Don Foster, Mrs Diana Organ and Mr Gordon Prentice, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the collection and recycling of newspapers and magazines in England and Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th February and to be printed [Bill 25].

16 Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill.—Mr Malcolm Savidge, supported by Mr Tony Baldry, Miss Anne Begg, Mr Peter Bottomley, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Jeffrey M Donaldson, Mr Frank Doran, Mrs Margaret Éwing, Mr Martin O’Neill, Ms Linda Perham, Helen Southworth, and Mr David Stewart, presented a Bill to make provision...
about the prosecution and punishment of offences which are, or are being treated as being, offences under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or the Employers’ Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Act 1969. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th February and to be printed [Bill 26].

17 Organic Food and Farming Targets Bill,—Mr Paul Tyler, supported by Mr Tom King, Mr Tony Benn, Mr Colin Breed, Joan Ruddock, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Peter Bradley, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr James Gray, Mr David Drew, Mr Lembit Opik and Mr Elfyn Llwyd, presented a Bill to make provision regarding the setting and achievement of targets for organic farming and food consumption; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 27].

18 Fire Prevention Bill,—Mr Peter L. Pike, supported by Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Lawrie Quinn, Mr Gordon Prentice, Bob Russell, Mr Peter Luff, Ms Dari Taylor, Mr James Gray, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Eric Illsley and Mr Stephen McCabe, presented a Bill to extend the duties of fire authorities in respect of fire prevention; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 4th February and to be printed [Bill 28].

19 Road Traffic Bill,—Mrs Eleanor Laing, supported by Mr John MacGregor, Sir George Young, Mr Patrick McLaughlin, Mr Oliver Letwin, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr James Gray, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Stephen O’Brien and Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, presented a Bill to make further provision about the enforcement of requirements relating to drivers’ hours and about the licensing of the operators of goods vehicles; to make provision with respect to the exemption of essential users of commercial motor vehicles and operators of certain community bus services from payment of excise duty on fuel; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 29].

20 Property Transactions Bill,—Mr Bowen Wells, supported by Mr Tony Baldry, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Mr Nigel Jones, Mr Michael Mates and Mr Ian Taylor, presented a Bill to make provision about property transactions; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 30].

21 Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill,—Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, supported by Mr Gwyn Prosser, Mr Michael Foster (Worcester), Mr Michael Jabez Foster (Hastings and Rye), Mr Colin Pitchfork, Maria Eagle and Mrs Betty Williams, presented a Bill to enable provision to be made for the care, disposal or slaughter of animals to which proceedings under section 1 of the Protection of Animals Act 1911 relate; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th January and to be printed [Bill 31].

22 Building Societies (Transfer Resolutions) Bill,—Mr Tony McWalter, supported by Charlotte Atkins, Mr David Heath, Mr Andrew Love, Christine Russell, Dr Doug Naysmith, Ms Judith Church, Mr David Crausby and Mr Hilton Dawson, presented a Bill to amend the Building Societies Act 1986 in respect of resolutions at meetings of building societies relating to the transfer of the business of a building society to a commercial company or to another building society and in respect of share rights on transfer of business to a commercial company: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 23].

23 Business of the House,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That, at the sitting on Thursday 16th December, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any messages from the Lords shall have been received;

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

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

Ordered. That, at the sitting on Thursday 16th December, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any messages from the Lords shall have been received.

24 Representation of the People Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee)

Ordered. That the Bill be considered in the following order, namely: Clauses Nos. 1 to 8, Schedules Nos. 1 to 3, Clauses Nos. 9 to 12, Schedule No. 4, Clauses Nos. 13 to 16, Schedules Nos. 5 and 6.—(Mr Mike O’Brien.)
Clause No. 1 (New system of electoral registration).

Amendment (No. 29) proposed, in page 1, line 17, to leave out from the beginning to the word ‘and’ in line 18.—(Mr Harry Barnes.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 69) proposed, in page 1, line 19, to leave out ‘18’ and to insert ‘16’.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Jackie Ballard: 36.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Jim Dowd: 434.

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed, in page 1, to leave out lines 20 to 23.—(Mr Harry Barnes.)

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

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 Mike Hall reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.

25 Legal Aid and Advice.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Legal Aid (Prescribed Panels) (Amendment) Regulations 1999, which were laid before this House on 29th November, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall).—It was agreed to.

26 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

1 residents of Farington calling for a review of the regulations governing provision of pharmacies, and

2 people in Hoddesdon for aid to be directed to education for child labourers

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

27 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from people in Camberley and area and from people in Whitby and Sleights for aid to be directed to education for child labourers were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

28 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Mike Hall).

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 Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture.—(1) Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) (Enforcement) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3315), and

(2) Hill Livestock (Compensatory Allowances) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3316), dated 15th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

2 Social Security.—Income Support (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3329), dated 13th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 Telecommunications.—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (E. V. Limited) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999 No. 3332), dated 11th December 1999,

(2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (FLAG Atlantic UK Limited) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3331), dated 11th December 1999,
Public Telecommunication System Designation (Guernsey Telecoms) Order 1999
(S.I., 1999, No. 3334), dated 10th December 1999,


Public Telecommunication System Designation (Pangea Networks (UK) Limited) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3333), dated 11th December 1999, and


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

4 Appropriation Accounts, 1998–99.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for 1998–99 for Class XIV (Wales), with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 11-XIV] [Mr Stephen Timms].

5 Broadcasting.—Accounts of—

(1) Independent Television Commission Additional Payments and Financial Penalties by Licensees, and

(2) Radio Authority Additional Payments by Radio Programme Licensees for 1998–99, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 124 and 123] [Clerk of the House].

6 Criminal Statistics,—Statistical Bulletin: Criminal Proceedings in Scottish Courts, 1998 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

7 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts of the Fire Service College for—

(1) 1996–97, and

(2) 1997–98, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 12 and 89] [Clerk of the House].

8 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of the National Library of Wales for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 122] [Clerk of the House].

9 Telecommunications,—Licences granted under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—

(1) E.V. Limited,

(2) FLAG Atlantic UK Limited,

(3) Guernsey Telecoms,

(4) Norweb Telecom Limited,

(5) Pangea Networks (UK) Limited, and

(6) Racal Telecommunications Limited [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Freedom of Information Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr John Greenway, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Patrick Hall, Mr David Heath, Mr David Lock, Shona McIsaac, Mr Robert Maclean, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Colin Pickthall, Christine Russell, Helen Southworth, Dr George Turner and Mr Robert Walter.

2 Government Resources and Accounts Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Foster (Worcester) from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Alan Williams (Swansea West).
3 Draft Local Government Best Value (Exemption) (England) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on
   Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the
   Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Ms Hazel Blears, Mr Bernie Grant, Mr Mike
   Hancock, Ms Harriet Harman, Ms Beverley Hughes, Ms Fiona Jones, Ms Sally Keeble,
   Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr Michael Portillo, Joan
   Ruddock, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Nigel Waterson and Mrs Betty Williams.

Grand Committees

4 Welsh Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Owen Paterson
   from the Welsh Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Robert Walter.

European Standing Committees

5 The unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth
   Office on 30 November 1999, relating to Common Strategy on Ukraine, has been referred
   to European Standing Committee B

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—(1) Third Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee
   [The Funding of the BBC], 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. 25]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Funding of the BBC]
   [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Gulf War Illnesses]; to
   be printed [No. 125-i] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Education and Employment.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-
   Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [The role of private companies
   in the management and supply of state education services]; to be printed [No. 118-i] [Mr
   Barry Sheerman]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the
   Committee [Employability and Jobs: Is there a Jobs Gap?]; to be printed [No. 60-iii] [Mr
   Derek Foster].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—(1) Second Report from the Environment,
   Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Environmental Impact of Supermarket
   Competition], 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. 120];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Rural White Paper]; to be printed
   [No. 32-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee
   [London Underground]; to be printed [No. 121-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

5 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit
   Committee [Pre-Budget Report 1999]; to be printed [No. 76-iii] [Mr John Horam].

6 European Scrutiny.—Fourth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed,
   with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-iv][Mr
   Jimmy Hood].

7 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International
   Development Committee [DFID’s Policy towards China and Pakistan], to be printed
   [No. 126-i] [Mr Bowen Wells].

8 Public Accounts.—(1) Fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Government
   Resources and Accounts Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the
   Committee relating to the Report [No. 127];
   (2) Fifth Report from the Committee [NHS (England) Summarised Accounts
   1997–98], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the
   Report [No. 128];
   (3) Sixth Report from the Committee [Arts Council of England: Monitoring Major
   Capital Projects Funded by the National Lottery]; to be printed, with the Minutes
   of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 129].
(4) Seventh Report from the Committee [Home Office: The Immigration and Nationality Directorate’s Casework Programme]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 130]; and

(5) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The PFI Contract for the new Dartford and Gravesham Hospital]; to be printed [No. 131-i]

[Mr David Davis].

9 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Proposed Synchrotron Facility]; to be printed [No. 82-i] [Dr Michael Clark].

10 Scottish Affairs,—(1) First Special Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 1998–99, on Inward/Outward Investment in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 119]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Poverty in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 59-iv]

[Mr David Marshall].

11 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Customs and Excise]; to be printed [No. 53-iii] [Mr Giles Radice].
Transport and the Regions on support to nationalised industries; grants to Railtrack, British Rail, London Transport, Docklands Light Railway, DoA Ltd; MRPS grant; payments in respect of expenditure relating to the Channel Tunnel Rail Link; expenditure connected with the privatisation of British Rail Business; other consultancies; expenditure relating to Commission for Integrated Transport; capital expenditure by transport industries funded by EC grants; railway industry and National Freight Company pensions funds; National Freight Company travel concessions; rebate of fuel duty to bus operators; ports and shipping services; Royal Travel; miscellaneous services; civil aviation services; international aviation services; transport security; freight grants, and expenditure associated with the non rail privatisation programme—(Mr Tony McNulty).

The Debate was concluded, and the Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of Estimates) and the Sessional Order [25th October, in the last Session of Parliament].

Vote on Account, 2000–01 (Class XIII, Vote 1).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a sum, not exceeding £5,810,419,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charge for the year ending on 31st March 2001 for expenditure by the Scotland Office on administrative costs and operational costs; electoral publicity; the Parliamentary Boundary Commission for Scotland; other devolution costs, including the panel to oversee the cross-party electoral expenditure agreement and on a grant to the Scottish Consolidated Fund—(Mrs Anne McGuire);

And it being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings, and the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates) and the Sessional Order [25th October, in the last Session of Parliament].

The Deputy Speaker, pursuant to paragraphs (4) and (5) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates), and the Sessional Order [25th October, in the last Session of Parliament] put the deferred Questions on estimates and the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the other estimates appointed for consideration this day.

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £511,039,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charge for the year ending on 31st March 2001 for expenditure by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions on support to nationalised industries; grants to Railtrack, British Rail, London Transport, Docklands Light Railway, DoA Ltd; MRPS grant; payments in respect of expenditure relating to the Channel Tunnel Rail Link; expenditure connected with the privatisation of British Rail Business; other consultancies; expenditure relating to Commission for Integrated Transport; capital expenditure by transport industries funded by EC grants; railway industry and National Freight Company pensions funds; National Freight Company travel concessions; rebate of fuel duty to bus operators; ports and shipping services; Royal Travel; miscellaneous services; civil aviation services; international aviation services; transport security; freight grants, and expenditure associated with the non rail privatisation programme.

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £5,810,419,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charge for the year ending on 31st March 2001 for expenditure by the Scotland Office on administrative costs and operational costs; electoral publicity; the Parliamentary Boundary Commission for Scotland; other devolution costs, including the panel to oversee the cross-party electoral expenditure agreement and on a grant to the Scottish Consolidated Fund.

5 Estimates.—The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions required to be put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.) and the Sessional Order [25th October, in the last Session of Parliament].

Estimated, 1999–2000 (Army) Vote A

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 2000 an additional number not exceeding 10,620 all ranks to be maintained for Service in the Reserve Land Forces.

Supplementary Estimates, 1999–2000

Resolved, That a supplementary sum, not exceeding £3,773,575,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges for civil services which will come into course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 2000, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 4 of Session 1999–2000.

Estimated, 2000–01 (Vote on Account)

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £101,653,019,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for civil and defence services in Classes I and II; Class III Votes 1 to 5 and Votes 7 to 12; Classes IV to XII; Classes XIV to XVIII; and Classes XVIII, A and XVIII, B for the year ending
on 31st March 2000, as set out in House of Commons Paper Nos. 5, 6 and 7 of Session 1999–2000.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions relating to Supplementary Estimates and Vote on Account; And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Andrew Smith, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Stephen Timms and Miss Melanie Johnson do prepare and bring it in.

6 Consolidated Fund Bill,—Mr Stephen Timms accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on 31st March 2000 and 2001.

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day and to be printed [Bill 32].

7 Consolidated Fund Bill,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Consolidated Fund Bills) and Order [14th December], That the Consolidated Fund 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.

8 Legal Aid and Advice,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Legal Advice and Assistance (Scope) (Amendment) Regulations 1999, which were laid before this House on 1st December, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund Bill, without Amendment.

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 20th December.

[Adjourned at 7.30 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 Petroleum Royalty Payments) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Employment and Training,—(1) Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2000, and

(2) Draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Seamen’s Wages and Accounts) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3360), dated 14th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

5 Electoral Law (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for 1998–99 [by Act]: to be printed [No. 92] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

6 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Government Response to the Twenty-First Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 1998–99, on the Railways Bill [by Command] [Cm 4538] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

7 International Labour Conference,—Paper, entitled International Labour Conference: Presentation of, and the proposed action by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on, a Recommendation (No. 189, on
General Conditions to stimulate Job Creation in Small and Medium Sized Enterprises
adopted at the 86th Session of the International Labour Conference (1998) [by Command] [Cm. 4537] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 National Loans,—(1) Accounts of the Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund for 1998–99, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 133] [Clerk of the House]; and
(2) Supplementary Statements of Accounts of the Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund for 1998–99 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 55] [Mr Stephen Timms].

9 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [10th November, in the last Session of Parliament] from the Senior Citizens’ Forum for Better Pensions, seeking restoration of the link between pensions and wages [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

10 Sessional Returns 1998–99,—Returns to Orders [24th November] for Returns relating to—
(1) Business of the House;
(2) Closure of Debate, Proposal of Question and Allocation of Time (including Programme Motions);
(3) Sittings of the House;
(4) Private Bills and Private Business;
(5) Public Bills;
(6) Delegated Legislation and Deregulation Orders;
(7) European Legislation, &c.;
(8) Grand Committees;
(9) Chairmen’s Panel; and
(10) Select Committees
in Session 1998–99 [by Order]; to be printed [No. 1] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Government Resources and Accounts Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Government Resources and Accounts Bill.

2 Freedom of Information Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Dr Michael Clark and Mr Edward O’Hara Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Freedom of Information Bill.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 15th December [Current problems relating to the livestock industry in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 62-iii] [Mr Peter Brooke].

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE
The Speaker certified the Consolidated Fund Bill as a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 20; WH, No. 9]
Thursday 16th December 1999.
The House sitting at Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].
The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

1 Adjournment (Child Care),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned. — (Mr Tony McNeely.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 21st December.

[Adjourned at 5.02 p.m.]
Monday 20th December 1999.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bill Petitions.—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petitions for the following Bills, the Standing Orders have been complied with, viz.:

- Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer)
- Colchester Borough Council
- Greenham and Crookham Commons
- Mersey Tunnels.

2 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill.—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Secretary Byers, Mr Secretary Reid, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Secretary Mandelson and Mr Mike O’Brien, presented a Bill to establish an Electoral Commission, to make provision about the registration and finances of political parties; to make provision about donations and expenditure for political purposes; to make provision about election and referendum campaigns; to make provision about election petitions and other legal proceedings in connection with elections; to reduce the qualifying periods set out in sections 1 and 3 of the Representation of the People Act 1985; 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 34].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill be printed [Bill 34–EN].

3 Public House Names Bill.—Mrs Ann Winterton, supported by Mr Nicholas Winterton, Mr Joe Benton, The Reverend Martin Smyth and Mr Jim Dobbin, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the names of public houses; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th April and to be printed [Bill 35].

4 Freedom of Religious Worship (Armed Forces) Bill.—The Reverend Martin Smyth, supported by Mrs Ann Winterton and Mr Jim Dobbin, presented a Bill to amend and clarify the law to permit those serving in the armed forces openly to follow the religion of their choice; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 5th May and to be printed [Bill 36].

5 Halogen Lamp Regulation (Motor Vehicles) Bill.—Mr Jim Dobbin, supported by Mrs Ann Winterton, The Reverend Martin Smyth and Mr Clive Efford, presented a Bill to regulate the intensity of motor vehicle lights; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 37].

6 Energy Efficiency Bill.—Mr Clive Efford, supported by Mr Keith Darvill, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr David Chaytor, Bridget Prentice and Mr Cynog Dafis, presented a Bill to make further provision for energy efficiency: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th March and to be printed [Bill 38].

7 Energy Conservation (Housing) Bill.—Mr Clive Efford, supported by Mr Keith Darvill, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr David Chaytor, Bridget Prentice and Mr Cynog Dafis, presented a Bill to make further provision for energy conservation related to housing; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th March and to be printed [Bill 39].

8 Scottish Adjacent Waters Boundaries (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Archy Kirkwood presented a Bill to amend the Scottish Adjacent Waters Boundaries Order 1999 in so far as it relates to the East coast border between England and Scotland; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th January and to be printed [Bill 40].

9 Royal Assent.—The Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Act, agreed upon by both Houses:

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act 1999.
10 Transport Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transport Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question and add the words 'this House, believing that government ownership and control of National Air Traffic Services (NATS) is necessary for national security, acknowledging that the United Kingdom air traffic control system is recognised internationally as the safest and most reliable in the world, and being concerned that the introduction of the private profit motive could jeopardise safety standards in the future, considers that the Transport Bill is not an acceptable measure because it contains provisions the purpose of which is to pave the way for the partial privatisation of NATS', instead thereof.—(Dr Gavin Strang.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 33.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 321.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (Amendment on second or third reading);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr David Jamieson: 358.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 163.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Transport Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) any expenditure incurred by any Minister of the Crown or government department under or by virtue of the Act, and

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

(2) the payment out of the National Loans Fund of sums required by the Secretary of State for making loans to—

(a) a transferee under a transfer scheme made under the Act, or

(b) the Strategic Rail Authority;

(3) the reduction of the assets of the National Loans Fund by an amount corresponding to such liability of the Civil Aviation Authority as the Secretary of State extinguishes by order—(Mr Robert Ainsworth):—It was agreed to.

12 Transport Bill [Ways and Means].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Transport Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the inclusion in licences granted under the Act of provisions requiring payments to be made;

(2) the imposition of charges to corporation tax by provisions relating to transfer schemes;

(3) the making of road user charging schemes and workplace parking levy licensing schemes;

(4) payments into the Consolidated Fund and the National Loans Fund—(Mr Robert Ainsworth):—It was agreed to.
Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Robert Ainsworth);

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 one minute to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 17th December 1999 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O., No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 International Development,—Department for International Development Minute, dated 17th December 1999, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon proposed indemnification for mortgages made by the Bank of Montserrat [Secretary Clare Short].

2 Miscellaneous (No. 30, 1999),—Agreement, opened for signature at New York on 1st July 1997, on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 4526] [Mr Secretary Cook].

3 Miscellaneous (No. 31, 1999),—Resolution, done at the 78th Session of the International Coffee Council, London, on 21st July 1999, to extend the International Coffee Agreement 1994, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 4543] [Mr Secretary Cook].

4 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 1998-99, on the Scientific Advisory System: Mobile Phones and Health [Cm. 4551] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Treaty Series (No. 81, 1999),—United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, opened for signature at Montego Bay, Jamaica, from 10th December 1982 to 9th December 1984 and at United Nations Headquarters, New York, from 1st July 1983 to 9th December 1984 [Cm. 4524] [Mr Secretary Cook].


7 Treaty Series (No. 83, 1999),—Amendments, done at Berne on 19th September 1979, to Appendix II of the Convention on the Conservation of European Wildlife and Natural Habitats [Cm. 4541] [Mr Secretary Cook].

8 Treaty Series (No. 84, 1999),—International Convention, done at London on 30th November 1990, on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation [Cm. 4542] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 17th December 1999 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O., No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

9 Medicines,—Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3295), dated 13th December 1999 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

10 Social Security,—Income Support (General) and Jobseeker’s Allowance Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3324), dated 13th December 1999 [Mr Secretary Darling].

11 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Employment Rights (Increase of Limits) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3375), dated 17th December 1999 [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 20th December 1999:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

12 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 49) on the 1999/2000 Special Grant for Kosovan Evacuees [by Act]; to be printed [No. 115] [Mr Secretary Straw].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

    (2) Ashington Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3391),
    (3) Bolton Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3393),
    (4) Breaking the Cycle Bridgwater Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3392),
    (5) Camborne, Poel and Redruth Success Zone Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3414),
    (6) Challenge for Corby Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3398),
    (7) Clacton and Harwich Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3397),
    (9) Coventry Millennium Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3394),
    (10) Dingle Granby Texteth Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3383),
    (11) Downham and Bellingham Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3395),
    (12) Easington and Seaham Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3382),
    (13) Epicentre LEAP Ellesmere Port Cheshire Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3396),
    (14) Gloucester Education Achievement Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3412),
    (16) Leigh Park Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3390),
    (17) North Gillingham Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3388),
    (18) Peterlee Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3381),
    (19) Rainbow Education Action Zone in Stoke on Trent Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3389),
    (20) South Bradford Community Learning Partnership Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3407),
    (21) Speke Garston Excellent Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3408),
    (22) Sunderland Building Our Future Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3385),
    (23) Wakefield Community Learning Partnership Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3406),
    (24) Withernsea and Southern Holderness Rural Achievement Education Action Zone Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3400), and

dated 15th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

14 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Kent) (Borough of Swale) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3403),
    (2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Kent) (Borough of Tunbridge Wells) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3405),
    (3) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Kent) (City of Canterbury) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3402),
    (4) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Kent) (District of Sevenoaks) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3404), and
    (5) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Kent) (District of Thanet) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3401),

dated 20th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
Other Papers:

15 Defence,—(1) Ministry of Defence Performance Report for 1998–99, and
   (2) Paper, entitled Defence White Paper 1999
   [by Command] [Cm. 4520 and 4446] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

16 Government Trading Funds,—Paper, entitled Prior Options Review of the Fire Service
   College [by Command] [Cm. 4546] [Mr Secretary Straw].

17 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and
   the Regions on the Petition [6th December] from Helen Hooton, pensioner, and others
   relating to Council Tax [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Local Government Best Value (Exemption) (England) Order 2000,—The Committee of
Selection has discharged Mr Jim Marshall from the First Standing Committee on
Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in
substitution Paul Flynn.

Tuesday 21st December 1999.

The House met at half-past Eleven o clock.

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of
   the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 11th January.

2 Disqualifications Bill,—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary
   Prescott, Mr Secretary Mandelson and Mr Mike O'Brien, presented a Bill to remove the
   disqualification for membership of the House of Commons and the Northern Ireland
   Assembly of persons who are members of the legislature of Ireland (the Oireachtas); and
   to disqualify for Ministerial office in Northern Ireland persons who are or become
   Ministers of the Government of Ireland. And the same was read the first time; and ordered
   to be read a second time on Monday 10th January and to be printed [Bill 41].
   
   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Disqualifications Bill be printed
   [Bill 41-EN].

3 Public Expenditure,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House
   welcomes the action taken by this Government to build a platform of stability for the
   British economy, in contrast to the boom and bust of the past; welcomes the new
   monetary policy framework put in place by this Government, which is delivering stability
   and steady growth; notes that the Conservative Party opposes Bank of England
   independence; welcomes the new public spending framework which is delivering an
   additional £40 billion for health and education; notes that the Conservative Party is
   opposed to this extra investment; welcomes the fact that this Government is doubling
   public sector net investment after so many years of neglect; welcomes this Government’s
   programme of reform in the public services and thanks public and voluntary sector
   workers for their contribution to delivering strong public services for all—(Mr Andrew
   Smith);
   
   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, according to
   Government figures, the burden of taxation has risen from 35.3 per cent. of GDP
   (1996–97) to 37.4 per cent. by April 1999; condemns this increase in the burden of taxation
   since the Government took office and the increase in business regulations which has
   accompanied it; condemns the Government’s failure to achieve the promised
   improvements in public services while at the same time waste in the public sector has
   increased; and, while welcoming the Government’s health and education spending
   increases, regrets that these have not been accompanied by the promised reform of social
   security expenditure which is set to rise by more than £30 billion over the next three years’
   instead thereof.—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)
And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;
Mr Patrick McLoughlin rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.
And the Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mrs Jacqui Lait: 125.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Kevin Hughes: 306.
So the Question was negatived.
And the Main Question being accordingly put;—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the action taken by this Government to build a platform of stability for the British economy, in contrast to the boom and bust of the past; welcomes the new monetary policy framework put in place by this Government, which is delivering stability and steady growth; notes that the Conservative Party opposes Bank of England independence; welcomes the new public spending framework which is delivering an additional £40 billion for health and education; notes that the Conservative Party is opposed to this extra investment; welcomes the fact that this Government is doubling public sector net investment after so many years of neglect; welcomes this Government’s programme of reform in the public services and thanks public and voluntary sector workers for their contribution to delivering strong public services for all.

4 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from
(1) Kenneth Beastall, residents of the constituency of Penrith and The Border and others for re-establishment of British sovereignty ceded to the European Commission, and 
(2) Russell Lynch and other residents of Codicote, Hertfordshire, for the continued provision of Post Office facilities in Codicote, were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Twenty-two minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till Monday 10th January, pursuant to Order [29th November].

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Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
1 Agriculture,—Animal Feedingstuffs from Belgium (Control) (England and Wales) (No. 4) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3422), dated 20th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].
2 Building and Buildings,—Building Regulations (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3410), dated 17th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
4 Monopolies and Mergers,—Merger Reference (Universal Foods Corporation and Pointing Holdings Limited) (Interim Provision) (Revocation) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3415), dated 20th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].
5 Representation of the People,—Holders of Hereditary Peerages (Extension of the Franchise) (Transitional Provisions) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3322), dated 14th December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Other Papers:
6 Aircraft and Shipbuilding Industries,—Report and Accounts of British Shipbuilders for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].
7 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the merger situation of Universal Foods Corporation and Pointing Holdings Limited [by Command] [Cm. 4544] [Mr Secretary Byers].
8 Customs and Excise,—Export of Goods (Control) (Amendment No. 6) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3411), dated 21st December 1999 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Byers].

9 Fire Services,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Fire Services for 1998-99 [by Command] [Cm. 4535] [Mr Secretary Straw].

10 Friendly Societies,—Report of the Chief Registrar of the Friendly Societies for 1st October 1998 to 30th September 1999 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

11 Registration Service,—Mortality Statistics: Review of the Registrar General on deaths by cause, sex and age in England and Wales for 1998 [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

12 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

Standing Committees


[No. 22; WH, No. 10]

Tuesday 21st December 1999

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

1 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Don Touhig);

And it being half-past Five o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the Sitting lapsed, and the Sitting was accordingly adjourned without question put, till Tuesday 11th January.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
1 Disqualification of a Member.—The Speaker laid upon the Table a notification, that Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer had this day appointed Cynog Glyndwr Dafis, Esquire, Member for Ceredigion, to the office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty’s Manor of Northstead in the County of York.

2 Hare Coursing Bill.—Mr Harry Cohen, supported by Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas and Mr Colin Pickthall, presented a Bill to make hare coursing illegal. And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 24th March and to be printed [Bill 42].

3 Recycled Content of Newsprint Bill.—Mr Gordon Prentice, supported by Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Tom Brake, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr David Chaytor, Valerie Davey, Julia Drown, Mr Don Foster and Mrs Diana Organ, presented a Bill to increase the amount of recycled paper collected and used in newsprint in England and Wales, and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 24th March and to be printed [Bill 43].

4 Government Resources and Accounts Bill.—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the Government Resources and Accounts Bill, Standing Committee A shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet. —(Mr Greg Pope.)

5 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill.—The Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill was, according to Order, read a second time, and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

6 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill [Money]:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bill), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
   (a) expenditure incurred by the Electoral Commission by virtue of the Act;
   (b) expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of the Act; and
   (c) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable out of money so provided;

2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of—
   (a) salaries, allowances and other benefits payable to or in respect of holders (or former holders) of the office of Electoral Commissioner; and
   (b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable out of that Fund;

3) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Mike Hall).—It was agreed to.

7 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Simon Dolby of the East Kent Gazette and Irene Stock calling for greater protection for the elderly from untrained or unsuitable care workers 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 Mike Hall.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]
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Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

Wednesday 22nd December 1999.

1 Miscellaneous (No. 32, 1999).—Agreement, done at Washington on 29th January 1998, among the Government of Canada, Governments of Member States of the European Space Agency, the Government of Japan, the Government of the Russian Federation, and the Government of the United States of America concerning Cooperation on the Civil International Space Station, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 4552] [Mr Secretary Cook].

2 Miscellaneous (No. 33, 1999).—Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, done at Rome on 17th July 1998, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 4555] [Mr Secretary Cook].

3 Treaty Series (No. 85, 1999).—Amendments, done at London on 19th January 1989, to the Convention and to the Operating Agreement on the International Maritime Satellite Organisation (INMARSAT) [Cm. 4553] [Mr Secretary Cook].

4 Treaty Series (No. 86, 1999).—Amendment, done at Strasbourg on 27th April 1999, to Article 41, paragraph d, of the Statute of the Council of Europe [Cm. 4554] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Wednesday 22nd December 1999.

5 Animals.—Pet Travel Scheme (Pilot Arrangements) (England) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3443), dated 22nd December 1999 [Mr Nicholas Brown].


7 Council Tax.—Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Amendment—Greater London Authority) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3437), dated 21st December 1999 [Mr Secretary Prescott].


   (2) Local Authorities (Funds) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3436),
   dated 21st December 1999 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

10 National Health Service.—(1) Health Development Agency (Establishment and Constitution) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3431), and
   (2) Health Development Agency Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3432),
   dated 21st December 1999 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

11 Pensions.—Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment etc.) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3438), dated 22nd December 1999 [Mr Secretary Prescott].


13 Water Industry.—(1) Water Industry (Charges) (Vulnerable Groups) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3441), and
   (2) Water Industry (Prescribed Conditions) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3442),
   dated 22nd December 1999 [Mr Secretary Prescott].


Thursday 23rd December 1999.


Wednesday 29th December 1999.

15 Telecommunications,—(1) Telecommunications (Interconnection) (Carrier Pre-selection) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3448), and
(2) Telecommunications (Interconnection) (Number Portability, etc.) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3449), dated 23rd December 1999 [Mr Secretary Byers].

Thursday 30th December 1999.

16 Land Registration,—Land Registration (No. 3) Rules 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3462), dated 11th December 1999 [Mr David Lock].

17 London Government,—Local Authorities (Funds) (England) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3459), dated 29th December 1999 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

18 Medicines,—Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Amendment (No. 2) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3463), dated 22nd December 1999 [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Friday 7th January 2000.

20 Housing (Scotland),—Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3), dated 6th January 2000 [Mr Secretary Darling].

21 Social Security,—Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 4), dated 6th January 2000 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

Wednesday 22nd December 1999.

22 United Nations,—(1) Afghanistan (United Nations Sanctions) (Channel Islands) (Amendment) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3317), and

Tuesday 4th January 2000.

23 Police,—Police (Secretary of State’s Objectives) (No. 3) Order 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3424), dated 20th December 1999 [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 10th January 2000:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

24 Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency,—Draft Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (Further Subscription to Capital Stock) Order 1999 [by Act] [Secretary Clare Short].

25 Overseas Development and Co-operation,—(1) Draft African Development Bank (Further Subscription to Capital Stock) Order 1999,
(2) draft African Development Fund (Eighth Replenishment) Order 1999, and
(3) draft International Development Association (Twelfth Replenishment) Order 1999 [by Act] [Secretary Clare Short].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

27 Disabled Persons,—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Croydon Tramlink Class CR4000 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 6), dated 6th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

28 Medicines,—Retailers’ Records for Veterinary Medicinal Products Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 7), dated 7th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

29 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Sefton) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 8), dated 10th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Paper subject to Negative Resolution and also in part to Affirmative Resolution:

30 Census,—Draft Census Order 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

Other Papers:

31 Building Societies,—Accounts of the Building Societies Commission for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 139] [Clerk of the House].

32 Deer (Scotland),—Report and Summary Financial Statement of the Deer Commission for Scotland for 1998–1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

33 Friendly Societies,—Accounts of the Friendly Societies Commission for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 140] [Clerk of the House].

34 Local Government Finance,—Accounts of the Pooling of Non-Domestic Rates and Redistribution to Local Authorities in Wales for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 142] [Clerk of the House].

35 National Loans,—Further Supplementary Statement of Accounts of the Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed, together with the Supplementary Statement of Accounts of the Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund for 1998–99, laid on 16th December [No. 55] [Mr Stephen Timms].


(2) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pay and Allowances) Order 1999, dated 14th December 1999 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

37 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the Petition [8th December] from residents of Angus and others calling for increased rights of access through traffic for the emergency services [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

38 Railways,—Report of the Rail Users’ Consultative Committee for Wales for 1998–1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

39 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the:

1. Herefordshire Education Action Zone,
2. Middlesbrough Education Action Zone,
3. Newcastle Education Action Zone, and
4. North Somerset Education Action Zone for 1998–99, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 136, 143, 138 and 144] [Clerk of the House].

40 Science and Technology,—Accounts of the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 141] [Clerk of the House].

41 Social Security Administration,—Account of Securities held for the National Insurance Fund as at 31st March 1999 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

42 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Accounts of the Commissioner for Protection Against Unlawful Industrial Action for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 137] [Clerk of the House].
43 Training and Enterprise Councils,—Accounts of the Training and Enterprise Councils and Chambers of Commerce, Training and Enterprise in England for 1997–98, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 90] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Paper withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Freedom of Information Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Robert Walter from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Edward Leigh.

[No. 24.]

Tuesday 11th January 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Ceredigion 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 Ceredigion in the room of Cynog Glyndwr Dafis, Esquire, who since his election for the said County Constituency has accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty's Manor of Northstead in the County of York.—(Mr Elfyn Llwyd.)

2 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 18th January.

3 Community Finance Tax Credit,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to introduce a tax credit to encourage investment in community finance institutions to enable development of social enterprise in areas of deprivation; And that Mr Tony Colman, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West) and Mr Tom Brake do prepare and bring it in.

4 Community Finance Tax Credit Bill,—Mr Tony Colman accordingly presented a Bill to introduce a tax credit to encourage investment in community finance institutions to enable development of social enterprise in areas of deprivation: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 44].

5 Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question and add the words 'this House notes that the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill will make the social security system yet more complicated; regrets that the child support formula will reduce the entitlement to child maintenance of many parents with care, believes that the transitional period risks causing further resentment amongst people caught between two child support regimes, deplores the complexity of the Government's proposals for the state second pension; believes that important features of the state second pension are being left for later regulation; and accordingly declines to give the Bill a Second Reading because it represents a missed opportunity on the part of the Government to reform social security'; instead thereof.—(Mr David Willetts.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 180.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Jim Dowd: 340.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (Amendment on second or third reading);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Jim Dowd: 338.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Phil Willis: 43.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

6 Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State for or in connection with the carrying out of his functions under the Act; and

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

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Graham Allen)—It was agreed to.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Allen.)

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 Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government,—Draft Local Government Best Value (Exemption) (England) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Children and Young Persons,—Children (Performances) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 10), dated 10th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

3 Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Harbour Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3445), dated 21st December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Housing,—Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1), dated 6th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Social Services,—Community Care (Direct Payments) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 11), dated 10th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

6 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 11th January 2000, concerning the proposed gifting of surplus military vehicles to the HALO Trust and the Mines Advisory Group [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 Local Government Finance,—Accounts of the Scottish Office Development Department Non-Domestic Rating for 1998-99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 150] [Clerk of the House].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o'clock.

1 Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Jim Dowd.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.45 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Medicinal Product Testing in Children,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the clinical testing and licensing of new medicinal products that are to be used for the treatment of children: And that Mr Andrew Love, Julia Drown, John Austin, Audrey Wise, Mrs Eileen Gordon, Dr Vincent Cable and Mr David Amess do prepare and bring it in.

2 Medicinal Product Testing in Children Bill,—Mr Andrew Love accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the clinical testing and licensing of new medicinal products that are to be used for the treatment of children: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd March and to be printed [Bill 45].

3 Representation of the People Bill,—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (New system of electoral registration).

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 2, line 44, to leave out from the word 'elector' to the end of line 2 on page 3.—(Mr Gerald Kaufman.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Notional residence: declarations of local connection).

Amendment (No. 13) proposed, in page 8, line 23, at the end to insert the words 'and shall be accompanied by at least one item of documentary evidence of the type referred to in subsection (3A) below demonstrating that the declarant is a living person and at least one item of documentary evidence of the type referred to in subsection (3A) below demonstrating that the declarant has resided at the required address, provided that this requirement shall be satisfied by the production of a single item of documentary evidence only, if that item demonstrates both that the declarant is a living person and that he has resided at the required address."

(3A) The items of documentary evidence required for the purposes of subsection (3) shall be any of

(a) a valid United Kingdom passport;
(b) a valid United Kingdom driving licence;
(c) a printed statement from a bank or building society authorised to do business in the United Kingdom and which is dated not more than 28 days before the date of the declaration;
(d) a copy of any of the foregoing certified by a commissioner for oaths;
(e) a letter from an officer of a registered charity active within the parliamentary constituency and which is dated not more than 28 days before the date of the declaration certifying that the declarant is a living person and has resided at the required address;
(f) a letter from the principal officer of a hostel for homeless persons within the parliamentary constituency and which is dated not more than 28 days before the date of the declaration certifying that the declarant is a living person and has resided at the required address,

or such other document as may in the reasonable opinion of the registration officer concerned constitute sufficient evidence of the matters referred to in subsection (3).

(3B) If a person makes a declaration of local connection supported by items of documentary evidence referred to in subsection (3A) and one or more items of that documentary evidence are false, he is guilty of an offence.

(3C) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (3B) is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding Level 5 on the Standard Scale.

(3D) The declaration of any person convicted of an offence under subsection (3B) of this section shall be rendered void upon his conviction.'—(Mr Nigel Evans.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed, in page 8, line 38, at the end to insert the words 'provided that, in determining this, no account shall be taken of time which he spends in any place in the course of employment or of the provision of services for pecuniary reward'.—(Mr Nigel Evans.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 102) proposed, in page 8, line 43, at the end to insert the words 'and the declarant’s previous address'.—(Mr William Ross.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed, in page 9, line 14, at the end to insert the words—

'(7A) If a person knowingly makes a declaration of local connection at a time when there is in existence another declaration of local connection which he has made and which has not been cancelled or rendered void, he is guilty of an offence.

'(7B) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (7A) of this section is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding Level 5 on the Standard Scale.'—(Mr Nigel Evans.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed, in page 9, line 20, at the end to insert the words—

'(10) A declaration of local connection shall be of no effect if that declaration states an address which is an address within a constituency which is not represented by a Member of Parliament at the time when that declaration is received by the registration officer.'—(Mr Nigel Evans.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 56 and 57) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 7 (Service declarations).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Question put and agreed to.

Clause No. 8 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 (Registration: amendments of 1983 Act).

Amendment (No. 85) proposed, in page 18, line 24, at the end, to insert the words—

'(2A) The requirement at subsection (2)(a) above for the inclusion of the name of the person to be registered shall not apply where, in the opinion of the registration officer, inclusion would be prejudicial to the safety of that person.'—(Mr Martin Linton.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 111) proposed, in page 19, line 20, to leave out the word 'October' and to insert the word 'September'.—(Mr William Ross.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 112) proposed, in page 20, line 43, after the word 'publish', to insert the words 'in print and in electronic format'.—(Mr William Ross.)

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

Amendment (No. 58) made.

Another Amendment (No. 44) proposed, in page 21, line 41, at the end, to insert the words—

'(1A) The registration officer shall determine an application for an alteration of the register within a period of three working days from receipt of the application.'—(Mr Harry Barnes.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 59 to 65) made.

Another Amendment (No. 55) proposed, in page 26, line 20, to leave out the word 'authorising' and to insert the word 'requiring'.—(Mr Harry Barnes.)

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

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

The Deputy Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr Mike Hall reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and directed him to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.

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

Thursday 13th January 2000.

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12 midnight.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation,—Civil Aviation (Canadian Navigation Services) (Revocation) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 12), dated 10th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

2 Appropriation Accounts, 1998–99,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Classes:

   (1) III (International Development), and
   (2) X (Culture, Media and Sport)

   for 1998–99 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 11-III and -X] [Mr Stephen Timms].

3 Education,—Paper, entitled Learning to Succeed—Post-16 Funding and Allocations: First Technical Consultation Paper [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
4 National Heritage (Scotland).—Accounts of the National Museums of Scotland for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 155] [Clerk of the House].

5 Standards in Public Life.—Sixth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, Reinforcing Standards: Review of the First Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, Volumes I and II [by Command] [Cm. 4557–I and –II] [The Prime Minister].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Terrorism Bill.—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D, and has appointed Mr George Stevenson and Mr Humfrey Malins Chairmen.

2 Transport Bill:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mr Joe Benton Chairmen; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-five Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Tony Clarke, Mr Geraint Davies, Mr Don Foster, Mr James Gray, Mr Ivan Henderson, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Phil Hope, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Christopher Leslie, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Chris Mullen, Mr Owen Paterson, Mr Michael Portillo, Mr Lawrie Quinn, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr John Smith, Mr Peter Snape, Mr Ian Stewart, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Robert Symms, Ms Claire Ward, Ms Rosie Winterton and Mr Phil Woolas.

3 Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee F, and has appointed Mr William O’Brien and Sir David Madel Chairmen; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-three Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Burden, Mr Paul Burstow, Mrs Janet Dean, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Jim Dobbins, Angela Eagle, Mr Andrew George, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mrs Joan Humble, Ms Fiona Jones, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Edward Leigh, Judy Mallaber, Kalu Mountford, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Jeff Rooker, Mr Chris Ruane, Mr David Stewart, Mr Desmond Swayne, Ms Dari Taylor and Mr Jon Trickett.

4 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee G, and has appointed Mr John Maxton and Mrs Ray Michie Chairmen; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Candy Atherton, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Dominic Greve, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Ms Oona King, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Tom Levitt, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Martin Linton, Mr Andrew Miller, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Paddy Tipping and Mr Robert Walter.

5 Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2000, and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2000:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Norman Baker, Mr Harry Barnes, Mrs Liz Blackman, Tom Cox, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Nick Gibb, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr George Mudie, Mr James Plaskitt, Mr Greg Pope, Joan Ruddock, Mr Nick St Aubyn, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr Andrew Stunell and Mr Derek Twigg.

6 Draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Petroleum Royalty Payments) Order 2000:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Norman Baker, Mr Harry Barnes, Mrs Liz Blackman, Tom Cox, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Nick Gibb, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr George Mudie, Mr James Plaskitt, Mr Greg Pope, Joan Ruddock, Mr Nick St Aubyn, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr Andrew Stunell and Mr Derek Twigg.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Defence White Paper and 1998–99 Performance Report]; to be printed [Nos. 158-i and -ii] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [The Role of Private Companies in the Management and Supply of State Education Services]; to be printed [No. 118-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Rural White Paper]; to be printed [No. 32-iv] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Light Rapid Transit Systems]; to be printed [No. 153-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

4 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Government Resources and Accounts Bill]; to be printed [No. 159-i] [Mr David Davis].

5 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Government’s Cash and Debt Management]; to be printed [No. 154-ii] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 25; WH, No. 12]

Wednesday 12th January 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Nine o’clock.

1 Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.56 p.m.]

[No. 26.]

Thursday 13th January 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Alliance & Leicester plc (Group Reorganisation) Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Alliance & Leicester plc (Group Reorganisation) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

   Bill to be read a third time.

2 Representation of the People Bill,—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

   (In the Committee)

   Clause No. 9 (Restriction on supply of information contained in register).

   Amendment (No. 37) proposed, in page 10, to leave out lines 22 to 35.—(Mr Harry Barnes.)

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

   Another Amendment (No. 87) proposed, in page 10, line 22, to leave out the words ‘a registration officer to prepare’ and insert the words ‘the preparation of’.—(Mr John Greenway.)

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

   Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed, in page 10, line 26, to leave out the words ‘or on behalf of’.—(Mr John Greenway.)

   Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Amendment (No. 21) made.

Another Amendment (No. 91) proposed, in page 10, line 42, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(ab) to supply to any persons registered under the 1998 Data Protection Act copies of the full register and other documents, or prescribed parts of them, on payment of a prescribed fee and for exempt purposes only’.—(Mr John Greenway.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 157.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mrs Anne McGuire: 287.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Pilot schemes).

Amendment (No. 26) proposed, in page 11, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) No local authority shall submit a scheme to the Secretary of State unless it has consulted with electors and other interested persons in its area on the scheme for a period of at least 28 days prior to the submission of the scheme, and the authority shall submit to the Secretary of State any responses received during the consultation period.

(1B) No local authority shall submit a scheme to the Secretary of State unless the scheme has been approved by a meeting of the authority, with at least two-thirds of the members present and voting being in favour of the submission of the scheme to the Secretary of State.’.—(Mr Nigel Evans.)

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

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

‘(2A) Where a scheme under this section makes provision for voting in a particular election to take place on more than one day, it shall be an offence for any person to make public, at any time before all voting in the election concerned has been completed, information which indicates or purports to indicate the way in which two or more persons have cast their votes in that election.

(2B) A person guilty of an offence under subsection (2A) of this section is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding Level 5 on the Standard Scale, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both.’.—(Mr Nigel Evans.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed, in page 12, line 2, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2C) Where a scheme under this section makes provision for voting in a particular election to take place on more than one day or to take place at places other than polling stations, any person voting in the election concerned shall be required, as a condition of voting, to produce at the place of voting at least one item of documentary evidence of that person’s identity.

(2D) The items of documentary evidence required for the purposes of subsection (2C) of this section shall be any of—

(a) a valid United Kingdom passport;

(b) a valid United Kingdom driving licence;

(c) a printed statement from a bank or building society authorised to do business in the United Kingdom dated not more than 28 days before the day on which voting in the election commences;

(d) a copy of any of the foregoing certified by a commissioner for oaths, or such other document as may in the reasonable opinion of the registration officer concerned constitute sufficient evidence of the identity of the person referred to in subsection (2C) of this section.’.—(Mr Nigel Evans.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed, in page 12, line 2, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) No scheme under this section that makes provision for voting on more than one day shall make provision for voting to take place on any Friday, Saturday or Sunday.’.—(Mr Nigel Evans.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Revision of procedures in the light of pilot scheme).

Amendment (No. 66) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 12 agreed to.

Schedule No. 4 (Absent voting in Great Britain).

Amendment (No. 86) proposed, in page 39, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

"Closing date for applications

7A. In paragraph (2) of regulation 69 of the Representation of the People Regulations 1986 (as amended by the Representation of the People (Amendment) Regulations 1997), for the words “5 p.m. on the eleventh day” there shall be substituted the words “noon on the fifth day (in the case of an application received by post), or noon on the second day (in the case of an application made in person)."

—(Mr Martin Linton.)

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

Schedule agreed to.

Clause No. 13 (Assistance with voting for persons with disabilities).

Amendment (No. 28) proposed, in page 14, line 34, at the end, to insert the words—

(1A) After Rule 25 there shall be inserted—

“25A—(1) In the exercise of his functions under Rule 25 above, the returning officer shall have particular regard to the accessibility of polling stations to disabled persons.

(2) The returning officer shall carry out an annual accessibility audit of each polling station, which shall in particular have regard to the matters set out in paragraph (3) below, and shall consult thereon such organisations as appear to him to be representative of disabled persons in his area.

(3) The following points shall (without prejudice to the generality of the assessment) be taken into account in deciding whether a polling station is suitable for use by disabled persons—

(a) the condition of any pathway;
(b) the distance to be covered between the curtilage of the premises in which the polling station is situated and the polling station itself;
(c) the distance from the polling station of car parking for disabled persons;
(d) the height of any kerb, and the option of any temporary ramp;
(e) the height and number of steps, and the option of any permanent or temporary ramp;
(f) the signposting of alternative accessible entrances at the main entrance and all possible approaches;
(g) the space inside the polling station to allow manoeuvring space for wheelchairs;
(h) the levels of lighting;
(i) the floor surface, and if highly polished or slippery, the availability of flat and even floor coverings;
(j) whether doormats and mat-wells are level to the floor;
(k) the width of doorways, height of door-handles, heaviness of door, and its direction of opening;
(l) the availability of hand-rails next to steps;
(m) the right to take a guide-dog into a polling station;
(n) the provision of large and clear print signs; and
(o) the use of colour contrast and markings on step edges.

25B—(1) Following the audit pursuant to Rule 25A(2) above, the returning officer shall designate such polling stations as appear to him suitable for use by disabled persons and shall publish, in at least two newspapers circulating widely in the constituency, a local radio station and otherwise as he considers fit, a list of his designations.

(2) A polling station shall not be so designated unless the returning officer intends to provide at least one wheelchair-accessible polling booth, with a ballot box being placed at a height that a person in a wheelchair can reach unaided; and it shall be the duty of the returning officer to make such provision at each designated polling station.
(3) The returning officer shall take such steps as are necessary to ensure that—
   (a) at least half of the polling stations for which he is responsible shall be so designated within two years of the passing of the Representation of the People Act 2000; and
   (b) all polling stations shall be so designated within five years of the passing of the Representation of the People Act 2000.

(4) Details of the designated status (or otherwise) of a polling station shall be provided by the returning officer on all official poll cards.---(Mr Harry Barnes.)

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

And it being Seven o’clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Mike Hall reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

3 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Representation of the People Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Mike Hall):—It was agreed to.

4 Representation of the People Bill,—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Representation of the People Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 13 (Assistance with voting for persons with disabilities).

Another Amendment (No. 106) proposed, in page 14, line 40, to leave out the word ‘station’, and to insert the word ‘booth’.---(Mr William Ross.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 108) proposed, in page 15, to leave out lines 19 to 21.—(Mr William Ross.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 14 and 15 agreed to.

Clause No. 16 (Citation, construction, commencement and extent).

Amendment (No. 92) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 5 (Minor and consequential amendments).

Amendments (Nos. 93 and 94) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedule No. 6 (Repeals).

Amendments (Nos. 95 to 100) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

A Clause (Special arrangements for registration when election announced)—(Mr Harry Barnes)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Official mark on ballot paper)—(Mr Martin Linton)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Bill, as amended, to be reported.
The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Mike Hall reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, with Amendments. 

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to be considered on Monday next and to be printed [Bill 46].

5 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from:

(1) farmers in the constituency of Brentwood and Ongar and from East Anglia against the removal of slaughter facilities in the over twenty month scheme at Cheale Meats Limited at Brentwood, and

(2) the people of Rugby and others for aid to be directed to education for child labourers,

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

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Allen.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes to Eight o'clock, adjourned till Monday 17th January.

[Adjourned at 7.55 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Plant Health,—Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 22), dated 10th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

Other Papers:

2 Appropriation Accounts, 1998-99,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Class XII (Department of Social Security) for 1998-99 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 86] [Mr Secretary Hoon].


4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Government Response to the Twentieth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 1998–99, on Town and Country Parks [by Command] [Cm. 4550] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Home Office,—Home Office Minute, dated 11th January 2000, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for the Public Safety Radio Communications Project [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Report of the Commissioner for Protection against Unlawful Industrial Action for the period 1st April to 25th October 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The Tobacco Industry and the Health Risks of Smoking]; to be printed [No. 27-iv] [Mr David Hinchcliffe].

[No. 26; WH, No. 13]

Thursday 13th January 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o'clock.

1 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Kevin Hughes);

And it being fifteen minutes to Six o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the sitting lapsed, and the sitting was accordingly adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 18th January.

[Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.]
Monday 17th January 2000.

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.:

City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

2 Opposition Day [2nd 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. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Meeting the Needs of Pensioners,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that an increase of 75p in April 2000 in the rate of the retirement pension would be inadequate—(Steve Webb);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘notes that the Government inherited a situation where increasing numbers of pensioners were living in poverty where, if nothing had been done, one in three people would have retired on to means-tested benefits by the middle of this century; congratulates the Government on the start it has made in dealing with these problems; applauds in particular the introduction of the Minimum Income Guarantee, benefiting one and a half million pensioner households, and welcomes the Government’s commitment to raising it in line with earnings for the rest of this Parliament and to conducting a take-up campaign to ensure that pensioners get what they are entitled to; supports the Government’s commitment to helping pensioners, including the restoration of free eye tests and the new winter fuel payments, which benefit over seven million pensioner households and will be paid every year from now on; welcomes the Government’s commitment to extending further help with pensioners’ needs, including free television licences for people aged 75 or over from next autumn and the extension of concessionary public transport fare schemes; supports the Government’s commitment to letting pensioners benefit more from their savings through the minimum tax guarantee which now means that two thirds of pensioners now pay no income tax; and welcomes the Government’s plans to reform pensions, through the new stakeholder pensions and second state pension, so that everyone who puts in a full life of working or caring will in due course be able to retire on an income above means-tested levels’, instead thereof.—(Mr Jeff Rooker.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Mr Edward Davey: 41.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Greg Pope: 300.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments).—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House notes that the Government inherited a situation where increasing numbers of pensioners were living in poverty and where, if nothing had been done, one in three people would have retired on to means-tested benefits by the middle of this century; congratulates the Government on the start it has made in dealing with these problems; applauds in particular the introduction of the Minimum Income Guarantee, benefiting one and a half million pensioner households, and welcomes the Government’s commitment to raising it in line with earnings for the rest of this Parliament and to conducting a take-up campaign to ensure that pensioners get what they are entitled to; supports the Government’s commitment to helping pensioners, including the restoration of free eye tests and the new winter fuel payments, which benefit over seven million pensioner households and will be paid every year from now on; welcomes the Government’s commitment to extending further help with pensioners’ needs, including free television licences for people aged 75 or over from next autumn and the extension of concessionary public transport fare schemes; supports the Government’s commitment to
letting pensioners benefit more from their savings through the minimum tax guarantee which now means that two thirds of pensioners now pay no income tax; and welcomes the Government’s plans to reform pensions, through the new stakeholder pensions and second state pension, so that everyone who puts in a full life of working or caring will in due course be able to retire on an income above means-tested levels.

Protecting Post Office Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the continuing decline under successive governments in the sub-post office network which is contributing to growing financial exclusion especially among pensioners and other low-income groups; regrets the Government’s intention to press ahead with automated credit transfer from 2003 which will lead to further large scale closures and will deny freedom of choice; and urges the Government to postpone automated credit transfer until the Post Office has developed its own automated platform and, as part of the Universal Service Obligation, require Post Office Counters to maintain a sub-post office network which satisfies broad social and economic as well as narrow financial criteria of viability—(Dr Vincent Cable);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the fact that the Government will be introducing a Bill to modernise the Post Office; notes the contrast with years of Tory inaction, that left the Post Office to decline; welcomes the reduction of the External Financing Limit and the ability to borrow which will boost the Post Office’s ability to invest for the future, welcomes for the first time the clear commitment of the Government to a network throughout the United Kingdom of post offices which will be automated, and to introduce for the first time criteria for access to Post Office services; welcomes the fact that for the first time the Universal Service Obligation will be guaranteed in legislation; welcomes the study by the Performance and Innovation Unit which is looking at the future of the network; and notes that the policies of the Opposition would undoubtedly lead to the decline of the Post Office’, instead thereof.—(Mr Alan Johnson.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Mr Andrew Stunell: 43.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 298.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Bob Russell, Mr Andrew Stunell: 41.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the fact that the Government will be introducing a Bill to modernise the Post Office; notes the contrast with years of Tory inaction, that left the Post Office to decline; welcomes the reduction of the External Financing Limit and the ability to borrow which will boost the Post Office’s ability to invest for the future, welcomes for the first time the clear commitment of the Government to a network throughout the United Kingdom of post offices which will be automated, and to introduce for the first time criteria for access to Post Office services; welcomes the fact that for the first time the Universal Service Obligation will be guaranteed in legislation; welcomes the study by the Performance and Innovation Unit which is looking at the future of the network; and notes that the policies of the Opposition would undoubtedly lead to the decline of the Post Office.

3 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill.—Ordered, That Standing Committee G be discharged from considering Part I (the Electoral Commission) and Part VII (Referendums) of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill and any new Clauses or new Schedules relating to those Parts, and that those Parts of the Bill, and such new Clauses and new Schedules, be committed to a Committee of the whole House.—(Jim Dowd.)

Ordered, 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 from the Standing Committee.—(Jim Dowd.)
4 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.49 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 14th January 2000 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O., No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Treaty Series (No. 87, 1999),—Third Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, Etc., for 1999 [Cm. 4561] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 14th January 2000 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O., No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Broadcasting,—Television Broadcasting Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 54), dated 14th January 2000 [Mr Secretary Smith].
3 Education,—Education (Funding for Teacher Training) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 57), dated 12th January 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers present or laid upon the Table on Monday 17th January 2000:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

5 Immigration,—Draft Immigration (Regularisation Period for Overstayers) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Sea Fisheries,—Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Control Measures) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 51), dated 12th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].
7 Social Security,—Social Security Amendment (Education Maintenance Allowance) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 55), dated 12th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers

8 Appropriation Accounts, 1998–99,—Appropriation Account of sums granted by Parliament for 1998–99 for Class I (Ministry of Defence) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 11-I] [Mr Stephen Timms].
9 Deregulation,—Proposal under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 by the Minister for the Cabinet Office for the Deregulation (Sunday Dancing and Licensing) Order 2000, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Act] [Marjorie Mowlam].
10 Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration,—Twenty-ninth Report of the Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration for 2000–01 [by Command] [Cm. 4562] [The Prime Minister].
11 Investors in People,—Report and Summary Accounts of Investors in People UK for 1998–99 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
12 Nursing Staff, Midwives, Health Visitors and Professions Allied to Medicine,—Seventeenth Reports of the Review Body for Nursing Staff, Midwives, Health Visitors and Professions Allied to Medicine on:
   (1) Nursing Staff, Midwives and Health Visitors, and
   (2) Professions Allied to Medicine
for 2000–01 [by Command] [Cm. 4563 and 4564] [The Prime Minister].
13 Science and Technology,—Accounts of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 165] [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Terrorism Bill.—The Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill, viz.: Mr Russell Brown, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Adam Ingram, Helen Jones, Mr David Lidington, Mr Stephen McCabe, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr David Maclean, Mr Ken Maginnis, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West) and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

2 Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Fiona Jones from Standing Committee F (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Desmond Browne.

3 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Oona King from Standing Committee G (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Davidson.

4 Draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Petroleum Royalty Payments) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Barry Gardiner from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mrs Diana Organ.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—(1) Eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Office of Gas and Electricity Markets: Giving Customers a Choice—The Introduction of Competition into the Domestic Gas Market]; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No.171];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Procurement of Non-Combat Vehicles for the Royal Air Force]; to be printed [No. 172-i]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Management of Medical Equipment in NHS Acute Hospital trusts in England]; to be printed [No. 173-i] [Mr David Davis].

[No. 28.]

Tuesday 18th January 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 United Reformed Church Bill [Lords].—The United Reformed Church Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

2 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Monday 24th January at Seven o’clock.

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

Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act to provide for the regulation of dealers in second-hand goods and the regulation of occasional sales and certain other trading in the County of Kent; and for connected or other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill, intituled, an Act to provide for the regulation of dealers in second-hand goods and the regulation of occasional sales and certain other trading in the borough of Medway; and for connected or other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Kent County Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

5 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Medway Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.
6 Immigration (Port of Entry) (Amendment).—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend entry requirements at air and sea ports to provide three channels of entry, one for European Union citizens, one for subjects of Her Majesty and Her successors and one for others; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Charles Wardle, Mr Ken Maginnis, Mr Joe Ashton, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr Gerald Berrymon, Mrs Ann Winterton, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Owen Paterson, and Mr Andrew Robathan do prepare and bring it in.

7 Immigration (Port of Entry) (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Julian Brazier accordingly presented a Bill to amend entry requirements at air and sea ports to provide three channels of entry, one for European Union citizens, one for subjects of Her Majesty and Her successors and one for others; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 4th February and to be printed [Bill 47].

8 Opposition Day [3rd allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

The Government’s Management of Health Care in the United Kingdom.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House applauds the dedication and commitment of National Health Service staff whose tireless efforts alone have kept the Service going throughout the present crisis; deprecates the Government’s inadequate preparation for predicted winter pressures and Ministers’ complacency and continual unwillingness to accept responsibility for their failures, including withholding information and misuse of statistics; notes the catalogue of mismanagement of the National Health Service by the Government, including the distortion of clinical priorities, reduced patient access to specialist care and its flawed cancer initiative; regrets the Prime Minister’s assertion that there is no alternative to the Government’s existing strategy; and calls on the Government to abandon ideology, put the well-being of patients before political dogma and create a health care system fit for the 21st century with a strengthened National Health Service, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Milburn).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘applauds the dedication and commitment of National Health Service staff for their tireless efforts at all times and in particular during the millennium holiday period and the current severe outbreak of flu; welcomes the Government’s acceptance of the recommendations of National Health Service Pay Review bodies in full and without staging for the second year, in stark contrast to the practice of the previous administration; notes that, between 20th December and last weekend, there were 350,000 999 calls, over 800,000 attendances at Accident and Emergency departments and there have been over 250,000 emergency admissions; recognises the vital role in meeting these pressures played by the unprecedented level of planning for the winter, covering health and social services and the extension of NHS Direct to two-thirds of England; welcomes the measures already taken by this Government to increase the capacity of the National Health Service, including increased provision of critical care beds, the modernisation of Accident and Emergency departments, the biggest ever National Health Service hospital building programme, the employment of additional doctors and the recruitment of more nurses, the cuts in inpatient waiting lists, the extra investment to modernise cancer, coronary and mental health services and the commitment to increased investment in and modernisation of the National Health Service; and rejects the Opposition’s proposals to privatise the National Health Service’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Milburn).—Resolved, That the proposed words be there added, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Stephen Day: 183.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 328.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (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 applauds the dedication and commitment of National Health Service staff for their tireless efforts at all times and in particular during the millennium holiday period and the current severe outbreak of flu; welcomes the Government’s acceptance of the recommendations of National Health Service Pay Review bodies in full and without staging for the second year, in stark contrast to the practice of the previous administration; notes that, between 20th December and last weekend, there were 350,000 999 calls, over 800,000 attendances at Accident and Emergency departments and there have been over 250,000 emergency admissions; recognises the vital role in meeting these pressures played by the unprecedented level of...
planning for the winter, covering health and social services and the extension of NHS Direct to two-thirds of England; welcomes the measures already taken by this Government to increase the capacity of the National Health Service, including increased provision of critical care beds, the modernisation of Accident and Emergency departments, the biggest ever National Health Service hospital building programme, the employment of additional doctors and the recruitment of more nurses, the cuts in inpatient waiting lists, the extra investment to modernise cancer, coronary and mental health services and the commitment to increased investment in and modernisation of the National Health Service; and rejects the Opposition’s proposals to privatisate the National Health Service.

Cost and Accountability of Central Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House takes note of the increase in running costs of central Government and rising waste in public expenditure; regrets that this means resources are not reaching front-line public services; regrets that the Government seeks to deflect criticism of their failure to deliver improvements in public services onto public servants; notes the doubling in the number of paid political advisers; and deplores the Government’s reliance on spin-doctoring and bureaucracy in place of support for public services—(Mr Andrews Lansley); 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, compared to the previous administration, the costs of central Government have not risen in real terms and have indeed fallen, supports the progress made by this Government in cleaning up politics and rebuilding the bond of trust with the British people, broken through the failures of the previous administration, welcomes the Government’s actions to improve democratic accountability, endorses the inclusive approach to policymaking of the Modernising Government agenda, which involves more people from all walks of life, welcomes the improvement in standards in public life, and agrees with the Sixth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life that “special advisers have a valuable role to play”—(Marjorie Mowlam).

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Stephen Day: 179.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Kevin Hughes: 331.

The Question was negatived.

And the Question, that the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Mike Hall: 327.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr John Randall: 162.

The House divided.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House notes that, compared to the previous administration, the costs of central Government have not risen in real terms, and have indeed fallen, supports the progress made by this Government in cleaning up politics and rebuilding the bond of trust with the British people, broken through the failures of the previous administration; welcomes the Government’s actions to improve democratic accountability, endorses the inclusive approach to policymaking of the Modernising Government agenda, which involves more people from all walks of life, welcomes the improvement in standards in public life, and agrees with the Sixth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life that ‘special advisers have a valuable role to play’.

7 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), that, at this day’s sitting, the Motion on the Line of Route may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o’clock.—(Jim Dowd)—It was agreed to.

8 Line of Route.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House approves the First Report from the Administration Committee on the Revised Framework for Reopening the Line of Route during the Summer Adjournment (House of Commons Paper No. 98)—(Mrs Marion Roe);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr William Ross, Dr Nick Palmer: 78.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Christopher Chope: 4.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Environmental Audit Committee,—Ordered, That Mr Laurence Robertson be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Sir Richard Body be added to the Committee.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

10 Select Committee on Public Administration,—Ordered, That Mr Nicholas Soames be discharged from the Select Committee on Public Administration and Mr John Townend be added to the Committee.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

11 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from Robert Hannington and others calling for pressure to be placed on the Burmese Government to prevent the persecution of Christians was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

12 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Robert Ainsworth);

Wednesday 19th January 2000.

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 12.09 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Cinemas and Films,—Draft Films (Modification of the Definition of “British Film”) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

2 Ecclesiastical Law,—Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 63), dated 17th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 National Health Service,—(1) Health Act 1999 (Supplementary, Consequential etc. Provisions) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 90), and

(2) Primary Care Trusts (Membership, Procedure and Administration Arrangements) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 89),

dated 18th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Other Papers:

6 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 12th January 2000, concerning the indemnification of works of art lent to the British Council for exhibitions to be held in a number of overseas locations during the first half of 2000-01 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Cook].

7 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the Petition [13th December] from residents of Mid-Bedfordshire against the sale of Long Meadow Farm in Chalton, Bedfordshire, to the Exodus Collective [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

8 Road Traffic Reduction,—Report, entitled Tackling Congestion and Pollution: The Government’s first report under the Road Traffic Reduction (National Targets) Act 1998 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Segregation of GM Foods]; to be printed [No. 71-iv]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Environmental Regulation and Farming; Segregation of GM Foods; UK Beef Exports]
   [Mr Peter Luff].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Wembley National Stadium]; to be printed [No. 164-i][Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Environmental Audit,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Pre-budget Report 1999]; to be printed [No. 76-iv]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Sustainable Development Strategy]; to be printed [No. 175]
   [Mr John Horam].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Environment Agency]; to be printed [No. 34-iv];
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Environment Sub-Committee [The Audit Commission]; to be printed [No. 174-II]
   [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Kosovo]; to be printed [No. 28-ii][Mr Donald Anderson].

6 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Innovations in Citizen Participation in Government]; to be printed [No. 79-vi][Dr Tony Wright].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-vi][Mr David Tredinnick].

8 Trade and Industry,—(1) Second Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Observations on the Fourteenth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, Session 1998–99, on The Draft Electronic Communications Bill]; to be printed [No. 168]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Pre-Budget Scrutiny: Fiscal Proposals]; to be printed [No. 51-iv]
   [Mr Martin O’Neill].

9 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Private Finance Initiative]; to be printed [No. 147-ii][Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 28; WH, No. 14]

Tuesday 18th January 2000.
The House Sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].
The Sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

1 Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Don Touhig)
And accordingly the Sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Alliance & Leicester plc (Group Reorganisation) Bill [Lords].—The Alliance & Leicester plc (Group Reorganisation) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

2 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 Alliance & Leicester plc (Group Reorganisation) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

3 Community Protection (Airport Noise and Pollution).—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require airport operators to reduce operational noise and pollution levels in consultation with local authorities and communities near airports; to enable local authorities to enforce noise and pollution mitigation agreements; to involve communities near airports in the shaping of balanced planning frameworks controlling the operation of those airports; and for related purposes: And that David Taylor, Mrs Liz Blackman, Mr Colin Burgon, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mrs Janet Dean, Paul Flynn, Judy Mallaber, Mr John McDonnell, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Andrew Reed, Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West) and Mr Mark Todd do prepare and bring it in.

4 Community Protection (Airport Noise and Pollution) Bill,—David Taylor accordingly presented a Bill to require airport operators to reduce operational noise and pollution levels in consultation with local authorities and communities near airports; to enable local authorities to enforce noise and pollution mitigation agreements; to involve communities near airports in the shaping of balanced planning frameworks controlling the operation of those airports; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 48].

5 Representation of the People Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Representation of the People Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Regulations under Schedule 2 to the 1983 Act)—(Mr John Greenway)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, to leave out lines 26 to 31.—(Mr David Maclean.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 46) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, to leave out lines 7 to 9. —(Mr David Maclean.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed, in page 8, line 43, at the end to insert the words—

‘(5A) Where the declarant falls into the category of person mentioned in subsection 2(c) above, the declaration of local connection must state that the declarant has spent a substantial part of his time (whether during the day or at night) in the parliamentary constituency (or, if the declaration is made for the purpose of local government elections only under the provisions of subsection (6) below, the local government electoral area) during the whole of the period of three months ending on the date of the declaration.’—(Mr Nigel Evans.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

6 Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for Second Reading of the Fur Farming Prohibition Bill;

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

7 Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for Second Reading of the Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.
8 Administration.—Ordered, That Jane Kennedy be discharged from the Administration Committee and Mr Mike Hall be added to the Committee.—(Mr Keith Bradley, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Competition,—(1) Draft Competition Act 1998 (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Order 2000, and
(2) draft Competition Act 1998 (Land and Vertical Agreements Exclusion) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

2 Clean Air,—Report, entitled The Air Quality Strategy for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. Working Together for Clean Air [by Command] [Cm. 4548] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Competition Commission,—Reports by the Competition Commission on the—
(1) merger situation between CHC Helicopter Corporation and Helicopter Services Group ASA, and
(2) proposed merger of Alcan Aluminium-Veredlung GmbH & Co and Metallocxyd Ano-Coil Ltd [by Command] [Cm. 4556 and 4545] [Mr Secretary Byers].

4 National Insurance,—Report by the Government Actuary on the financial effects on the National Insurance Fund of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill 1999 [by Command] [Cm. 4573] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft African Development Bank (Further Subscription to Capital Stock) Order 1999, the draft African Development Fund (Eighth Replenishment) Order 1999, the draft International Development Association (Twelfth Replenishment) Order 1999 and the draft Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (Further Subscription to Capital Stock) Order 1999:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Tom Clarke, Mr George Foulkes, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Win Griffiths, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Nigel Jones, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Richard Page, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Martin Salter, Sir Michael Spicer, Mr Gary Streeter, Dr Jenny Tonge, Mr Dennis Turner and Audrey Wise.

2 Draft Local Government Best Value (Exemption) (England) Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr David Amess, Mr David Atkinson, Mr Peter Atkinson, Ms Hazel Blears, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Ms Beverley Hughes, Mr Nigel Jones, Ms Sally Keeble, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Neil Turner, Mr Nigel Waterson and Mr Shaun Woodward.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Special Grant Report to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has appointed sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr David Borrow, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Stephen Day, Mr David Faber, Mr Eric Forth, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr David Kidney, Mr Tom Levitt, Mr David Lidington, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Tony McNulty, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Peter Snape, Mr Paul Stinchcombe and Mr Paul Truswell.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Defence White Paper and 1998–99 Performance Report]; to be printed [Nos. 158-iii and-iv][Mr Bruce George].

2 European Scrutiny.—Fifth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-v][Mr Jimmy Hood].

3 Northern Ireland Affairs.—(1) First Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Non-Departmental Public Bodies 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. 179]; and

   (2) First Special Report from the Committee [Devolution and the Work of the Committee]; to be printed [No. 178]
   [Mr Peter Brooke].

4 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Child Support Agency Client Funds Account 1998-99]; to be printed [No. 184-i] [Mr David Davis].

5 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Proposed Synchrotron Facility]; to be printed [No. 82-ii][Dr Michael Clark].

6 Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Work of BBC Scotland and the Broadcasting Council for Scotland]; to be printed [No. 176-i] [Mr David Marshall].

7 Social Security.—(1) First Report from the Social Security Committee [The Power to Incur Expenditure under Section 82 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 180];

   (2) First Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 1998–99, on The Social Security Implications of Parental Leave]; to be printed [No. 181];

   (3) Second Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 1998–99, on The Modernisation of Social Security Appeals]; to be printed [No. 182]; and

   (4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Medical Services]; to be printed [No. 183-i]
   [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 29; WH, No. 15]

Wednesday 19th January 2000

The House Sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The Sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

1 Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Don Touhig)

   And accordingly the Sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.56 p.m.]
Thursday 20th January 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2000 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2000.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Petroleum Royalty Payments) Order 2000.

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

3 Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill be printed [Bill 31–EN].

4 Utilities Bill,—Mr Secretary Byers, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Secretary Darling and Mrs Helen Liddell, presented a Bill to provide for the establishment and functions of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, the Gas and Electricity Consumer Council, the Telecommunications Authority, the Telecommunications Consumer Council, the Water Advisory Panel and the Consumer Council for Water; to amend the legislation regulating the telecommunications, gas, electricity and water industries; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 24th January and to be printed [Bill 49].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Utilities Bill be printed [Bill 49–EN].

5 Analysis of Costs and Benefits (European Union Membership) Bill,—Mr Michael Fabricant presented a Bill to establish a Parliamentary Commission to investigate and report to Parliament on the costs and benefits of the United Kingdom’s membership of the European Union: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 50].

6 Representation of the People Bill (Allocation of Time),—Ordered. That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Representation of the People Bill—

Timetable

1. The remaining proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Bill shall be completed at this day’s sitting and shall be brought to a conclusion, if not previously concluded, four hours after the commencement of the proceedings on this Motion.

Questions to be put

2.—(1) For the purpose of bringing proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1 the Speaker shall put forthwith 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.

(2) On a Motion made for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(3) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under sub-paragraph (1)(c) on amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.

Miscellaneous

3. Proceedings under paragraph 2 above shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to sittings of the House; and Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on the Bill.
4. If at this day’s sitting proceedings on a Motion for the Adjournment of the House would, by virtue of Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration), commence at a time when proceedings on the Bill are in progress, the proceedings on the Motion shall be postponed to the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill.

5. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply in relation to the Bill.

6. No Motion shall be made, except by a Minister of the Crown, to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken or to recommit the Bill, and if a Minister makes any such Motion, the Question on the Motion shall be put forthwith.

7. No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to the Bill except by a Minister of the Crown; and if a Minister makes any such Motion, the Question on the Motion shall be put forthwith.

8. 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 Standing Order No. 15(1) shall apply to those proceedings.

9. If at the sitting this day the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the conclusion of the proceedings on this Motion or on the Bill, 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.—(Mr Mike O’Brien.)

7 Representation of the People Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Representation of the People Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 43, at the end to insert the words—

‘(5A) Where the declarant falls into the category of person mentioned in subsection 2(c) above, the declaration of local connection must state that the declarant has spent a substantial part of his time (whether during the day or at night) in the parliamentary constituency (or, if the declaration is made for the purpose of local government elections only under the provisions of subsection (6) below, the local government electoral area) during the whole of the period of three months ending on the date of the declaration.’

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

Another Amendment (No. 28) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) Where a scheme makes provision for voting to take place on more than one day, any order under subsection (1) above shall include provisions that prohibit the publication of such material as may be specified that indicates or purports to indicate the way in which two or more persons voting prior to the day of the poll (or, if more than one day is designated as a day of the poll, to the last day so designated) have cast their votes.’—(Mr Nigel Evans.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed to the Bill, in Page 12, line 4, at the end to insert the words—

‘(2B) No scheme which makes provision for voting to take place on more than one day and which makes provision for voting to take place on either Saturday or Sunday shall be submitted to or approved by the Secretary of State unless it makes provision for voting to take place on both days.’—(Mr Nigel Evans.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 26) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 10, to leave out Clause No. 11.—(Mr Eric Forth.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed to the Bill, in page 19, to leave out lines 45 to 50 and to insert the words—

‘(7) Each registration officer may, as he thinks fit, conduct an enquiry or canvass in relation to part or all of an electoral register at any time, notwithstanding sub-section (1) of this section.’, instead thereof.—(Mr Nigel Evans.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 39) proposed to the Bill, in page 22, line 22, at the end, to insert the words ‘, unless it is made as a result of a notice issued pursuant to subsection (1)(e) above’, instead thereof.—(Mr Harry Barnes.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 40) proposed to the Bill, in page 34, line 48, after the first word ‘of’, to insert the words ‘his attendance at an educational establishment, or’, instead thereof.—(Mr Harry Barnes.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 42) proposed to the Bill, in page 36, line 1, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) Where an application is granted under sub-paragraph (1) or (2), it shall be deemed to be an application to vote at all elections held on that day’, instead thereof.—(Mr Harry Barnes.)

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

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time.

It being four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Representation of the People Bill (Allocation of Time), the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [this day].

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

8 Adjournment (Braithwaite Report),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Archy Kirkwood);

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

9 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the Adjournment of the House may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Jim Dowd)—It was agreed to.

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

11 Disqualifications Bill,—Ordered, That, in respect of the Disqualifications 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.—(Jim Dowd.)

12 Select Committee on Public Administration,—Ordered, That Mr Peter Bradley be discharged from the Select Committee on Public Administration and Mr David Lepper be added to the Committee.—(Jim Dowd.)

13 Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Ordered, That Mr David Drew be discharged from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons and David Taylor be added to the Committee.—(Jim Dowd.)

14 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the National Farmers’ Union calling for legislation concerning the labelling of food as British was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment (Small Firms),—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes past Eight o’clock, adjourned till Monday 24th January.

[Adjourned at 8.05 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Cremation,—Cremation (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 58), dated 13th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Education,—Nursery Education (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 107), dated 19th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Other Papers:

5 House of Lords,—Report of the Royal Commission on the Reform of the House of Lords: A House for the Future, together with accompanying CD-ROM including electronic version of the report, written evidence, background papers and transcripts of public hearings [by Command] [Cm. 4534] [The Prime Minister].

6 Radiological Protection,—Report and Accounts of the National Radiological Protection Board for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 49) on the 1999–2000 Special Grant for Kosovan Evacuees (House of Commons Paper No. 115),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Kidney and Mr Peter Snape from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Special Grant Report), and nominated in substitution Mrs Linda Gilroy and Mr Mark Todd.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Rural White Paper]: to be printed [No. 32-v]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Proposed Urban White Paper]: to be printed [No. 185-II]
[Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The Tobacco Industry and the Health Risks of Smoking]: to be printed [No. 27-v] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

[No. 30; WH, No. 16]

Thursday 20th January 2000.

The House Sitting in Westminster Hall pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999.

The Sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

1 Adjournment (Small firms),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.——(Jim Dowd.)
And accordingly the Sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 25th January.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 Government Resources and Accounts Bill,—Mr John Butterfill reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Government Resources and Accounts Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 51].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 187].

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

   Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the Army Act 1955, the Air Force Act 1955 and the Naval Discipline Act 1957 in relation to custody, the right to elect court-martial trial and appeals against findings made or punishments awarded on summary dealing or summary trial; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords],—The Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 53].

   Explanatory Notes relating to the Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords] to be printed [Bill 53–EN].

4 Disqualifications Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Disqualifications Bill;

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

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr David Jamieson: 300.


   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. 63 (Committal of bills), That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House—(Mr George Howarth):—It was agreed to.

   Committee to-morrow.

5 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

   A Clause (Statement of compatibility with the European Convention on Human Rights)—(Mr Andrew Mackinlay)—brought up and read the first time.

   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

   Mr Peter Brooke 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 Desmond Swayne, Sir Peter Emery: 137.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Peter Bradley: 68.

   So the Question was agreed to.

   And the Question being accordingly put, That the Clause be read a second time;

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Bradley, Mr Harry Cohen: 81.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Sir Peter Emery: 120.

   And it being after Ten o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

   Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 2nd February.
6 Contracting Out,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Petroleum Royalty Payments) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 16th December, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts):—It was agreed to.

7 Employment and Training,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 16th December, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts):—It was agreed to.

8 Employment and Training,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 16th December, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts):—It was agreed to.

9 Adjournment (February),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Tuesday 22nd February, do adjourn till Monday 28th February 2000—(Mr Clive Betts):—It was agreed to.

10 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Stephen Hesford be discharged from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Mr Tony Clarke be added to the Committee.—(Mr Clive Betts, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Clive Betts.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.32 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 21st January 2000 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O., No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Customs and Excise,—Paper, comprising the Export of Goods (Control) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 109), dated 19th January 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 South Africa (No. 1, 2000),—Agreement, done at Cape Town on 27th August 1997, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of South Africa regarding Mutual Administrative Assistance between their Customs Administrations, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 4570] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 24th January 2000:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


4 Education,—Draft Foundation Subject (Amendment) (England) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft African Development Bank (Further Subscription to Capital Stock) Order 1999, the draft African Development Fund (Eighth Replenishment) Order 1999, the draft International Development Association (Twelfth Replenishment) Order 1999 and the draft Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (Further Subscription to Capital Stock) Order 1999.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jon Owen Jones from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Harry Barnes.

2 Draft Local Government Best Value (Exemption) (England) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Shaun Woodward from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Peter Bradley.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture.—Second Report from the Agriculture Committee [The Marketing of Milk], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 36] [Mr Peter Lafl].

2 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Vehicle Emissions Testing]; to be printed [No. 189-i] [Mr David Davis].

[No. 32.]

Tuesday 25th January 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

2 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.—A Bill to restore land at and in the vicinity of the Greenham and Crookham Commons as common land open to the public; to make provision for the conservation of the natural beauty of that land; to grant public access over that land in perpetuity and to make provision with respect to that public access; to restore and extend commoners’ rights over that land; to constitute the Greenham and Crookham Common Commission for the management of that land; to confer powers on the West Berkshire District Council and on that Commission with respect to that land; and for connected and other purposes, was the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

3 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—A Bill to amend provisions of the County of Merseyside Act 1980 relating to the levy and revision of tolls for use of the Mersey Tunnels; to amend that Act so that the Merseyside Passenger Transport Authority has power to enter into concession agreements for the management, operation and maintenance of those tunnels and to transfer functions and lease land and other property for that purpose; and to amend that Act for connected purposes, was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time.
4 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Barry Jones reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft African Development Bank (Further Subscription to Capital Stock) Order 1999, the draft African Development Fund (Eighth Replenishment) Order 1999, the draft International Development Association (Twelfth Replenishment) Order 1999 and the draft Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (Further Subscription to Capital Stock) Order 1999.

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

5 Parental Authority.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to allow parents to use reasonable force or chastisement when exercising authority over their children—(Mr Andrew Robathan);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (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 Desmond Swayne, Mr Nick St. Aubyn: 48.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Tony McWalter: 118.

So the Question was negatived.

6 Electronic Communications Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Electronic Communications Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Country of origin)—(Mr Nick St. Aubyn)—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 2, line 7, at the end, to insert the words—

'(1A) In order to grant an approval the Secretary of State must be satisfied that that person—

(a) will comply, in providing the services in respect of which he is approved, with such technical and other requirements as may be prescribed;

(b) is a person in relation to whom such other requirements as may be prescribed are, and will continue to be, satisfied;

(c) is, and will continue to be, able and willing to comply with any requirements that the Secretary of State is proposing to impose by means of conditions of the approval; and

(d) is otherwise a fit and proper person to be approved in respect of those services.

(1B) Regulations made by virtue of paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1A) may frame a requirement for the purposes of that subsection by reference to the opinion of a person specified in the regulations, or of a person chosen in a manner determined in accordance with the regulations'.—(Mr Alan Duncan.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 1, to leave out subsection (2) and to insert the words—

' (2) References in this Part to the provision of cryptography support services exclude the supply of computer hardware or software, or the right to use them, except where that supply is an integral part of cryptography support services supplied by the same provider', instead thereof.—(Mr Alan Duncan.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 13, 14 and 1 to 3) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 37, to leave out the words 'deposit a key for electronic data with', and to insert the words 'render electronic data intelligible to the satisfaction of', instead thereof.—(Mr Alan Duncan.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
7 Disqualifications Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Disqualifications Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Amendment of section 1(1)(e) of the Disqualification Acts).

Amendment (No. 10) proposed, in page 1, line 5, at the beginning, to insert the words 'Subject to section (Commencement of Act to be conditional on progress in implementing decommissioning),'.—(Mr Andrew MacKay.)

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 Gerry Sutcliffe 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. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Disqualifications Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Kevin Hughes: 299.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Peter Atkinson: 156.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Disqualifications Bill.—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Disqualifications Bill.

(In the Committee)

Amendment (No. 10) proposed, in page 1, line 5, at the beginning, to insert the words 'Subject to section (Commencement of Act to be conditional on progress in implementing decommissioning),'.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Stephen Day: 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mrs Anne McGuire: 271.

Another Amendment (No. 32) proposed, in page 1, line 9, after the word ‘Ireland), to add the words—

‘provided that, in respect of Ireland, a person who is or has been a member of a proscribed organisation within the meaning of the Terrorism Act 2000 and who has not disavowed terrorism within the meaning given to that expression by that Act before taking his or her seat in the said House or Assembly shall be disqualified from membership of the House of Commons and the Northern Ireland Assembly’.—(Mr William Cash.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Douglas Hogg, Mr Eric Forth: 19.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mrs Anne McGuire: 280.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to add the words—

‘(2A) This section shall come into force on a day to be appointed by an order made by the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of State shall not make such an order unless he has previously laid before both Houses of Parliament a statement in relation to the Belfast Agreement (Cm. 3883), stating that in his opinion and in the opinion of all parties to that Agreement all aspects of the Agreement have been implemented.

(2B) No order shall be made under subsection (2A) unless a draft of the order has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.’—(Mr Eric Forth.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Peter Atkinson: 118.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Graham Allen: 282.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to add the words—

'(2A) This section shall come into force on a day to be appointed by an order made by the Secretary of State; and the Secretary of State shall not make such an order unless he is satisfied that Members of the House of Lords and the House of Commons are qualified for membership of either House of the legislature of the Republic of Ireland.'.—(Mr Eric Forth.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Michael Fabricant: 13.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Clive Betts, Jim Dowd: 243.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to add the words—

'(3) At the end insert “is a Minister in the government of any country or territory outside the United Kingdom, or”.'.—(Mr William Ross.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Roy Beggs: 25.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Don Touhig: 224.

The Chairman, being of the opinion that the principle of the Clause and any matters arising thereon had been adequately discussed in the course of debate on the Amendments proposed thereto, put forthwith the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 68 (Debate on clause or schedule standing part), That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Don Touhig: 221.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Roy Beggs: 24.

Clause No. 2 (Disqualification for Ministerial office in Northern Ireland).

Amendment (No. 21) proposed, in page 1, line 13, after the word ‘Minister’, to insert the words ‘Presiding Officer or Deputy Presiding Officer’.—(Mr William Ross.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr William Thompson: 33.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Clive Betts: 202.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 1, line 16, at the end, to insert the words ‘or a member of either House of the legislature of the Republic of Ireland’.—(Mr Eric Forth.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr David Maclean: 13.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Kevin Hughes: 234.

The Chairman, being of opinion that the principle of the Clause and any matters arising thereon had been adequately discussed in the course of debate on the Amendments proposed thereto, put forthwith the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 68 (Debate on clause or schedule standing part), That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 228.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr David Maclean: 22.

Clause No. 3 (Consequential repeal).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Jim Dowd: 318.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Maclean, Mr Peter Bottomley: 16.
Clause No. 4 agreed to.

A Clause (Disqualification from ministerial office in United Kingdom)—(Mr William Ross)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Jim Dowd: 318.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Maclean, Mr Peter Bottomley: 16.
Clause No. 4 agreed to.

A Clause (Disqualification from ministerial office in United Kingdom)—(Mr William Ross)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Jim Dowd: 318.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Maclean, Mr Peter Bottomley: 16.
Clause No. 4 agreed to.

A Clause (Disqualification from ministerial office in United Kingdom)—(Mr William Ross)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Geo Clifton-Brown: 173.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 309.

Another Clause (Salaries)—(Mr William Ross)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr William Ross, Mr Geo Clifton-Brown: 139.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Don Touhig: 337.

Bill to be reported.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be read the third time;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Don Touhig: 326.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Peter Atkinson: 141.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

10 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Ordered, That the Transnational Information and Consultation of Employees Regulations 1999 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

11 Census,—Ordered, That:—
1. the draft Census Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 10th January, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
2. if, after the Committee has reported the Instrument to the House, the Motion in the name of Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to the draft Order is made, the Speaker shall put forthwith—
   (i) the Questions on any amendments to the Motion which she has selected and which may then be moved, and
   (ii) the Question on the Motion, or on the Motion as amended;
and such questions may be decided at any hour, though opposed.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

12 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Local Government Best Value (Exemption) (England) Order 2000.

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

13 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 49) on the 1999/2000 Special Grant for Kosovan Evacuees (House of Commons Paper No. 115).

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

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes to Eight o’clock on Wednesday evening, adjourned till to-morrow.

Adjourned at 7.51 p.m.
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 25th January 2000:

1 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Government Response to the Sixteenth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 1998–99, on Multilateral Environmental Agreements [by Command] [Cm. 4577] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Social Security (Administration).—Account of the Social Fund for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 191] [Clerk of the House].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Wednesday 26th January 2000:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

4 Appropriation Accounts, 1998–99.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Class IX (Education and Employment) for 1998–99 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 11-IX] [Mr Stephen Timms].

5 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 1998–99, on Staging International Sporting Events [by Command] [Cm. 4575] [Mr Secretary Smith].

6 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Army Base Storage and Distribution Agency for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 166] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions Departmental Minute, dated 20th January 2000, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the proposed indemnification of ship owners or operators under the NATO Marine War Risks Insurance Scheme [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


9 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1998–99 [by Command] [Cm. 4576] [Mr Stephen Timms].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jim Cunningham an additional Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Immigration (Regularisation Period for Overstayers) Regulations 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Jackie Ballard, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Michael Foster, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Alan Keen, Mr David Kidney, Mr Tom Levitt, Mr David Lidington, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Martin Salter, Dr Phyllis Starkey, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, Sir Raymond Whitney and Mr David Wilshire.

3 Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: John Austin, Mr. A. J. Beith, Mr Harold Best, Mrs Ann Cryer, Jim Dowd, Mr Frank Field, Mr Alan Howarth, Ms Jenny Jones, Jim Dowd, Mr Alan Meale, Mr John Randall, Mr Andrew Reed, Miss Geraldine Smith, Mr Richard Spring, Mr Ian Taylor and Mr Andrew Tyrie.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jim Cunningham Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Norman Baker, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Ben Chapman, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr Clive Efford, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Nick Gibb, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Mr John Horam, Dr Kim Howells, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Tom Pendry, Mr Greg Pope and Mr Tony Worthington.

6 Draft Local Government Best Value (Exemption) (England) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Hazel Blears and Mr Doug Henderson from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mrs Llin Golding and Mr Jon Owen Jones.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Reports made on Tuesday 25th January:

1 Deregulation,—First Special Report from the Deregulation Committee [Government Response to the First Special Report from the Committee, Session 1998–99 on the Future of the Deregulation Procedure]; to be printed [No. 177] [Mr Peter L. Pike].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [the Audit Commission]; to be printed [No. 174-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 Foreign Affairs,—First Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Annual Report on Human Rights 1999] together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 41] [Mr Donald Anderson].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [the Double Jeopardy Rule]; to be printed [No. 190-i] [Mr Robin Corbett].

5 Statutory Instruments,—Seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-vii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

6 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Work of Ofgem]; to be printed [No. 193-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

Reports made on Wednesday 26th January:

1 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Employability and Jobs: Is there a Jobs Gap?/New Deal]; to be printed [No. 60-iv] [Mr Derek Foster].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [UK Climate Change Programme]; to be printed [No. 194-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Light Rapid Transit Systems]; to be printed [No. 153-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].
3 European Scrutiny,—Sixth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-vi][Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Public Expenditure—Inward Investment in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 198-i][Mr Peter Brooke].

5 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Medical Services]; to be printed [No. 183-ii][Mr Archy Kirkwood].

6 Trade and Industry,—(1) Third Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Further Government Observations on the Fourteenth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, Session 1998–99, on The Draft Electronic Communications Bill]; to be printed [No. 199]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Application for Support from ECGD for UK participation in the Ilisu Dam Project]; to be printed [No. 200-i][Mr Martin O’Neill].

7 Treasury,—(1) First Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Committee, Session 1998–99, on The Valuation Office Agency]; to be printed [No. 197]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Private Finance Initiative]; to be printed [No. 147-iii][Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 32; WH, No. 17]
Tuesday 25th January 2000.
The House Sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].
The Sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

1 Adjournment,—Resolved, That the Sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)
And accordingly the Sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 12.59 p.m.]

[No. 32; WH, No. 18]
Wednesday 26th January 2000.
The House Sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].
The Sitting commenced at four minutes to Ten o’clock.

1 Adjournment,—Resolved, That the Sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Clelland.)
And accordingly the Sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 1.57 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Baxi Partnership Limited Trusts Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Baxi Partnership Limited Trusts Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.
   Amendments made to the Bill.
   Bill to be read the third time.

2 Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar (Eriskay Causeway) Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr Secretary Reid presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under Section 7 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar (Eriskay Causeway): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be considered on Wednesday 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 52].

3 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 Bills, originating in the Lords and referred after the First Readings thereof, no Standing Order not previously enquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:
   Kent County Council Bill [Lords]
   Medway Council Bill [Lords]
   Bills to be read a second time.

4 Immigration (Port of Entry) (Amendment) Bill.—The Order for reading the Immigration (Port of Entry) (Amendment) Bill a second time on Friday 4th February was read and discharged.
   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

5 Fire Prevention Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Fire Prevention Bill be printed [Bill 28–EN].

6 Postal Services Bill,—Mr Secretary Byers, supported by Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Milburn, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Reid, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Secretary Mandelson, and Mr Alan Johnson, presented a Bill to establish the Postal Services Commission and the Consumer Council for Postal Services; to provide for the licensing of certain postal services and for a universal postal service; to provide for the vesting of the property, rights and liabilities of the Post Office in a company nominated by the Secretary of State and for the subsequent dissolution of the Post Office; to make further provision in relation to postal services; 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 54].
   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Postal Services Bill be printed [Bill 54–EN].

7 Financial Services and Markets Bill,—Ordered, That the Financial Services and Markets Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, Amendments to Schedule 1 relating to the separation of the roles of chairman and chief executive of the Financial Services Authority; Amendments to paragraph 7 of that Schedule requiring the complaints scheme to make provision for complaints to be investigated quickly; Amendments to paragraph 8 of that Schedule; Amendments to paragraph 19 of that Schedule; New Clauses relating to the legal assistance scheme; New Clauses relating to reports by the Director General of Fair Trading; New Clauses relating to restrictions on powers of Treasury; New Clauses relating to conduct by the Authority of reviews of rules made under Part IX; New Clauses relating to judicial review; Amendments to Clause 52; Amendments to Clause 10; remaining amendments to Clauses; New Schedules; remaining amendments to Schedules.—(Miss Melanie Johnson.)

8 Financial Services and Markets (Ways and Means) (No. 2).—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Financial Services and Markets Bill, it is expedient to authorise—
   (a) the imposition of charges to income tax and corporation tax by provisions of that Act relating to the treatment for the purposes of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 of payments made to any person as a result of any provision made by the Financial Services Authority for the distribution of money repaid to it by the Lord Chancellor in respect of the legal assistance scheme;
9 Financial Services and Markets Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Financial Services and Markets Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 196, line 24, at the end, to insert the words—

"(aa) a chief executive; and'.—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 480) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 32) proposed to the Bill, in page 198, line 36, at the end, to insert the words '; and

(iv) to recommend to the Authority the award of such sum as appears to him to be fair and reasonable in all the circumstances of the case in relation to any maladministration by the Authority.'.—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr John Randall: 141.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Greg Pope: 267.

Other Amendments (Nos. 457 to 441) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 53) proposed to the Bill, in page 201, line 39, after the word 'faith', to insert the words 'or due to recklessness'.—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

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

A Clause (Legal assistance scheme)—(Mr Stephen Timms)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Provisions of the legal assistance scheme)—(Mr Stephen Timms)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Funding of the legal assistance scheme)—(Mr Stephen Timms)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Tax treatment of levies and repayments)—(Mr Stephen Timms)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Reports by Director General of Fair Trading)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—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 Jamieson, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 282.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr John Randall: 124.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Consideration by competition commission)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Role of the Treasury)—(Mr Stephen Timms)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Misleading the Director General of Fair Trading)—(Mr Stephen Timms)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Restrictions on powers of Treasury)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.
10 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 49) on the 1999–2000 Special Grant for Kosovan Evacuees (House of Commons Paper No. 115), which was laid before this House on 20th December, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe) —It was agreed to.

11 Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Local Government Best Value (Exemption) (England) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 11th January, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe) —It was agreed to.

12 Business of the House,—Ordered, That for the remainder of the present session, the Order [24th May 1999] relating to sittings in Westminster Hall shall have effect with the addition at the end of paragraph (4) of the following words

“(4A) Any member of the Chairmen’s Panel may also take the chair at a sitting in Westminster Hall when so requested by the Chairman of Ways and Means, with the duties and powers conferred by that order on additional Deputy Speakers; and Members so appointed shall be addressed by name.”—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

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

And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment lapsed, without Question put.

14 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

And the Motion having been made at Seven o’clock on Thursday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then half-past Seven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance.—(1) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 52),


(3) Local Government Finance Report (England) 2000–01

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 161, 162 and 160] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


(2) Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2000–01

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 170 and 169] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Public Order (Northern Ireland).—Public Order (Prescribed Forms) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 155), dated 25th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

4 Social Security.—Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 119), dated 20th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Telecommunications.—Telecommunications (Data Protection and Privacy) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 157), dated 25th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

6 Armed Forces.—Army Act 1955 (Part I) (Regular Army) (Amendment) Regulations 2000, dated 19th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
7 Children,—Report for 1995–99 by the Secretary of State for Health, the Secretary of State for Education and Employment and the Lord Chancellor, on the Children Act 1989 pursuant to section 83(6) of that Act [by Command] [Cm. 4579] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

8 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the—
   (1) Defence Transport and Movements Executive,
   (2) Military Survey Defence Agency, and
   (3) Naval Manning Agency
   for 1998–99, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 132, 152, and 156] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

9 Gas Levy,—Accounts prepared pursuant to section 6(3) of the Gas Levy Act 1981 for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 202] [Clerk of the House].

10 International Labour Conference,—Paper, entitled International Labour Conference: Presentation of, and the proposed action by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on, a Convention (No. 182) and a Recommendation (No. 190) on the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour, adopted at the 87th Session of the International Labour Conference (1999) [by Command] [Cm. 4574] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

11 National Heritage (Scotland),—Accounts of the National Galleries of Scotland for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 203] [Clerk of the House].

12 Organisation on Security and Co-operation in Europe,—(1) Istanbul Documents 1999, and
   (2) Vienna Document 1999 of the Negotiations on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures, done at Istanbul on 16th November 1999
   [by Command] [Cm. 4560 and 4559] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft National Assembly of Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bowen Wells Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Martin Caton, Ann Clwyd, Mr Huw Edwards, Mr Nigel Evans, Paul Flynn, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr Ellyn Llwyd, Miss Anne McIntosh, Ms Julie Morgan, Mr Paul Murphy, Sir Raymond Powell, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Llew Smith and Mr Don Touhig.

2 Draft Census Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jim Cunningham Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr John Cryer, Mr John Cummings, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Denzil Davies, Mr David Heath, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Oliver Letwin, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr Syd Rapson, Mr Allan Rogers, Joan Ryan, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Marsha Singh, Ms Julie Morgan, Mr Paul Murphy, Sir Raymond Powell, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Llew Smith and Mr Don Touhig.

3 Transnational Information and Consultation of Employees Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3323):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Norman Baker, Mrs Angela Browning, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Alan Johnson, Dr Ashok Kumar, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Richard Page, Mr Kerry Pollard, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Stephen Twigg, Mr Bill Tynan, Mrs Betty Williams and Mr Mike Wood.

4 Draft Immigration (Regularisation Period for Overstayers) Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Phyllis Starkey from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Jonathan R. Shaw.
5 Draft Competition Act 1998 (Land and Vertical Agreements Exclusion) Order 2000, and the draft Competition Act 1998 (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Order 2000, —The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Connarty from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders), and nominated in substitution Mr Roger Godsill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport, —Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Wembley National Stadium]; to be printed [No. 164-ii] [Mr John Maxton].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs, —Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence [UK Climate Change Programme]; to be printed [No. 194-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennet].

3 European Scrutiny, —Minutes of Evidence taken before the European Scrutiny Committee [The Forthcoming Inter-Governmental Conference]; to be printed [No. 97-iv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Health, —Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The Tobacco Industry and the Health Risks of Smoking]; to be printed [No. 27-vi] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

5 International Development, —Second Report from the International Development Committee [The Future of Sanctions], 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] [Mr Bowen Wells].

[No. 33; WH, No. 19]

Thursday 27th January 2000.

The House Sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The Sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

1 Adjournment (Prison Service (Northern Ireland)), —Resolved, That the Sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

And accordingly the Sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 1st February.

[Adjourned at 5.02 p.m.]

[No. 34.]

Friday 28th January 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, —Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Mr Secretary Milburn, Mr Secretary Mandelson, Mr Secretary Reid, Mr Secretary Murphy and Mr Paul Boateng, presented a Bill to reduce the age at which, and to make provision with respect to the circumstances in which, certain sexual acts are lawful; to make it an offence for a person aged 18 or over to engage in sexual activity with or directed towards a person under that age if he is in a position of trust in relation to that person; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 31st January and to be printed [Bill 55].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill be printed [Bill 55–EN].

2 Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill, —The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill;

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

Mrs Ann Winterton rose in her place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Joe Benton: 113.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Joe Ashton: 2.

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 stood committed to a Standing Committee.

3 Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill;

A Motion was 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 May.

4 Scottish Adjacent Waters Boundaries (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scottish Adjacent Waters Boundaries (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th April.

5 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 3rd February, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), the Speaker shall—

(i) put the Questions on any Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Straw relating to Police Grant Reports (England and Wales) not later than Four o’clock; and

(ii) put the Questions on any Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Prescott relating to Local Government (Finance) not later than Seven o’clock.—(Mr David Jamieson.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 31st January.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

2 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the supply in the UK of ice cream purchased for immediate consumption [by Command] [Cm. 4510] [Mr Secretary Byers].

3 Home Affairs,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1998–99, on Accountability of the Security Service [by Command] [Cm. 4588] [Mr Secretary Straw].

4 Intelligence Services,—Government Response to the Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee for 1998–99 [by Command] [Cm. 4569] [The Prime Minister].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Julie Morgan from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr John Smith.
[No. 35.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Barry Jones reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Immigration (Regularisation Period for Overstayers) Regulations 2000. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bowen Wells reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2000. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Carers and Disabled Children Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Carers and Disabled Children Bill be printed [Bill 13–EN].

4 Utilities Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Utilities 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 Utilities Bill because, although it contains worthwhile provisions for merging the electricity and gas regulatory authorities, for separating the licensing of supply and distribution of electricity and for introducing new electricity trading arrangements, it also contains measures which increase regulation and intervention by government in the utility sector; which impair transparency and accountability in the regulatory framework, which add to industry costs which will ultimately be passed on to consumers; which introduce powers to levy unlimited fines; and which significantly undermine the independence of the regulators’, instead thereof.—(Mrs Angela Browning.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 136.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Graham Allen: 343.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (Amendment on second or third reading);—It was agreed to.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Utilities Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(1) any expenditure incurred by the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority or the Telecommunications Authority by virtue of the Act;

(2) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State by virtue of the Act;

(3) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe):—It was agreed to.

6 Utilities Bill [Ways and Means],—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Utilities Bill, it is expedient to authorise—
(1) the inclusion in—
(a) licences granted under the Telecommunications Act 1984, the Gas Act 1986 or
the Electricity Act 1989; and
(b) appointments made under Chapter I of Part II of the Water Industry Act 1991;

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe):—It was
agreed to.

7 London Government.—Ordered, That the Local Authorities (Funds) (England) (Amendment
No. 2) Regulations 1999 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated
Legislation.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

8 Catering,—Ordered, That Mr Paul Keetch be discharged from the Catering Committee and
Bob Russell be added to the Committee.—(Mr Paul Tyler, on behalf of the Committee of
Selection.)

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Overseas Development and Co-operation,—Draft African Development Fund (Eighth
Replenishment) Order 1999 [by Act] [Secretary Clare Short].

2 Pensions,—Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary
Darling].

3 Social Security,—(1) Draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr
Secretary Darling]; and

(2) draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds
Payments) Order 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Education,—Infant Class Sizes (Admission and Standard Numbers) (England) Regulations
2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 180), dated 28th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Health and Safety,—Pressure Systems Safety Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 128), dated
20th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 National Health Service,—Health Authorities Act 1995 (Rectification of Transitional
Arrangements) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 179), dated 27th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr
Secretary Milburn].

7 Sea Fisheries,—Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Satellite Monitoring Measures)
Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 181), dated 30th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

8 Social Security,—Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000,
No. 175), dated 27th January 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

9 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment)
(Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 176), dated 27th January 2000 [by
Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

10 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Vine Telecom
Networks Limited) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 163), and

(2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (WTI Telecom (UK) Limited)
Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 162)
dated 25th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].
Other Papers:


(1) IV (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and the Intervention Board Executive Agency),
(2) V (Trade and Industry and Exports Credit Guarantee Department),
(3) VI (Environment, Transport and the Regions),
(4) VII (Home Office and Charity Commission),
(5) VIII (Lord Chancellor’s and Law Officers’ Departments),
(6) XIII (Scotland and the Forestry Commission),
(7) XVI (Departments of the Chancellor of the Exchequer),
(8) XVII (Cabinet Office: Office of Public Service etc), and
(9) XVIII, XVIIIA and XVIIIB (Cabinet Office: other services, Privy Council Office, Parliament etc; House of Commons; National Audit Office)

[by Act]; to be printed; [Nos. 11-IV, -V, -VI, -VII, -VIII, -XIII, -XVI, -XVII and -XVIII]
[Mr Stephen Timms].

12 Aviation and Maritime Security.—Report for 1999 by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions under section 44 of the Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 on the numbers of notices served by him under section 19 of the 1990 Act, the number of directions given by him under sections 19, 21, 22, 23 and 24 of the Act, and the number of enforcement notices served by authorised persons under the Act [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

13 Aviation Security.—Report for 1999 by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions under section 23 of the Aviation Security Act 1982 as amended by the Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 on the numbers of notices served by him under section 11 of the 1982 Act as amended, the number of directions given by him under sections 12, 13, 13A and 14 of the amended Act, and the number of enforcement notices served by authorised persons under the Act [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

14 Channel Tunnel Security.—Report for 1999 by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions under Article 35 of the Channel Tunnel (Security) Order 1994 on the numbers of notices served by him under Article 11, directions given by him under articles 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the Order, and enforcement notices served by authorised persons [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

15 Culture, Media and Sport.—Government Response to the First Report from the Culture Media and Sport Committee Session 1999–2000, Countdown to the Millennium [by Command] [Cm. 4589] [Mr Secretary Smith].

16 Defence Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts for Service Children’s Education for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 167] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

17 Industrial Organisation and Development.—Accounts, prepared pursuant to section 9(4) of the Industrial Organisation and Development Act 1947, of the sums recovered by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under Orders made under section 9 of the Act, and of their disposal, for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 205] [Clerk of the House].

18 Social Security.—Report by the Government Actuary on the drafts of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2000 and the Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4587] [Mr Secretary Darling].

19 Telecommunications.—Licences granted under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—

(1) Vine Telecom Networks Limited, and
(2) WTI Telecom (UK) Limited.

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].
Papers withdrawn:
20 Overseas Development and Co-operation,—Draft African Development Fund (Eighth
Replenishment) Order 1999 [laid on 10th January].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees
Draft National Assembly of Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2000.—The Committee of
Selection has discharged Ms Julie Morgan from the Fifth Standing Committee on
Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in
substitution Mr John Smith.

APPENDIX III

Select Committees
1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The
passport delays of Summer 1999]; to be printed [No. 208–i] [Mr David Davis].
2 Science and Technology,—(1) Second Report from the Science and Technology Committee
[Engineering and Physical Sciences Based Innovation], together with Appendices to the
Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee in the last Session of Parliament; to be
printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No.
195]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Engineering and Physical Sciences Based
Innovation]
[Dr Michael Clark].

Tuesday 1st February 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Baxi Partnership Limited Trusts Bill [Lords].—The Baxi Partnership Limited Trusts Bill
[Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

2 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 8th February.

3 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey
Tunnels Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 3rd February.

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Irene Adams reported from the
Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Grants to the Churches
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the
Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Films (Modification of the
Definition of “British Film”) Order 2000.
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:
Baxi Partnership Limited Trusts Bill [Lords].—The Lords have agreed to the
Amendments made by this House to the Baxi Partnership Limited Trusts Bill [Lords],
without Amendment.

7 Retail Packaging Recycling,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require that
certain retailers shall provide free of charge a collection point for any packaging materials
sold or supplied by them; and to require them to recycle or safely dispose of such
materials: And that Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr David Chaytor, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr
Nicholas Winterton, Mrs Linda Gilroy, Norman Baker and Mr Alan Simpson do prepare
and bring it in.
8 Retail Packaging Recycling Bill.—Mr Andrew Stunell accordingly presented a Bill to require that certain retailers shall provide free of charge a collection point for any packaging materials sold or supplied by them; and to require them to recycle or safely dispose of such materials: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th March and to be printed [Bill 56].

9 Financial Services and Markets Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Financial Services and Markets Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Authority to conduct review of rules made under Part IX)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Judicial review)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory)—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 Geo Vrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Keith Simpson: 142.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr David Jamieson: 336.

Another Amendment (No. 115) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 16) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 35, to leave out the word ‘may’ and to insert the word ‘shall’.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Geo Vrey Clifton-Brown: 161.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Greg Pope: 309.

Another Clause (Exercise of EEA rights by UK firms)—(Mr Stephen Timms)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (The threshold conditions)—(Mr Stephen Timms)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Deposit-taking in breach of general prohibition)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Statements of policy: procedure) [New Clause 13]—(Mr Stephen Timms)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Statements of policy: procedure) [New Clause 14]—(Mr Stephen Timms)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Control of business transfers)—(Mr Stephen Timms)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Insurance business transfer schemes)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Banking business transfer scheme)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Application for order sanctioning transfer scheme)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Requirements on applicants)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Scheme reports)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Right to participate in proceedings)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Sanction of the court for business transfer schemes)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Effect of order sanctioning business transfer scheme)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Rights of certain policy holders)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Codes: procedure)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Statements of policy: procedure) [New Clause 26]—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Statements of policy: procedure) [New Clause 30]—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Statements under section 351: consultation)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Carrying on regulated activities by way of business)—(Mr Stephen Timms)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Authority's general duty)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Designation of professional bodies)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Exemption from the general prohibition)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Directions in relation to the general prohibition)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Orders in relation to the general prohibition)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

10 Immigration,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Immigration (Regularisation Period for Overstayers) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 17th January, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts):—It was agreed to.

11 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 20th January, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts):—It was agreed to.

12 Public Administration,—Ordered, That Mr Richard Shepherd be discharged from the Select Committee on Public Administration and Mr Michael Trend be added to the Committee.—(Mr Keith Bradley.)

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

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

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

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.]
Other Papers:

3 Local Government Finance,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 24th January 2000 on temporary borrowing by the Audit Commission from Lloyds Bank plc [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

4 Members’ Interests,—Register of Members’ Interests as at 31st January 2000 [pursuant to the Resolutions of 22nd May 1974, 28th June 1993 and 6th November 1995]; to be printed [No. 209] [Clerk of the House].

5 School Teachers,—Ninth Report of the School Teachers’ Review Body, for 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4568] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

6 Superannuation,—(1) Compensation (Government Communications Headquarters) Scheme 2000 (No. 1), and

(2) Compensation (Government Communications Headquarters) Scheme 2000 (No. 2)

[by Command] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Census Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Pound and Mr Syd Rapson from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Bill Michie and Dr Phyllis Starkey.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Environmental Regulation and Farming]; to be printed [No. 212-iii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Environmental Regulation and Farming; Segregation of GM Foods; Implications for UK Agriculture and EU Agricultural Policy of Trade Liberalisation and the WTO Round]

[Mr Peter Luff].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Wembley National Stadium], to be printed [No. 164-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Education and Employment,—(1) First Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 1998–99, on Access for All? a Survey of Post-16 Participation]; to be printed [No. 213]; and

(2) Second Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 1998–99, on Opportunities for Disabled People]; to be printed [No. 214]

[Mr Derek Foster].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Third Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Proposed Public-Private Partnership for National Air Traffic Services], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 35];

(2) Fourth Report from the Committee [The Work of the Health and Safety Executive], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 31-II]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee [The Audit Commission]; to be printed [No. 174-ii]

[Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 Environmental Audit,—Memorandum laid before the Environmental Audit Committee [Government Observations on the Second Report from the Committee, on World Trade and Sustainable Development: an Agenda for the Seattle Summit] [Mr John Horam].

6 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Kosovo], to be printed [No. 28-iii] [Mr Donald Anderson].
7 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [The Export Credits Guarantee Department, Developmental Issues and the Ilisu Dam]; to be printed [No. 211-i] [Mr Bowen Wells].

8 Procedure.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Parliamentary Scrutiny of Treaties]; to be printed [No. 210-i] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

9 Statutory Instruments.—Eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-viii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

10 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Pre-Budget Scrutiny: (1) Enterprise in Deprived Areas (2) Fiscal Proposals (3) Climate Change Levy]; to be printed [Nos. 51-v and -vi] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

11 Welsh Affairs.—Second Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Responses from the BBC, United News and Broadcasting, and the National Assembly for Wales to the Second Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee, Session 1998–99, on Broadcasting in Wales and the National Assembly]; to be printed [No. 215] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 36; WH, No. 20]

Tuesday 1st February 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

1 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Don Touhig);

And it being One o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the sitting lapsed, and the sitting was accordingly adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.00 p.m.]

[No. 37.]

Wednesday 2nd February 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 9th February.

2 Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar (Eriskay Causeway) Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar (Eriskay Causeway) Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

3 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—Mr Tony Baldry reported from the Committee on the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill to be considered.

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Jim Cunningham reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, the draft Census Order 2000. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Register of Medical Practitioners (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Medical Act 1983 with respect to the restoration of names to the register of medical practitioners; and for connected purposes: And that Ms Linda Perham, Mr David Amess, Mr Kevin Barron, Mrs Helen Brinton, Mr Simon Burns, Dr Ian Gibson, Mrs Eileen Gordon, Dr Evan Harris, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr Simon Hughes, Dr Howard Stoate and Dr Jenny Tonge do prepare and bring it in.
6 Register of Medical Practitioners (Amendment) Bill.—Ms Linda Perham accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Medical Act 1983 with respect to the restoration of names to the register of medical practitioners; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th March and to be printed [Bill 57].

7 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. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Asylum and Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government’s failure to deal with the widespread abuse of the right to political asylum and its incompetent management of the Immigration and Nationality Directorate; notes that the number of asylum applications in 1999 exceeded 71,000, more than double the total inherited by the Government when it came to office, and that the backlog of unprocessed asylum applications has doubled over the past two years to a total of more than 100,000; further notes with great concern the Seventh Report of the Committee of Public Accounts (House of Commons Paper No. 130) about the Government’s mismanagement of the Immigration and Nationality Directorate, and the fears of local authorities about the practical difficulties associated with the asylum seekers dispersal scheme; believes that the Government’s ‘soft touch’ policy has helped bring about the current crisis; and calls upon the Government to take urgent action to reduce the backlog of unprocessed immigration and asylum applications, to put in place new and effective systems of enforcement and to ensure the integrity of the United Kingdom’s immigration and asylum controls—(Miss Ann Widdecombe);

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 both the last Government and the present Government have failed to respond properly to the asylum, immigration and nationality demands made of this country; is aware of the widespread discontent with the delays in processing immigration applications and that the number of unprocessed asylum applications has doubled over the previous two years to a total of over 100,000; takes very seriously the Seventh Report of the Committee of Public Accounts (House of Commons Paper No. 130), which criticises the Government’s mismanagement of the Immigration and Nationality Directorate and the fears of local authorities about the practical difficulties associated with the asylum-seekers dispersal scheme; calls upon the Government, which has now been in office for over a thousand days, to take more effective and urgent action to reduce the backlog of unprocessed applications and to improve the effectiveness of decision-making; believes that the necessary staff should be employed immediately so that good-quality decisions can be made quickly, and that the interests of applicants and taxpayers alike can be met in a system which treats every applicant fairly; and supports the Commission for Racial Equality agreement, signed by all three major party leaders, not to use problems in the immigration and asylum systems in ways which could damage community and race relations’, instead thereof.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Tom Brake: 38.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Peter Atkinson: 147.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Peter Atkinson: 145.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 362.

So the Question was negatived.

Northern Cities and Southern Green Fields.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House urges the Government to disown the Crow Report and its recommendation of 1.1 million houses to be built in the South-East; condemns the Government’s practice of bulldozing homes and walking away from the regeneration of run-down town and city areas; requests an urgent response to the proposals in the Rogers Report for urban renewal; stresses the connections between planning and transport policies; and calls for a change to planning policy to encourage one Britain and urban renewal instead of the divisive policies the Government is pursuing—(Mr Damian Green);

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 create high-quality, desirable, safe places to live without eating up the countryside; supports the Government’s policies on protecting the Green Belt and
believes the Government’s inclusive and strategic approach to planning, housing, transport, countryside protection, welfare and economic policies will achieve more sustainable and equitable patterns of both urban and rural development; recognises that this Government is planning for economic success and that there is an opportunity to use growth to create better and more sustainable communities and improve the quality of life; welcomes the Government’s move away from the previous ‘predict and provide’ approach to housing provision and the introduction of a ‘plan, monitor and manage’ policy; supports the Government’s target of building 60 per cent. of all new housing on previously developed land; and welcomes the Government’s determination to ensure that the whole country shares in the benefits of economic recovery’, instead thereof.—(Mr Nick Raynsford)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Peter Atkinson: 173.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Clive Betts: 321.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (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 create high-quality, desirable, safe places to live without eating up the countryside; supports the Government’s policies on protecting the Green Belt and believes the Government’s inclusive and strategic approach to planning, housing, transport, countryside protection, welfare and economic policies will achieve more sustainable and equitable patterns of both urban and rural development; recognises that this Government is planning for economic success and that there is an opportunity to use growth to create better and more sustainable communities and improve the quality of life; welcomes the Government’s move away from the previous ‘predict and provide’ approach to housing provision and the introduction of a ‘plan, monitor and manage’ policy; supports the Government’s target of building 60 per cent. of all new housing on previously developed land; and welcomes the Government’s determination to ensure that the whole country shares in the benefits of economic recovery.

8 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 7th February, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), the Speaker shall put the Questions on any Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Darling relating to Social Security not later than Ten o’clock.—(Mr David Jamieson.)

9 Overseas Development and Co-operation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft African Development Bank (Further Subscription to Capital Stock) Order 1999, which was laid before this House on 10th January, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.

10 Overseas Development and Co-operation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft International Development Association (Twelfth Replenishment) Order 1999, which was laid before this House on 10th January, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.

11 Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (Further Subscription to Capital Stock) Order 1999, which was laid before this House on 10th January, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.

12 Ecclesiastical Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.

13 Cinemas and Films,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Films (Modification of the Definition of “British Film”) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.
14 House of Commons Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Sir Peter Lloyd be discharged from the House of Commons Commission and Mr Eric Forth be appointed a member of the Commission under the House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978—(Mr David Jamieson);
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. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents).
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Peter Atkinson: 87.
Tellers for the Noes, Ms Angela Smith, Mr Bill Rammell: 108.
So the Question was negatived.

15 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions—
   (1) from Mr Gordon and Mrs Jacqueline Singleton and others calling for a review of the sentence of Paul Stowers for the murder of Liane Singleton; and
   (2) from the Suffolk Pensioners' Association calling for the reduction of the TV licence fee for pensioners who will not be eligible for a free licence were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Thursday 3rd February 2000

16 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)
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 half-past Twelve o'clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.30 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

1 British Library,—Accounts of the British Library Board for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 216] [Clerk of the House].

2 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the Wallace Collection for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 217] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Utilities Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood and Mrs Marion Roe Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Norman Baker, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr David Crausby, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Nick Gibb, Mrs Linda Gilroy, Dr Kim Howells, Ms Sally Keeble, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr Chris Mullin, Ms Linda Perham, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Phil Sawford, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Neil Turner, Mr Derek Twigg, Mr Bill Tynan and Mr Brian White.

2 Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill,—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee C, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman.

3 Transport Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Portillo from Standing Committee E (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Gerald Howarth.

4 Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Irene Adams an additional Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill.
5 Local Authorities (Funds) (England) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1999:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the First Standing Committee on
   Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the
       Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr
       Gerald Berrymingham, Mr Lawrence Cunliffe, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Keith Hill, Dr
       Doug Naysmith, Mr Adrian Sanders, Sir Michael Spicer, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, Mr
       John Townend, Joan Walley, Mr Nigel Waterson, Mr Phil Woolas and Derek Wyatt.

6 Draft Foundation Subject (Amendment) (England) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on
       Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the
       Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Mr David Atkinson, Mr Tony Benn, Mr Clive Betts,
       Mr Colin Burgon, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr James Clappson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown,
       Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Fiara S. Khabra, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Ian
       Pearson, Jacqui Smith, Rachel Squire and Mr Phil Willis.

7 Draft Data Protection (Subject Access Modification) (Social Work) Order 2000, the draft
   Data Protection (Subject Access Modification) (Health) Order 2000, the draft Data
   Protection (Subject Access Modification) (Education) Order 2000, the draft Data
   Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) Order 2000, the draft Data Protection
   (Miscellaneous Subject Access Exemptions) Order 2000, the draft Data Protection
   (Designated Codes of Practice) Order 2000 and the draft Data Protection (Crown
   Appointments) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Third Standing Committee on
       Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the
       Committee, viz.: Mr David Amess, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown,
       Mr Michael Connarty, Mr John Greenway, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Mike Hancock, Ms Fiona
       Jones, Mr Tony Lloyd, Ms Julie Morgan, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr
       Stephen Pound, Angela Smith, Mr William Thompson and Mr Alan W. Williams.

8 Draft Competition Act 1998 (Land and Vertical Agreements Exclusion) Order 2000, and the
   draft Competition Act 1998 (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Order 2000.—The
   Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tom Pendry from the Fourth Standing
   Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and
   nominated in substitution Mr Stephen Twigg.

9 Transnational Information and Consultation of Employees Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999,
   No. 3323),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Twigg from the
   Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the
   Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mrs Ann Cryer.

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European Standing Committees

10 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 1 February 2000 submitted by the Foreign
    and Commonwealth Office on Ukraine Common Strategy Work Plan has been referred
    to European Standing Committee B, together with unnumbered Explanatory
    Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 30 November
    1999 relating to Common Strategy on Ukraine referred to the Committee on 15
    December 1999; and the Speaker has appointed Mr Humfrey Malins Chairman of the
    Committee in respect of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum.

11 European Union Documents Nos. 14320/98, 12838/99, 12839/99 and 12840/99, relating to the
    1999 Review of Telecommunications Legislation and Radio Spectrum Policy, have been
    referred to European Standing Committee C.

12 The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of European Standing Committee

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APPENDIX III

Select Committees

1 Defence.—(1) Second Report from the Defence Committee [Ministry of Defence Annual
    Reporting Cycle], 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. 158];
(2) First Special Report from the Committee [Annual Report of the Committee for Session 1998–99]; to be printed [No. 219];

(3) Second Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 1998–99, on the Reserves Call Out Order 1999 and progress on Territorial Army Restructuring]; to be printed [No. 220];

(4) Third Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 1998–99, on the Strategic Defence Review: Defence Medical Services]; to be printed [No. 221];


(6) Fifth Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 1998–99, on Defence Research]; to be printed [No. 223]; and

(7) Sixth Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the First Report from the Committee on the OCCAR Convention]; to be printed [No. 224].

[Mr Bruce George.]

2 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry,—

(1) Third Report from the Defence Committee,

(2) Second Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee,

(3) Third Report from the International Development Committee, and

(4) Fourth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee

[Annual Reports for 1997 and 1998 on Strategic Export Controls], with Appendices, together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees meeting concurrently pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 152 (Select Committees related to government departments), and Appendices thereto; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committees relating to the Report [No. 225] [Mr Bruce George; Mr Ted Rowlands; Ann Chwyd; Mr Martin O’Neill].

3 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Work Permits for Overseas Footballers]; to be printed [No. 218-i] [Mr Derek Foster].

4 European Scrutiny,—Seventh Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-vii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Public Accounts,—(1) Ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Government’s Resources and Accounts Bill], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 159]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Irregularities in accounting for visa fees at the Deputy High Commission in Calcutta]; to be printed [No. 226-i].

[Mr David Davis].

6 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Government’s Expenditure on Research and Development: Forward Look 1999]; to be printed [No. 196-i] [Dr Michael Clark].

7 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Medical Services]; to be printed [No. 183-iii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 37; WH, No. 21]

Wednesday 2nd February 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

1 Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.57 p.m.]
Thursday 3rd February 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Kent County Council Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Kent County Council Bill [Lords] be read a second time on Thursday 10th February.

2 Medway Council Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the Medway Council Bill [Lords] be read a second time on Thursday 10th February.

3 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 10th February.

4 Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar (Eriskay Causeway) Order Confirmation Bill,—The Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar (Eriskay Causeway) Order Confirmation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jim Cunningham reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Competition Act 1998 (Land and Vertical Agreements Exclusion) Order 2000 and the draft Competition Act 1998 (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Order 2000.

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

6 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Transnational Information and Consultation of Employees Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3323).

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:

Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to enable effect to be given to the protocol signed at Vienna on 22nd September 1998 additional to the agreement for the application of safeguards in the United Kingdom in connection with the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, to allow effect to be given to that agreement in certain territories outside the United Kingdom, and for connected purposes, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to extend further the application of the Race Relations Act 1976 to the police and other public authorities; to amend the exemption under that Act for acts done for the purpose of safeguarding national security, and for connected purposes, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 59–EN].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 60–EN].

8 Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords],—The Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 59].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 59–EN].

9 Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 60].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 60–EN].

10 Licensing (Young Persons) Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Licensing (Young Persons) Bill be printed [Bill 14–EN].

11 Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill be printed [Bill 26–EN].

12 Royal Parks (Trading) Bill,—Mr Secretary Smith, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Blunkett and Mr Alan Howarth, presented a Bill to make provision about certain offences under section 2 of the Parks Regulation (Amendment) Act 1926; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 58].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Royal Parks (Trading) Bill be printed [Bill 58–EN].
13 Police.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2000–01 (House of Commons Paper No. 169), which was laid before this House on 27th January, be approved—(Mr Charles Clarke);

And it being Four o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [28th January].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Greg Pope: 271.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr John Randall: 156.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2000–01 (House of Commons Paper No. 169), which was laid before this House on 27th January, be approved.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question required to be put at that hour.

Police.—Resolved, That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 1998–99: Amending Report 2000–01 (House of Commons Paper No. 170), which was laid before this House on 27th January, be approved.—(Hilary Armstrong.)

14 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2000–01 (House of Commons Paper No. 160), which was laid before this House on 27th January, be approved—(Hilary Armstrong);

And it being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [28th January].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Clive Betts: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 146.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2000–01 (House of Commons Paper No. 160), which was laid before this House on 27th January, be approved.

The Speaker then put the remaining Questions required to be put at that hour.

Local Government Finance,—Resolved, That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 52) (House of Commons Paper No. 161), which was laid before this House on 27th January, be approved.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

Local Government Finance,—Resolved, That the Local Government Finance Report (England) 1998–99: Amending Report 2000 (House of Commons Paper No. 162), which was laid before this House on 27th January, be approved.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

15 Defence.—Ordered, That Mr Michael Colvin be discharged from the Defence Committee and Dr Julian Lewis be added to the Committee.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

16 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.42 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 London Government,—(1) Draft Greater London Authority (Disqualification) Order 2000, and

(2) draft Greater London Authority (Election Expenses) Order 2000
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 National Health Service,—National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 220), dated 3rd February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
3 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—Civil Procedure (Amendment) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 221), dated 24th January 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

Other Papers:

4 Senior Salaries,—Forty-fourth Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries: The Greater London Authority: Initial pay, expenses, pensions and severance arrangements for the Mayor and Assembly Members [by Command] [Cm. 4547] [The Prime Minister].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The Tobacco Industry and the Health Risks of Smoking], to be printed [No. 27-vii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [After Seattle—The World Trade Organisation and Developing Countries], to be printed [No. 227-i] [Mr Bowen Wells].

3 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Administration Committee on 2nd February [Report of the Parliamentary Ombudsman for 1998-99], to be printed [No. 106-ii] [Dr Tony Wright].

[No. 38; WH, No. 22]

Thursday 3rd February 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

1 Adjournment (Children’s Social Services),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.— (Jim Dowd.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 8th February.

[Adjourned at 5.14 p.m.]

[No. 39.]

Friday 4th February 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Northern Ireland Bill,—Mr Secretary Mandelson, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Reid and Mr Secretary Murphy, presented a Bill to make provision for the suspension of devolved government in Northern Ireland and the exercise of certain functions conferred by or under Part V of the Northern Ireland Act 1998; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 7th February and to be printed [Bill 61].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Northern Ireland Bill be printed [Bill 61—EN].

2 Carers and Disabled Children Bill,—The Carers and Disabled Children Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

3 Export of Farm Animals Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Export of Farm Animals Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 7th April.

4 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 7th April.
5 Fire Prevention Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fire Prevention Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 7th April.

6 Northern Ireland Bill.—Ordered, That, in respect of the Northern Ireland 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 Greg Pope.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 7th February.

[Adjourned at 2.54 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Agriculture (Closure of Grant Schemes) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 205), dated 31st January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

2 Local Government,—(1) Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 213), and

dated 3rd February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

3 Miscellaneous (No. 1, 2000),—Food Aid Convention, 1999, adopted at London on 13th April 1999, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4591] [Mr Secretary Cook].

4 Norway (No. 1, 2000),—Framework Agreement, done at Oslo on 25th August 1998, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway relating to the Laying, Operation and Jurisdiction of Inter-Connecting Submarine Pipelines, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4580] [Mr Secretary Cook].

5 Norway (No. 2, 2000),—Agreement, done at Oslo on 25th August 1998, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway relating to the Amendment of the Agreement of 10th May 1976 relating to the Exploitation of the Frigg Field Reservoir and the Transmission of Gas therefrom to the United Kingdom, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4581] [Mr Secretary Cook].

6 Sea Fisheries,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the proceedings under sections 1 to 5 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967, for 1999 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 New Member makes Affirmation.—Simon Thomas, Esquire, Member for Ceredigion, made the Affirmation required by law.

2 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Mr Secretary Darling).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Mike Hall: 284.

Tellers for the Noes, Bob Russell, Mr David Heath: 31.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.

3 Pensions.—Resolved, That the draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.—(Mr JeV Rooker).

4 Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill (Procedure),—Ordered, That if the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill be read a second time, no Order shall be made for the committal of the Bill and it shall be ordered to be read a third time upon a future day; and upon a Motion being made for Third Reading the Question thereon shall be put forthwith and may be decided, though opposed, after the expiration of the time for opposed business.—(Mr Paul Boateng).

5 Census,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [25th January], That the words in item 1 ‘indicating whether an individual form is being completed by that member’, the words in item 2 ‘and relationship to householder or joint householder or to the first person mentioned in the return, and, as the case may be, where there are 5 or less persons in the household, the relationship to each of the previous persons mentioned in the return and where there are 6 or more persons in the household, the relationship of the sixth and subsequent persons to the two previously mentioned persons in the return’, the words in item 6 ‘and if married whether first or subsequent subsisting marriage’, items 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, the words in item 15 ‘or was an Government sponsored training scheme’, items 16, 18(c), 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29 of Schedule 2, and items 1, 2, and 3 of Schedule 3 to the draft Census Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 10th January, be approved—(Mr Kevin Hughes):—It was agreed to.

6 Competition,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Competition Act 1998 (Land and Vertical Agreements Exclusion) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 19th January, be approved—(Mr Kevin Hughes):—It was agreed to.

7 Competition,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Competition Act 1998 (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 19th January, be approved—(Mr Kevin Hughes):—It was agreed to.

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.34 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Countryside.—Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 192), dated 31st January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
2 Data Protection.—(1) Data Protection (Conditions under Paragraph 3 of Part II of Schedule 1) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 185),

(2) Data Protection (Corporate Finance Exemption) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 184),

(3) Data Protection (Fees under section 19(7)) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 187),

(4) Data Protection (Functions of Designated Authority) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 186),


(6) Data Protection (Notification and Notification Fees) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 188),

(7) Data Protection (Subject Access) (Fees and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 191), and

(8) Data Protection Tribunal (Enforcement Appeals) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 189), dated 31st January 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Environmental Protection.—Draft Statutory Guidance (England) on Contaminated Land (Chapters A, B and D), proposed to be issued by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions under sections 78A(2) and (5), 78B(2) and 78F(6) and (7) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:


5 Local Government Finance,—Accounts of the Pooling of Non-Domestic Rates and Redistribution to Local Authorities in England for:

(1) 1997–98, and

(2) 1998–99,

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 228 and 229] [Clerk of the House].

6 Museums and Galleries,—Report and Financial Statements of the Greater Manchester Museum of Science and Industry Trust for 1998–99 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

7 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [21st December] from Russell Lynch and other residents of Codicote, Hertfordshire, for the continued provision of Post Office facilities in Codicote [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill.—The Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill, viz.: Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Joe Benton, Dr Peter Brand, Yvette Cooper, Mrs Clair Curtis-Thomas, Mr Jim Dobbin, Maria Eagle, Mr Gerald Howarth, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Andy King, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Kerry Pollard, Mr Marsha Singh, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Michael Trend and Mrs Ann Winterton.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Highways Agency: Getting best value from the disposal of property]; to be printed [No. 231-i] [Mr David Davis].
Tuesday 8th February 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 15th February.

2 Terrorism Bill,—Mr Humfrey Malins reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Terrorism Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 63].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 234].

3 Petrol Tax (Promulgation),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to impose an obligation on petrol retailers to display prominently at the point of sale of petrol a notice showing the percentage and amount of the cost of a litre of petrol which go to the Exchequer by way of tax and duty: And that Mr Tony Baldry, Mr David Curry, Sir Peter Emery, Mr John Gummer, Mr Robert Jackson, Mr Michael Mates, Miss Anne McIntosh and Mr Nicholas Soames do prepare and bring it in.

4 Petrol Tax (Promulgation) Bill,—Mr Tony Baldry accordingly presented a Bill to impose an obligation on petrol retailers to display prominently at the point of sale of petrol a notice showing the percentage and amount of the cost of a litre of petrol which go to the Exchequer by way of tax and duty: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th April and to be printed [Bill 62].

5 Northern Ireland Bill (Programme),—Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to proceedings on the Northern Ireland Bill:

Timing of proceedings

1.—(1) Proceedings on the Bill shall be completed at today’s sitting.

(2) Proceedings on Second Reading shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion four hours after the commencement of proceedings on this Motion.

(3) Proceedings in Committee shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion six hours after the commencement of proceedings on this Motion.

(4) Remaining proceedings on the Bill shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion seven hours after the commencement of proceedings on this Motion.

2.—(1) When the Bill has been read a second time—

(a) it shall, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills), stand committed to a Committee of the whole House without any Question being put,

(b) proceedings on the Bill shall stand postponed while the Question is put, in accordance with Standing Order No. 52(1) (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), on any financial resolution relating to the Bill,

(c) on the conclusion of proceedings on any financial resolution relating to the Bill, proceedings on the Bill shall be resumed and the Speaker shall leave the Chair whether or not notice of an instruction has been given.

(2) On the conclusion of 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.
Questions to be put

3.—(1) For the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1 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 for a new Clause or Schedule, the Chairman or Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(2) If two or more Questions would otherwise fall to be put by the Chairman or Speaker under sub-paragraph (1)(d) in relation to successive provisions of the Bill, the Chairman or Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those provisions.

Lords Amendments

4.—(1) Any Lords amendments to the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(2) Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall be brought to a conclusion, if not previously concluded, one hour after their commencement.

5.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of concluding in accordance with paragraph 4 any proceedings on any message received from the Lords relating to the Bill.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question already proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

(3) If that Question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment the Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) the Question on any further amendment of the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown, and
(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees to the Lords Amendment or (as the case may be) to the Lords Amendment as amended.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) the Question on any Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment, and
(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees to the Lords Amendment or (as the case may be) to the Lords Amendment as amended.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House disagrees to a Lords Amendment.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees to all the remaining Lords Amendments.

(7) As soon as the House has agreed or disagreed to a Lords Amendment, 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 which is moved by a Minister of the Crown and relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent Stages

6.—(1) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(2) Proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

7.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 6.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has already been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

(3) The Speaker 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.
(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on any item.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

Reasons Committee

8.—(1) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the appointment of its Chairman.

(2) A Committee appointed to draw up Reasons shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.

Miscellaneous

9.—(1) This paragraph applies if—

(a) a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) has been stood over to Seven o'clock, but

(b) proceedings to which this Order applies have begun before then.

(2) Proceedings on that Motion shall stand postponed until the conclusion of those proceedings.

10.—(1) No Motion shall be made to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken.

(2) No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, proceedings to which this Order applies shall be made except by a Minister of the Crown; and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(3) 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.

11. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply to this Order.

12.—(1) The Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order shall be put forthwith.

(2) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings to which this Order applies.

(3) If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the time at which any proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under paragraph 1, 4 or 6, no notice shall be required of a Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order.

13. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.—(Mr Secretary Mandelson.)

6 Northern Ireland Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland Bill,

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

Mr Secretary Mandelson 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 proposed;

And it being four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Northern Ireland Bill (Programme), the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Tony McNulty: 352.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr John McDonnell: 11.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time, and stood committed to a Committee of the whole House, pursuant to Order [this day].

Further proceedings stood postponed, pursuant to Order.

7 Northern Ireland Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signed to the proposed Motion relating to Northern Ireland Bill [Money];
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Northern Ireland Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(1) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State attributable to the Act;

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act—(Mr Thomas McAvoy)—It was agreed to.

8 Northern Ireland Bill,—The House, pursuant to Order, immediately resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Suspension of devolved government in Northern Ireland).

Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 13, to leave out subsection (5).—(Mr John McDonnell.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Ending suspension).

Amendment (No. 15) proposed, in page 1, line 22, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr William Ross.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Andrew Robathan: 10.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Tony McNulty: 301.

And it being more than six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion on Northern Ireland Bill (Programme), the Chairman put the Question necessary to dispose of remaining proceedings in Committee.

Question, That Clauses Nos 2 to 9 stand part of the Bill, and that the Schedule be the Schedule to the Bill, put and agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House.

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

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

And it being seven hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion on Northern Ireland Bill (Programme), the Deputy Speaker put the Question necessary to bring to a conclusion remaining proceedings on the Bill.

Question put, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr David Jamieson: 326.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John McDonnell, Mr Tony Benn: 7.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

9 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on 10th February, the House shall not adjourn until the Speaker shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Act agreed upon by both Houses.—(Jim Dowd.)

10 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.24 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

(3) Competition Act 1998 (Small Agreements and Conduct of Minor Significance) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 262), and
(4) Competition Commission Appeal Tribunal Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 261), dated 7th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


3 Food,—(1) Meat (Enhanced Enforcement Powers) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 225), and

4 Gas,—Gas Act 1995 (Standards of Performance) (Extension of Period) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 245), dated 5th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


6 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Functions of Health Authorities and Administration Arrangements) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 267), dated 7th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

7 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 258) [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms]; and
(2) Value Added Tax (Deemed Supply of Goods) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 266), dated 8th February 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

8 Air Force (Constitution).—Regulations of the Defence Council amending Air Publication 400B-0001 (First Edition), relating to the Royal Air Force Reserve and the Royal Auxiliary Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

9 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions Departmental Minute, dated 8th February 2000, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the proposed indemnification of ship owners or operators under the NATO Marine War Risks Insurance Scheme [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

10 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Accepting equipment out-of-contract and into service [by Act]; to be printed [No. 204] [Clerk of the House].

11 School Inspections.—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools for 1998–99 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 157] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers withdrawn:

12 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions Departmental Minute, dated 20th January 2000, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the proposed indemnification of ship owners or operators under the NATO Marine War Risks Insurance Scheme [laid 26th January].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Local Authorities (Funds) (England) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1999.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter Temple-Morris and Derek Wyatt from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Ms Debra Shipley and David Taylor.
2 Draft Foundation Subject (Amendment) (England) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ian Pearson from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Jane Griffiths.

3 Draft Data Protection (Subject Access Modification) (Social Work) Order 2000, the draft Data Protection (Subject Access Modification) (Health) Order 2000, the draft Data Protection (Process of Sensitive Personal Data) Order 2000, the draft Data Protection (Designated Codes of Practice) Order 2000, and the draft Data Protection (Crown Appointments) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Greenway from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Oliver Heald.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit,—Third Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Comprehensive Spending Review: Government Response and Follow-up], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 233] [Mr John Horam].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Kosovo]; to be printed [No. 28-iv] [Mr Donald Anderson].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Double Jeopardy Rule]; to be printed [No. 190-ii] [Mr Robin Corbett].

4 International Development,—First Special Report from the International Development Committee [Government Observations on the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 1998–99, on Women and Development]; to be printed [No. 54] [Mr Bowen Wells].

5 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-ix]; and

(2) First Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 235-i]

[Mr Brian White].


7 Treasury,—(1) Second Report from the Treasury Committee [HM Customs and Excise], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 53];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Council of Economic and Finance Ministers (ECOFIN)]; to be printed [No. 232-i]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Sub-Committee [HM Customs and Excise]

[Mr Giles Radice].

8 Welsh Affairs,—First Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [European Structural Funds], 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. 46] [Mr Martyn Jones].
Tuesday 8th February 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

1 Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Clelland.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.59 p.m.]

Wednesday 9th February 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means,

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 16th February.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Barry Jones reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Authorities (Funds) (England) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 3459).

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

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Maxton reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Foundation Subject (Amendment) (England) Order 2000.

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

4 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Humfrey Malins reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 13523/2/99, the Common Strategy on Ukraine, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 31st January 2000 from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on the Presidency’s work plan on the implementation of the Common Strategy of the European Union on Ukraine; supports the Government’s objective of developing closer, constructive relations with Ukraine; and agrees that the Common Strategy has the potential to make a significant contribution towards strengthening the EU-Ukraine relationship.

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

5 European Standing Committee C,—Mr John McWilliam reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 10948/99, Commission report on the application of the Community rules for State Aid to the coal industry in 1996 and 1997; and supports the Government’s actions in pressing the European Commission to interpret the Coal State Aid Code strictly.

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

6 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill,—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Secretary Cook, Mr Secretary Mandelson, Mr Secretary Hoon and Mr Charles Clarke, presented a Bill to make provision for and about the interception of communications, the acquisition and disclosure of data relating to communications, the carrying out of surveillance, the use of covert human intelligence sources and the acquisition of the means by which electronic data protected by encryption or passwords may be decrypted or accessed; to provide for the establishment of a tribunal with jurisdiction in relation to those matters, to entries on and interferences with property or with wireless telegraphy and to the carrying out of their functions by the Secret Intelligence Service, the Secret Service, the Secret Intelligence Service and the Government Communications Headquarters; 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 64].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill be printed [Bill 64–EN].
7 Emissions Trading.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish emissions trading; to create an emissions trading authority; to require the corporate disclosure of emissions; and for related purposes: And that Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West), Mr Andrew Love, Mr Stephen Hesford, Mr Stephen Twigg, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Colin Burgon, Mr Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West), Mr Phil Hope, Gillian Merron and Jim Fitzpatrick do prepare and bring it in.

8 Emissions Trading Bill.—Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West) accordingly presented a Bill to establish emissions trading; to create an emissions trading authority; to require the corporate disclosure of emissions; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 65].

9 Financial Services and Markets Bill (Programme).—Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to proceedings on the Financial Services and Markets Bill:—

Timetable

1.—(1) Remaining proceedings on Consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting.

(2) Proceedings on Consideration shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at Nine o’clock.

(3) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), each part of proceedings on Consideration shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the second column of the Table.

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(4) Proceedings on Third Reading shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at Ten o’clock.

Questions to be put

2.—(1) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1 the 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 for a new Clause or Schedule, the Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(2) If two or more Questions would otherwise fall to be put under sub-paragraph (1)(c) on amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.

Miscellaneous

3.—(1) This paragraph applies if—

(a) a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) has been stood over to Seven o’clock; but

(b) proceedings to which this Order applies have begun before then.

(2) Proceedings on that Motion shall stand postponed until the conclusion of those proceedings.

4.—(1) No Motion shall be made to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken.
(2) No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, proceedings to which this Order applies shall be made except by a Minister of the Crown; and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

(3) 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.

5. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply to this Order.

6. Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings to which this Order applies.

7. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

Supplemental orders

8.—(1) If any motion is made by a Minister of the Crown to amend this Order so as to provide a greater amount of time for proceedings on the Bill under paragraph 1 of this Order, the Question thereon shall be put forthwith and may be decided, though opposed, at any hour.

(2) If any Motion is made by a Minister of the Crown to supplement the provisions of this Order in respect of proceedings on any Lords Amendments or any subsequent message from the Lords relating to the Bill, such Motion may be proceeded with, though opposed, at any hour and the proceedings shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion three quarters of an hour after they have been commenced.

(3) 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.—(Jim Dowd.)

10 Financial Services and Markets Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Financial Services and Markets Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Matters to be included in orders under section 20)—(Mr Howard Flight)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Amendment (No. 240) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 456) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 18, at the end to insert the words—

'(g) the need to facilitate access to appropriate financial services for disadvantaged consumers.'—(Dr Vincent Cable.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Tom Brake: 38.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr David Clelland: 305.

So the Question was negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 241 and 242) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 235) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 26, at the end to insert the words—

'(4A) The Authority must ensure that its staff responsible for or involved in—

(a) monitoring, investigating or disciplining authorised or approved persons or,
(b) investigating persons suspected of engaging in, or of requiring or encouraging another person to engaged in, market abuse or any offence for which it can institute proceedings, and
(c) drafting, or giving instructions to the draftsman of, rules, statements of principle or codes

shall be suitably competent and shall have sufficient knowledge of the relevant financial sector to fulful their functions.'—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Financial Services and Markets Bill (Programme), the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [this day].

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question he was required to put at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 405 and 67) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 21, leave out from the word 'communicate' to the word 'activity' in line 22 and to insert the words 'or cause to be communicated—

(a) an invitation to engage in investment activity; or

(b) information which is intended or might reasonably be presumed to be intended to lead directly or indirectly to engagement in such'.—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 28, to leave out the words 'capable of having an effect' and to insert the words 'intended to be acted on by a person', instead thereof.—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr John Randall: 175.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Kevin Hughes: 312.

So the Question was negatived.

Other Amendments (Nos. 68, 406, and 243 to 248) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 29, at the end to insert the words—

‘(cc) a person qualifying for authorisation under Schedule 5,’.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 69 to 78) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 199) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 14, at the end to insert the words—

‘(5) No exemption order to which subsection (7) applies may be made unless a draft of the order has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House.

(6) An exemption order to which subsection (7) does not apply shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.

(7) This subsection applies to an exemption order which:

(a) is the first order to be made under this section in respect of a particular person; or

(b) varies an order previously made so as to vary or remove an exemption.’.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 79 to 88) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 206) proposed to the Bill, in page 17, line 27, after the word ‘if’ to insert the words ‘after receiving representations’.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 89 to 114, 407, 116, 249 to 279, 408 to 414, 280 to 284 and 415 to 417) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 457) proposed to the Bill, in page 43, line 20, to leave out the words ‘in relation to the market’.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 285 to 297, 118 to 120, 298 to 315, 418, 419, 316, 317, 447, 318, 319, 448, 121 to 130, 320 to 329 and 131 to 135) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 237) proposed to the Bill, in page 103, line 18, to leave out subsections (4) to (7) and to insert the words—

‘(4) The ombudsman’s determination shall be binding on the respondent and the complainant and shall be final.
The ombudsman’s statement must:
(a) give the ombudsman’s reasons for his determination; and
(b) be signed by him.1—(Mr Howard Flight.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 449 to 454, 136 to 145, 330 to 342, 146 to 153, 343, 420, 154 to 157, 421 to 435, 455 and 436) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Transfer schemes: certificates)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Schedule (Role of the Competition Commission)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 345 to 363) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 483) proposed to the Bill, in page 202, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

‘Value for money examinations

22. Section 6 of the National Audit Office Act 1983 (which enables the Comptroller and Auditor General to conduct examinations into the economy, efficiency and effectiveness with which certain departments, authorities and bodies have used their resources) shall apply to the Authority.’.—(Mr David Davis.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 444) proposed, in page 205, line 12, at the end, to insert the words—

‘Mortgages for house purchase

23A. The provision of loans for the purchase of property for residential use, where the obligation of the borrower to repay the lender is secured on the value of the property in question.’.—(Dr Vincent Cable.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 158 to 177, 442, 178, 179, 443, 180 and 181) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 239, line 5, at the end to insert the words—

‘7A. In section 13 (control of subsidiaries and other bodies corporate),—
(a) in subsection (2)(a) for “of the activities specified in Schedule 7 to this Act” substitute “activities authorised by the Commission”; and
(b) omit subsection (8).

7B. In section 52 (applications to court), in subsection (2)(d) for “mentioned in Schedule 7 to” substitute “authorised by virtue of section 13(2)(a) of”.

7C. Omit Schedule 7 (activities which may be carried on by a subsidiary of or body jointly controlled by an incorporated friendly society).’.—(Dr Vincent Cable.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 182 and 183) 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, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 340.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mrs Eleanor Laing: 128.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

11 Scottish Grand Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 100(1), That the Scottish Grand Committee shall meet—
(a) on Tuesday 29th February at half-past Ten o’clock at Westminster to consider a substantive Motion for the adjournment of the Committee;
(b) on Wednesday 5th April at half-past Ten o'clock at Westminster to consider a substantive Motion for the adjournment of the Committee—(Mr Clive Betts)—It was agreed to.

12 Public Administration,—Ordered, That Helen Jones be discharged from the Select Committee on Public Administration and Mr Neil Turner be added to the Committee.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

13 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Ordered, That Mr Stephen Twigg be discharged from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons and Ann Coffey be added to the Committee.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

14 Broadcasting.—Ordered, That Mr Andrew Stunell be discharged from the Broadcasting Committee and Norman Baker be added to the Committee.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

15 Environmental Audit,—Ordered, That Norman Baker be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Mr Paul Keetch be added to the Committee.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

16 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Hardwicke and Haresfield against the building of new houses on agricultural land at Colethropp Farm, Haresfield, 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 Clive Betts);

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 seventeen minutes to Eleven o'clock, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 10.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Competition,—Competition Act 1998 (Director’s rules) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 293), dated 9th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Consumer Credit,—(1) Consumer Credit (Conduct of Business) (Credit References) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 291), and (2) Consumer Credit (Credit Reference Agency) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 290), dated 8th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


4 Environmental Protection,—(1) Contaminated Land (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 227), and (2) Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 207) dated 2nd February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Income Tax,—Special Commissioners (Jurisdiction and Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 288), dated 8th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

6 Medicines,—Medicines for Human Use (Marketing Authorisations Etc.) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 292), dated 8th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

8 Forestry,—Accounts of the Forestry Fund for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 240] [Clerk of the House].

9 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Forty-first Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1998–99 [by Command] [Cm. 4593] [Mr Stephen Timms].

10 Telecommunications,—Paper, entitled Amendments to the Agreement and the Operating Agreement relating to the European Telecommunications Satellite Organization (EUTELSAT) [by Command] [Cm. 4572] [Mr Secretary Byers].

11 Treaty Series (No. 6, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Panama City on 25th March and 5th May 1999, extending the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Panama for the Promotion and Protection of Investments signed at Panama City on 7th October 1983 to the Isle of Man and the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey [by Command] [Cm. 4590] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Carers and Disabled Children Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee C; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr David Amess, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Tom Clarke, Maria Eagle, Mr Huw Edwards, Mr Andrew George, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Philip Hammond, Mrs Sylvia Heal, Mr John Hutton, Mr Tom Pendry, Mr Lawrie Quinn, Mr Robert Syms and Dr Desmond Turner.

2 Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nicholas Winterton and Mrs Ray Michie additional Chairmen of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr David Curry, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Barbara Follett, Mr Andrew George, Mr John Horam, Helen Jones, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Stephen McCabe, Dan Norris, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, Mr John Randall, Mr Peter Temple-Morris and Steve Webb.

4 Draft African Development Fund (Eighth Replenishment) Order 1999:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr George Foulkes, Dr Ian Gibbon, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr David Heath, Mr Robert Jackson, Lynne Jones, Dr Ashok Kumar, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr David Ruffley, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Mr Gary Streeter, Dr Jenny Tonge and Mr Dennis Turner.

5 Draft Greater London Authority (Disqualification) Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Iain Coleman, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Keith Darvill, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Neil Gerrard, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Peter Lloyd, Mr John McDonnell, Joan Raddock, Mr John Wilkinson and Mr Phil Woolas.

6 Draft Foundation Subject (Amendment) (England) Order 2000,—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Maxton an additional Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.
7 Draft Data Protection (Subject Access Modification) (Social Work) Order 2000, the draft Data Protection (Subject Access Modification) (Health) Order 2000, the draft Data Protection (Subject Access Modification) (Education) Order 2000, the draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) Order 2000, the draft Data Protection (Miscellaneous Subject Access Exemptions) Order 2000, the draft Data Protection (Designated Codes of Practice) Order 2000, and the draft Data Protection (Crown Appointments) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mike Hall and Mr Tony Lloyd from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr David Jamieson and Mr Syd Rapson.

European Standing Committees

8 The Speaker has appointed Mr John Butterfill Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Documents Nos. 14320/98, 12838/99, 12839/99 and 12840/99, relating to the 1999 Review of Telecommunications Legislation and Radio Spectrum Policy.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Implications for UK Agriculture and EU Agricultural Policy of Trade Liberalisation and the WTO Round]; to be printed [No. 246-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Environmental Regulation and Farming] [Mr Austin Mitchell].

2 Education and Employment,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [General Teaching Council]; to be printed [No. 239] [Mr Barry Sheerman]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Committee [Work Permits for Overseas Footballers]; to be printed [No. 218-ii] [Mr Derek Foster].

3 European Scrutiny,—Eighth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-viii] [Mr Jim Marshall].

4 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The Tobacco Industry and the Health Risks of Smoking]; to be printed [No. 27-viii] [Mr David Hinchlife].

5 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 1998]; to be printed [No. 247-i] [Mr David Davis].

6 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Administration Committee [Making Government Work: Civil Service Reform]; to be printed [No. 238-i] [Dr Tony Wright].

7 Science and Technology,—(1) Third Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Scientific Advisory System: Diabetes and Driving Licences], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee in the last Session of Parliament; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 206]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Scientific Advisory System: Diabetes and Driving Licences] [Dr Michael Clark].

8 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Poverty in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 59-v] [Mr David Marshall].

9 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Medical Services]; to be printed [No. 183-v] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

10 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee (Government’s Cash and Debt Management); to be printed [No. 154-i] [Mr Giles Radice].
Wednesday 9th February 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

1 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr David Jamieson);

And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2.00 p.m.

Thursday 10th February 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 17th February.

2 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medway Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 17th February.

3 Mersey Tunnels Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 17th February.

4 Freedom of Information Bill.—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Freedom of Information Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 66].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 252].

5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Data Protection (Subject Access Modification) (Social Work) Order 2000, the draft Data Protection (Subject Access Modification) (Health) Order 2000, the draft Data Protection (Subject Access Modification) (Education) Order 2000, the draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) Order 2000, the draft Data Protection (Miscellaneous Subject Access Exemptions) Order 2000, the draft Data Protection (Designated Codes of Practice) Order 2000 and the draft Data Protection (Crown Appointments) Order 2000.

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 Northern Ireland Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar (Eriskay Causeway) Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

7 Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Jim Dowd: 263.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr David Maclean: 102.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow, pursuant to Order [7th February].

8 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:

Northern Ireland Act 2000
Comhairle Nan Eilean Siar (Eriskay Causeway) Order Confirmation Act 2000
United Reformed Church Act 2000
Alliance & Leicester plc (Group Reorganisation) Act 2000

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

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 Negative Resolution:


2 Open Spaces,—Draft Greenwich Park (Vehicle Parking) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

3 Social Security,—Jobseeker’s Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 239), dated 7th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

4 Hong Kong,—Six-monthly Report on Hong Kong, July–December 1999 [by Command] [Cm. 4594] [Mr Secretary Cook].

5 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Milk Development Council for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

6 Social Security Administration,—Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee preceded by a statement by the Secretary of State for Education and Employment and the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Jobseeker’s Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4549] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Barbara Follett, Dr Brian Iddon, Mrs Jacqui Lait and Mr John Randall from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Alan Hurst, Mr Oliver Letwin, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Ian Pearson and Mr Keith Simpson.

2 Draft African Development Fund (Eighth Replenishment) Order 1999.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Ashok Kumar from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Gwyn Prosser.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Libraries], to be printed [No. 241-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords]], to be printed [No. 253] [Mr Bruce George].
3 International Development.—Fourth Report from the International Development Committee [Debt Relief—Further Developments and the Government Response to the Fourth Report of the Committee, Session 1998–99], 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. 251] [Mr Bowen Wells].

[No. 43; WH, No. 25]
Thursday 10th February 2000.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].
The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

1 Adjournment (Badgers and Bovine Tuberculosis),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 15th February.
[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.

[No. 44.]
Friday 11th February 2000.
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Licensing (Young Persons) Bill,—The Licensing (Young Persons) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

2 Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th May.

3 Newspaper and Magazine Recycling Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Newspaper and Magazine Recycling Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 9th June.

4 Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 9th June.

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 14th February.
[Adjourned at 2.56 p.m.}
Monday 14th February 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1. Analysis of Costs and Benefits (NAFTA Membership) Bill,—Mr Michael Fabricant presented a Bill to establish a Parliamentary Commission to investigate and report to Parliament on the potential costs and benefits of membership by the United Kingdom of the North American Free Trade Agreement: and the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 67].

2. Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill (Clauses 1 to 18 and 95 to 120, Schedules 1, 2 and 11 to 14, and New Clauses and New Schedules relating to Parts I and VII),—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill (Clauses 1 to 18 and 95 to 120, Schedules 1, 2 and 11 to 14, and New Clauses and New Schedules relating to Parts I and VII).

(Ordered, That the order in which proceedings in Committee of the whole House on the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill are to be taken shall be: Clause I, Schedule 1, Clause 2, Schedule 2, Clauses 3 to 18, new Clauses and new Schedules relating to Part I, Clauses 95 to 103, Schedule 11, Clause 104, Schedule 12, Clauses 105 to 111, Schedule 13, Clause 112, Schedule 14, Clauses 113 to 120, new Clauses and new Schedules relating to Part VII.—(Mr Mike O’Brien.)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 (The Electoral Commission).

Amendment (No. 6) made.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 94, line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(4A) An Electoral Commissioner shall cease to hold office if he accepts nomination for office on any elected public body.’.—(Mr Andrew Stunell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 35) proposed, in page 98, line 14, after ‘17(8)’, to insert the words ‘or by the Scottish Parliament in pursuance of section [Transfer to Commission of functions of Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland](8).’.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

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

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Speaker’s Committee).

Amendment (No. 17) proposed, in page 2, to leave out lines 6 to 20 and to insert the words—

‘(2) The Speaker’s Committee shall consist of the Speaker of the House of Commons, the Leader of the House of Commons, a nominee of the Leader of the Opposition and three other members appointed by the House of Commons, none of whom shall be a Minister of the Crown.’.—(Sir Patrick Cormack.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made;

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Peter Luff: 144.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Mike Hall: 290.

Clause agreed to.

Schedule No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Appointment of Electoral Commissioners and Commission chairman).

Amendment (No. 20) proposed, in page 2, line 36, to leave out the words ‘chairman of the’.—(Sir George Young.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed, in page 3, line 11, at the end, to add the words—

‘(7) At least three members of the Commission (one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Commission appointed under section 1(5)) shall be drawn from the following categories:

(1) judges or retired judges of the High Court of England and Wales
(2) judges or retired judges of the Court of Session of Scotland
(3) judges or retired judges of the High Court of Northern Ireland
(4) lords of Justices of Appeal of England and Wales
(5) Lords of Appeals in Ordinary
(6) the Comptroller and Auditor General
(7) the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards
(8) the Chairman of the Committee on Standards in Public Life.’.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Reviews of electoral and political matters).

Amendment (No. 37) proposed, in page 4, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

‘( ) Any report submitted to the Secretary of State under subsections (1) and (2) shall be—

(a) placed in the House of Commons Library on the same day as it is presented to the Secretary of State; and

(b) debated in the House of Commons within one month of the day it is presented to the Secretary of State.’.—(Mr David Maclean.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Commission to be consulted on changes to electoral law).

Amendment (No. 25) proposed, in page 4, line 30, after the word ‘Commission’, to insert the words ‘and secure its approval’.—(Mr Robert Walter.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 8 (Giving of advice and assistance).

Amendment (No. 7) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Broadcasters to have regard to Commission’s views on party political broadcasts).

Amendment (No. 11) proposed, in page 6, line 42, to leave out from the word ‘broadcasts’, to the end of line 2 on page 7.—(Mr Martin Linton.)

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 Mike Hall reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

3 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Mike Hall).—It was agreed to.
Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill (Clauses 1 to 18 and 95 to 120, Schedules 1, 2 and 11 to 14, and New Clauses and New Schedules relating to Parts I and VII),—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill (Clauses 1 to 18 and 95 to 120, Schedules 1, 2 and 11 to 14, and New Clauses and New Schedules relating to Parts I and VII).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 9 (Broadcasters to have regard to Commission’s views on party political broadcasts).

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 11) be made.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 10 (Policy development grants).

Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 7, line 16, to leave out from the word ‘party’ to the end of line 20.—(Mr Martin Linton.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 8, line 5, to leave out ‘2’ and to insert ‘10’.—(Mr Martin Linton.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 11 (Education about electoral and democratic systems).

Amendment (No. 29) proposed, in page 8, to leave out line 10 and to insert the words—

‘(a) the electoral system in use for the time being in the elections mentioned in section 19(3).’.—(Sir George Young.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed, in page 8, line 11, to leave out from the second word ‘government’ to the end of line 12.—(Sir George Young.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luff: 126.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Jim Dowd: 309.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 12 to 18 agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Mike Hall 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.

Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved—(Mr Adam Ingram);

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

Resolved: That the draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved.

Common Strategy on Ukraine,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees) That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 13523/2/99, the Common Strategy on Ukraine, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 31st January 2000 from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on the Presidency’s work plan on the implementation of the Common Strategy of the European Union on Ukraine; supports the Government’s objectives of developing closer, constructive relations with Ukraine;
and agrees that the Common Strategy has the potential to make a significant contribution towards strengthening the EU-Ukraine relationship—(Jim Dowd).—It was agreed to.

7 State Aid to the Coal Industry 1996–1997.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 10948/99, Commission report on the application of the community rules for State aid to the coal industry in 1996 and 1997; and supports the Government’s actions in pressing the European Commission to interpret the Coal State Aid Code strictly—(Jim Dowd).—It was agreed to.

8 Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Foundation Subject (Amendment) (England) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Jim Dowd).—It was agreed to.

9 Data Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Data Protection (Subject Access Modification) (Social Work) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Jim Dowd).—It was agreed to.

10 Data Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Data Protection (Subject Access Modification) (Health) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Jim Dowd).—It was agreed to.

11 Data Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Data Protection (Miscellaneous Subject Access Exemptions) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Jim Dowd).—It was agreed to.

12 Data Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Jim Dowd).—It was agreed to.

13 Data Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Data Protection (Designated Codes of Practice) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Jim Dowd).—It was agreed to.

14 Data Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Data Protection (Crown Appointments) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved—(Jim Dowd).—It was agreed to.

15 Select Committee on Public Administration.—Ordered, That Ms Margaret Moran be discharged from the Select Committee on Public Administration and Dr George Turner be added to the Committee.—(Mr Keith Bradley.)

16 Environmental Audit Committee.—Ordered, That Mr Simon Thomas be discharged from the Select Committee on Public Administration and Dr George Turner be added to the Committee.—(Mr Keith Bradley.)

17 Environmental Audit Committee.—Ordered, That Mr Simon Thomas be added to the Environmental Audit Committee.—(Mr Keith Bradley.)

18 Procedure Committee.—Ordered, That Mr Edward Davey be discharged from the Procedure Committee and Mr A. J. Beith be added to the Committee.—(Mr Keith Bradley.)

19 Information Committee.—Ordered, That Ms Sandra Osborne be discharged from the Information Committee and Mr Gwyn Prosser be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

20 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Shirley, West Midlands, for aid to be directed to education for child labourers was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

21 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.22 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Industrial Organisation and Development,—Draft Milk Development Council (Amendment) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers

4. London Regional Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 14th February 2000 in respect of temporary borrowing by London Regional Transport from HSBC Bank plc [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

5. Merchant Shipping,—Report by the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions of exemptions granted under section 294 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 during 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6. National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Management and Control of Hospital Acquired Infection in Acute NHS Trusts in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 230] [Clerk of the House].

7. Thames Safety,—Paper, entitled Thames Safety Inquiry: Final Report by Lord Justice Clarke [by Command] [Cm. 4558] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1. Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Environmental Regulation and Farming]; to be printed [No. 212-ii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Environmental Regulation and Farming; Rural Development Regulation; Implications for UK Agriculture and EU Agricultural Policy on Trade Liberalisation and the WTO Round; Badgers and Bovine Tuberculosis] [Mr Austin Mitchell].

2. Environmental Audit,—Fourth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [The Pre-Budget Report 1999] with an Appendix, 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. 70] [Mr John Horam].

3. Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [MAFF: Progress made on Committee Recommendations]; to be printed [No. 257-i] [Mr David Davis].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 22nd February.

2 Child Care Procedures and Practice in North Wales,—Ordered, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there shall be laid before this House a Return of the Report and Summary (including a Welsh translation of the summary) of the Report of the Tribunal of Inquiry into the abuse of children in care in the former county council areas of Gwynedd and Clwyd since 1974, entitled Lost in Care.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

3 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill (except Clauses 1 to 18 and 95 to 120, Schedules 1, 2 and 11 to 14, and New Clauses and New Schedules relating to Parts I and VII),—Mr John Maxton reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill (except Clauses 1 to 18 and 95 to 120, Schedules 1, 2 and 11 to 14, and New Clauses and New Schedules relating to Parts I and VII), and made Amendments thereunto.

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

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 262].

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

Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the Parliamentary Commissioner Act 1967 so as to enable the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration to investigate complaints received directly from members of the public, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Genetically Modified Food and Producer Liability Bill,—Mr Alan Simpson, supported by Mr Tony Benn, Audrey Wise, Norman Baker, Mr John McDonnell, Alice Mahon, Mr Llew Smith, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Maria Fylich and Dr Ian Gibson, presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the safety of and liability for the deliberate release or marketing of genetically modified organisms and genetically modified food; to establish a genetically modified organism compensation fund; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th March and to be printed [Bill 68].

6 Marine Wildlife Protection,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable local authorities to prohibit the use of motorised marine leisure vessels in coastal areas for the purposes of protecting marine wildlife and promoting safety; and to make it an offence recklessly or intentionally to disturb marine wildlife; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th April and to be printed [Bill 69].

7 Marine Wildlife Protection Bill,—Mrs Helen Brinton accordingly presented a Bill to enable local authorities to prohibit the use of motorised marine leisure vessels in coastal areas for the purposes of protecting marine wildlife and promoting safety; and to make it an offence recklessly or intentionally to disturb marine wildlife; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th April and to be printed [Bill 69].

8 Postal Services Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Postal Services Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Postal Services Bill because it introduces an unsatisfactory structure of ownership which falls short of granting full commercial freedom, introduces uncompetitive borrowing criteria and does not include provision for transparent accounting practices, imposes new burdens of regulation on private companies rather than encouraging competition and fails to introduce clear access criteria to protect the network of sub Post Offices’, instead thereof.—(Mrs Angela Browning.)
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Stephen Day: 115.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Clive Betts: 374.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (Amendment on second or third reading);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Don Touhig: 331.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Peter Atkinson: 155.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Postal Services Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown or government department in consequence of the Act; and

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

(2) the payment out of the National Loans Fund of sums required by the Secretary of State for making loans to the Post Office company or any of its subsidiaries;

(3) the extinguishment of liabilities of the Post Office company or any of its subsidiaries by order of the Secretary of State;

(4) the payment out of the National Loans Fund or the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment—(Mr David Clelland).—It was agreed to.

10 Postal Services Bill [Ways and Means],—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Postal Services Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the inclusion in licences granted under the Act of provisions requiring payments to be made;

(2) payments into the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund—(Mr David Clelland).—It was agreed to.

11 London Government (S.I., 2000, No. 208),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Greater London Authority Elections Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 208), dated 1st February 2000, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th February, be annulled—(Mr Bernard Jenkin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Sir Robert Smith: 102.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 296.

So the Question was negatived.

12 London Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Greater London Authority (Election Expenses) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 3rd February, be approved—(Mr Keith Hill);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Kevin Hughes: 262.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Sir Robert Smith: 168.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Greater London Authority (Election Expenses) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 3rd February, be approved.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Devizes, Wiltshire, for aid to be directed to education for child labourers was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Allen.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.40 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

   (2) Greater London Authority (Elections and Acceptance of Office) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 308), dated 9th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2. Pensions,—Personal Injuries (Civilians) Amendment Scheme 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 301), dated 3rd February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

3. Armed Forces Pay,—Twenty-ninth Report of the Armed Forces’ Pay Review Body [by Command] [Cm. 4565] [The Prime Minister].

4. Chelsea Hospital,—Accounts of the Royal Hospital Chelsea: Army Prize Money and Legacy Fund, &c. for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 256] [Clerk of the House].

5. Child Care in North Wales,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day for a Return of the Report and Summary (including a Welsh translation of the Summary) of the Report of the Tribunal of Inquiry into the abuse of children in care in the former county council areas of Gwynedd and Clwyd since 1974, entitled Lost in Care; to be printed and published [No. 201] [Mr Secretary Murphy].


7. Intergovernmental Conference,—Paper, entitled IGC: Reform for Enlargement—The British Approach to the European Union Intergovernmental Conference 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4595] [Mr Secretary Cook].

8. Local Government (Scotland),—Accounts of the Accounts Commission for Scotland for the year ended 31st October 1999, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 248] [Clerk of the House].

9. Low Pay Commission,—Second Report of the Low Pay Commission, entitled The National Minimum Wage: The Story So Far [by Command] [Cm. 4571] [Mr Secretary Byers].

10. National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Thames House and Vauxhall Cross [by Act]; to be printed [No. 236] [Clerk of the House].

11. School Standards and Framework,—Account of the Plymouth Education Action Zone for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 258] [Clerk of the House].
12 Science and Technology.—Accounts of the Research Councils' Pension Schemes for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 259] [Clerk of the House].

13 Senior Salaries.—Twenty-second Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries [by Command] [Cm. 4567] [The Prime Minister].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft African Development Fund (Eighth Replenishment) Order 1999.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gary Streeter from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mrs Cheryl Gillan.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Fourth Report from the Defence Committee [Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords]], 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. 253] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Audit Commission], to be printed [No. 174-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]

3 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [The Sustainable Development Strategy]; to be printed [No. 175-i] [Mr John Horam].

4 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Third Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Relations with the Russian Federation], 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. 101]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Relations with the Russian Federation]
   [Mr Donald Anderson].

5 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Administration Committee [Public Participation]; to be printed [No. 79-vii] [Dr Tony Wright].

6 Statutory Instruments,—Tenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-x] [Mr David Tredinnick].

7 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Work of the Department of Trade and Industry; Application for Support from ECGD for UK Participation in the Ilisu Dam Project]; to be printed [Nos. 261-i and 200-ni] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

8 Treasury,—(1) Third Report from the Treasury Committee [The International Monetary Fund], 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. 72]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The International Monetary Fund]
   [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 46; WH, No. 26]

Tuesday 15th February 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

1 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Robert Ainsworth);

And it being One o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question being put, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 1.00 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 1st March.

2 European Standing Committee,—Mr John Butterfill reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:


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

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Greater London Authority (Disqualification) Order 2000.

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

4 Welfare of Racing Greyhounds,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the welfare of racing greyhounds at all tracks in the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes: And that Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Tony Banks, Angela Smith, Mr Keith Darvill and Dr Nick Palmer do prepare and bring it in.

5 Welfare of Racing Greyhounds Bill,—Jim Fitzpatrick accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the welfare of racing greyhounds at all tracks in the United Kingdom; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th April and to be printed [Bill 70].

6 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill (Clauses 1 to 18 and 95 to 120, Schedules 1, 2 and 11 to 14, New Clauses and New Schedules relating to Parts I and VII),—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill (Clauses 1 to 18 and 95 to 120, Schedules 1, 2 and 11 to 14, New Clauses and New Schedules relating to Parts I and VII).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 95 (Referendums to which this Part applies).

Amendment (No. 36) proposed, in page 60, line 37, to leave out from the word ‘Ireland’ to the end of line 39 — (Mr Robert Walter.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 45) proposed, in page 61, line 13, at the end, to add the words—

‘(6) The exact number, nature and wording of

(a) the question or questions, and

(b) the possible answers to each question

in a referendum or other poll to which this Part applies shall be determined after consultation with the Commission; and any views expressed by the Commission shall be published.’.—(Sir Patrick Cormack.)

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

Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 96 agreed to.

Clause No. 97 (Date of poll).

Amendment (No. 46) proposed, in page 61, line 33, to leave out from the beginning to the word ‘the’ in line 34 and to insert the words ‘The date of the poll in the case of any referendum to which this Part applies shall be fixed by the Commission, and’.—(Sir Patrick Cormack.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Stephen Day: 176.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Graham Allen: 323.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 98 (Permitted participants).

Amendment (No. 47) proposed, in page 62, line 1, after the word ‘individual’, to insert the words ‘registered in an electoral register’.—(Mr Robert Walter.)

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 Mike Hall, Mr Greg Pope: 334.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Peter Luff: 146.

Clauses Nos. 99 to 101 agreed to.

Clause No. 102 (Applications for designation under section 101).

Amendment (No. 13) proposed, in page 64, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—

(5A) In making any designation of a permitted participant under section 101(2) or (4) the Commission shall have regard to

(i) the separate levels of support for each of the permitted participants which have given notice under section 99(1)(b) or section 99(3)(b) that they propose to campaign for the same outcome, and

(ii) evidence submitted to it by any permitted participants relating to their principal reasons for campaigning for that outcome.

(5B) Where the Commission is satisfied that more than one permitted participant had demonstrated

(a) substantial support, and

(b) a distinct “principal reason” for campaigning for the same outcome, and

(c) that it would be unreasonable to refuse designation under section 101(1), it may designate 2 or more permitted participants for assistance under section 103.

(5C) Where the Commission makes any designation under subsection (5C) above, they shall make such an apportionment of eligibility for assistance between the designated permitted participants as they think fit.’.—(Mr Andrew Stunell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 49) proposed, in page 64, line 32, to leave out the words ‘shorter or’.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 103 agreed to.

Schedule No 11 agreed to.

Clause No. 104 agreed to.

Schedule No. 12 agreed to.

Clause No. 105 (Notional referendum expenses).

Amendment (No. 50) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 106 and 107 agreed to.

Clause No. 108 (Restriction on making claims in respect of referendum expenses).

Amendment (No. 8) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 109 and 110 agreed to.

Clause No. 111 (Special restrictions on referendum expenses by permitted participants).

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

And it being Ten o’clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Kevin Hughes reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

7 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Kevin Hughes)—It was agreed to.

8 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill (Clauses 1 to 18 and 95 to 120, Schedules 1, 2 and 11 to 14, and New Clauses and New Schedules relating to Parts I and VII),—The House again resolved itself into a Committee on the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill (Clauses 1 to 18 and 95 to 120, Schedules 1, 2 and 11 to 14, and New Clauses and New Schedules relating to Parts I and VII).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 111 (Special restrictions on referendum expenses by permitted participants).

Question again proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 334.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Peter Luff: 137.

Schedule No. 13 agreed to.

Clause No. 112 agreed to.

Schedule No. 14 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 113 to 117 agreed to.

Clause No. 118 (Restriction on publication etc. of promotional material by central and local government etc.).

Amendment (No. 54) proposed, in page 72, line 41, to leave out the word ‘relevant’, and to insert the word ‘referendum’.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 119 and 120 agreed to.

A Clause (Chief counting officers, and counting officers, for referendums)—(Mr Mike O’Brien)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

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

Clause added.

Another Clause (Orders regulating conduct of referendums)—(Mr Mike O’Brien)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Peter Luff: 135.

Clause added.

Title amended as follows: A Bill to establish an Electoral Commission; to make provision about the registration and finances of political parties; to make provision about donations and expenditure for political purposes; to make provision about election and referendum campaigns and the conduct of referendums; to make provision about election petitions and other legal proceedings in connection with elections; to reduce the qualifying periods set out in sections 1 and 3 of the Representation of the People Act 1985; and for connected purposes.

Bill (Clauses 1 to 18 and 95 to 120, Schedules 1, 2 and 11 to 14, and New Clauses and New Schedules relating to Parts I and VII), as amended, to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Mike Hall reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses 1 to 18 and 95 to 120, Schedules 1, 2 and 11 to 14, and New Clauses and New Schedules relating to Parts I and VII) and made amendments thereunto, and had amended the title.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee, be considered this day, and be printed [Bill 71].

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law,—Crime and Disorder Strategies (Prescribed Descriptions) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 300), dated 9th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Education,—(1) North Riding College Higher Education Corporation (Dissolution) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 355), and

(2) Phoenix College (Dissolution) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 354), dated 14th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Judicial Committee,—Judicial Committee (Osteopaths Rules) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 251), dated 8th February 2000 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

4 Ministers of the Crown,—Transfer of Functions (Minister for the Civil Service and Treasury) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 250), dated 8th February 2000 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].


Other Papers:

6 Pensions,—Naval, Military and Air Forces Etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Amendment Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 252), dated 8th February 2000 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

7 Treaty Series (No. 1, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 18th June and 21st July 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America concerning the construction of a Monitoring Facility on Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory (British Indian Ocean Territory Agreement 1999) [by Command] [Cm. 4582] [Mr Secretary Cook].

8 Treaty Series (No. 2, 2000),—Interregional Framework Cooperation Agreement, done at Madrid on 15th December 1993, 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 [by Command] [Cm. 4583] [Mr Secretary Cook].

[Adjourned at 12.56 a.m.]
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Hurst and Mr Oliver Letwin from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Richard Ottaway and Mr Shaun Woodward.

European Standing Committees

2. European Union Document No. 12992/99 relating to Aid System for Flax and Hemp has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [The European Security and Defence Identity], to be printed [No. 264] [Mr Bruce George].

2. Education and Employment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Work Permits for Overseas Footballers]; to be printed [No. 218-ii] [Mr Derek Foster].

3. Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Proposed Urban White Paper]; to be printed [No. 185-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4. European Scrutiny.—Ninth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-ix] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5. Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The Tobacco Industry and the Health Risks of Smoking]; to be printed [No. 27-α] [Mr David Hinchcliffe].

6. Northern Ireland Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Public Expenditure—Inward Investment in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 198-ii] [Mr Peter Brooke].

7. Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence Appropriation Accounts 1998–99]; to be printed [No. 265-i] [Mr David Davis].

8. Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Government’s Expenditure on Research and Development: Forward Look 1999]; to be printed [No. 196-α] [Dr Michael Clark].

9. Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Poverty in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 59-v] [Mr David Marshall].

10. Social Security.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Social Security and Child Support Commissioners]; to be printed [No. 263-ii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

11. Standards and Privileges.—Fifth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaints against Mrs Teresa Gorman], together with Appendices to the Report, Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 30th November and 18th January, and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 260] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

12. Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Government’s Cash and Debt Management]; to be printed [No. 154-iii] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 47; WH, No. 27]

Wednesday 16th February 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

1. Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
[No. 48.]

Thursday 17th February 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for Second Reading of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 2nd March.

2 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for Second Reading of the Medway Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 2nd March.

3 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 2nd March.

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2000.

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

5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft African Development Fund (Eighth Replenishment) Order 1999.

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

6 Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Armed Forces Discipline 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 Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords] because it adds unnecessary administrative burdens and costs to Her Majesty’s Forces, proposes hasty and impractical solutions to the administration of military law for forces on active service, transfers to civilians powers which rightly lie with the chain of military command, and, furthermore, because it fails to address urgent issues affecting the fundamental human rights of military personnel and their dependants, including deficiencies in the provision of legal aid and delays in the processes of military law, such as redress of grievance procedures, and because it has the effect of postponing yet again both consolidation of the Army, Navy and Air Force Discipline Acts and consideration of a single tri-service Discipline Act’, instead thereof.—(Mr Robert Key.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 134.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Don Touhig: 298.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (Amendment on second or third reading);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Don Touhig: 276.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 131.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

7 Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords][Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords] [Money];
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred in consequence of the establishment by the Act of summary appeal courts; and

(b) any additional expenditure on the armed forces which is attributable to the Act—

(Mr Tony McNulty):—It was agreed to.

8 London Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Greater London Authority (Disqualification) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 3rd February, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty):—It was agreed to.

9 The 1999 Review of Telecommunications Legislation and Radio Spectrum Policy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Documents Nos. 12838/99, the Commission’s Fifth Report on the implementation of the telecommunications regulatory package, 12839/99, Commission Communication: Towards a new framework for electronic communications infrastructure and associated services: the 1999 Communications Review, 14320/98, Commission Green Paper on radio spectrum policy in the context of European Community policies such as telecommunications, broadcasting, transport and research and development, and 12840/99, Commission Communication, The next steps in radio spectrum policy—Results of the public consultation on the Green Paper; welcomes these Communications; and supports the Government’s proposed response to them—(Mr Tony McNulty):—It was agreed to.

10 Business of the House,—Ordered, That the Sessional Orders [25th October 1999] relating to Thursday sittings and Meetings of standing committees and the Sessional Order [24th May 1999] relating to sittings in Westminster Hall shall apply to times of sitting on Tuesday 22nd February as if that day were a Thursday.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till Monday 21st February.

[Adjourned at 7.50 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Education,—Draft Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 51), on 1999–2000 Special Grant for Asylum Seekers’ Support (Adults and Families of Asylum Seekers) [by Act], to be printed [No. 255] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Weights and Measures,—(1) Weighing Equipment (Automatic Gravimetric Filling Instruments) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 388), and

(2) Weighing Equipment (Filling and Discontinuous Totalising Automatic Weighing Machines) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 387), dated 15th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

4 Air Force (Constitution),—Regulations of the Defence Council amending Air Publication 1269A: Royal Air Force Manual of Assessment of Medical Fitness (3rd Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

5 Biological Standards,—Report and Accounts of the National Biological Standards Board for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
6 Food.—Accounts of the Home Grown Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Fund for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 267] [Clerk of the House].

7 Security Commission,—Report of the Security Commission on the case of Steven John Hayden [by Command] [Cm. 4578] [The Prime Minister].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Postal Services Bill.—(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Mr John Maxton and Mr John Butterfill Chairmen; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Tony Baldry, Mr Clive Betts, Mr David Borrow, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Russell Brown, Mr Ben Chapman, Mr David Chidgey, Mr Tony Colman, Mr David Drew, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Alan Johnson, Mr Bob Laxton, Mrs Diana Organ, Mr Richard Page, Mr John Randall, Miss Geraldine Smith and Dr George Turner.

Grand Committees

2 Scottish Grand Committee,—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Maxton and Mr Jimmy Hood Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Tuesday 29th February.

European Standing Committees

3 European Standing Committee B,—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Ray Michie Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Documents Nos. 10705/99, 10497/99 and 11203/99, relating to European Community Humanitarian and Development Aid, and the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Department for International Development on 5th November 1999.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) First Special Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, on The Future of Professional Rugby]; to be printed [No. 268]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Libraries]; to be printed [No. 241-i]

[Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Winter Pressures in the NHS]; to be printed [No. 266-i] [Mr David Hinchcliffe].

[No. 48; WH, No. 28]

Thursday 17th February 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

1 Adjournment (Africa).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr David Clelland)

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 22nd February.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 Road Traffic Bill.—The Order for reading the Road Traffic Bill a second time on Friday 3rd March was read and discharged. Bill to be read a second time on Friday 10th March.

2 Opposition day [5th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the Government's failure to meet its manifesto commitment to spend a higher proportion of national income on education than the previous government, despite the Prime Minister's pledge that education would continue to have "the first call on public resources", deplores the Government's complacency in the face of the damage being done to excellence in education by increased bureaucracy, interference in schools, abolition of grant maintained status, introduction of grammar school ballots, obsession with targets and diversion of funds to meet political goals rather than the needs of schools; views with concern the Government's disregard for parental choice or student need; and calls on the Government to introduce common sense policies to improve standards by setting schools free, letting parents choose and trusting the professionals—(Mrs Theresa May);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'welcomes the Government's commitment to raising standards and achieving excellence for all from the early years to life-long learning after 18 years of neglect; recognises that education spending will rise as a share of national income over the course of this Parliament, in contrast to a decline of 0.3 per cent. between 1991-92 and 1996-97; recognises the early success in lowering class sizes in the early years and the achievement of introducing literacy and numeracy strategies which, with the hard work and commitment of teachers, have raised standards; supports the promotion of diversity which will deliver excellence for the many and not the few; recognises the role of specialist schools and the importance of excellence in cities; supports the drive to raise standards in secondary schools through the extension of the literacy and numeracy strategies and an expanded programme of summer schools; recognises the value of teachers and supports the new proposals for performance-related promotion; recognises the role of school leaders; notes the increase of £1.8 billion in funding for schools and Local Education Authorities in England for the coming year and the role of the fair funding framework in tackling excessive bureaucracy and ensuring that increased funding benefits classroom services; notes the increased resources made available to expand access and improve quality in further and higher education; and supports the Government's determination to build a socially inclusive knowledge economy in which learning and skills are the foundation of success and prosperity', instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Blunkett.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luff: 123.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr David Clelland: 300.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (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 raising standards and achieving excellence for all from the early years to life-long learning after 18 years of neglect; recognises that education spending will rise as a share of national income over the course of this Parliament, in contrast to a decline of 0.3 per cent. between 1991-92 and 1996-97; recognises the early success in lowering class sizes in the early years and the achievement of introducing the literacy and numeracy strategies which, with the hard work and commitment of teachers, have raised standards; supports the promotion of diversity which will deliver excellence for the many and not the few; recognises the role of specialist schools and the importance of excellence in cities; supports the drive to raise standards and achieving excellence for all from the early years to life-long learning after 18 years of neglect; recognises that education spending will rise as a share of national income over the course of this Parliament, in contrast to a decline of 0.3 per cent. between 1991-92 and 1996-97; recognises the early success in lowering class sizes in the early years and the achievement of introducing the literacy and numeracy strategies which, with the hard work and commitment of teachers, have raised standards; supports the promotion of diversity which will deliver excellence for the many and not the few; recognises the role of specialist schools and the importance of excellence in cities; supports the drive to raise
standards in secondary schools through the extension of the literacy and numeracy strategies and an expanded programme of summer schools; recognises the value of teachers and supports the new proposals for performance-related promotion; recognises the role of school leaders; notes the increase of £1.8 billion in funding for schools and Local Education Authorities in England for the coming year and the role of the fair funding framework in tackling excessive bureaucracy and ensuring that increased funding benefits classroom services; notes the increased resources made available to expand access and improve quality in further and higher education; and supports the Government’s determination to build a socially inclusive knowledge economy in which learning and skills are the foundation of success and prosperity.

Millennium Dome.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the fact that Government interference in the Millennium Dome has rendered it a source of national embarrassment, a wasted opportunity to celebrate Britain and the Millennium and poor value for Lottery players’ money—(Mr Peter Ainsworth);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘believes that the Millennium Experience—and the many other Millennium activities—represent both an excellent celebration for the people of this country and a tangible and enduring legacy for future generations; further welcomes the announcement that the New Millennium Experience Company team will be introducing improvements which deliver even greater value for money both to the paying visitor and to the Millennium Commission; and, in particular, notes the record attendances at the Dome in the week commencing 7th February and the recent high satisfaction ratings amongst visitors’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Smith.)

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

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

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

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luff: 141.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr David Jamieson: 275.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 261.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luff: 138.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Speaker forthwith declared the main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House believes that the Millennium Experience—and the many other Millennium activities—represent both an excellent celebration for the people of this country and a tangible and enduring legacy for future generations; further welcomes the announcement that the New Millennium Experience Company team will be introducing improvements which deliver even greater value for money both to the paying visitor and to the Millennium Commission; and, in particular, notes the record attendances at the Dome in the week commencing 7th February and the recent high satisfaction ratings amongst visitors.

3 House of Commons Commission,—Ordered, That Sir Peter Lloyd and Dr Lewis Moonie be discharged from the House of Commons Commission and Mr Eric Forth and Mr Stuart Bell be appointed members of the Commission under the House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

4 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.—(Mr Kevin Hughes);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Mike Hall: 248.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luff: 124.

Resolved, That the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved.

5 Overseas Development and Co-operation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Draft African Development Fund (Eighth Replenishment) Order 1999, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Mr Kevin Hughes)—It was agreed to.

6 Administration,—Ordered, That Mr Oliver Heald be discharged from the Administration Committee and Mr Stephen Day be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Agriculture,—Ordered, That Mr Peter Luff be discharged from the Agriculture Committee and Mr Owen Paterson be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Defence,—Ordered, That Mr Crispin Blunt be discharged from the Defence Committee and Mr Peter Viggers be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr John Randall be discharged from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee and Mr Crispin Blunt be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Treasury,—Ordered, That Dr Lewis Moonie be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Mr Nigel Beard be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.38 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 18th February 2000 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O., No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Miscellaneous (No. 2, 2000),—Protocol, adopted at Kingston on 27th March 1998, on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Seabed Authority, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 4592] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 21st February 2000:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

2 Legal Services Commission,—(1) Draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) Regulations 2000, and

(2) draft Community Legal Service (Scope) Regulations 2000

[by Act] [Mr David Lock].

3 Legal Services,—Draft Conditional Fee Agreements Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D, and has appointed Mr Joe Benton and Mr Humfrey Malins Chairmen; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr David Clelland, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Mike Gapes, Mrs Sylvia Heal, Mr David Heath, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Paul Keetch, Jane Kennedy, Mr Robert Key, Mr Stephen McCabe, Gillian Merron, Laura Moffatt, Dr Lewis Moonie, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Mark Todd, Mr Peter Viggers and Mr Dave Watts.

2 Postal Services Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Chidgey from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Brian Cotter.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Glaxo Wellcome and SmithKline Beecham]; to be printed [No. 207] [Dr Michael Clark].

[No. 50.]

Tuesday 22nd February 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 29th February.

2 Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) Bill.—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Secretary Smith, Mr Secretary Murphy, Jane Kennedy and Mr Charles Clarke presented a Bill to make provision for determining the mode of trial in the case of offences triable either summarily or on indictment; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 28th February and to be printed [Bill 73].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) Bill be printed [Bill 73–EN].

3 Television Licence Fee (Abolition).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 to remove the requirement for the obtaining of certain wireless telegraphy licences; to make provision with respect to the funding of the British Broadcasting Corporation; and for connected purposes—(Mr Christopher Chope);

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. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Christopher Chope, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Owen Paterson and Mr Christopher Fraser do prepare and bring in the Bill.
4 Television Licence Fee (Abolition) Bill.—Mr Christopher Chope accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 to remove the requirement for the obtaining of certain wireless telegraphy licences; to make provision with respect to the funding of the British Broadcasting Corporation; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th April and to be printed [Bill 72].

5 Defence White Paper.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the 1999 Defence White Paper (Cm. 4446)—(Mr Secretary Hoon);

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Monday 28th February.

6 Finance and Services Committee.—Ordered, That Dr Lewis Moonie be discharged from the Finance and Services Committee and Mr Stuart Bell be added to the Committee.—(Mr David Clelland.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 28th February.

[Adjourned at 7.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Forestry Commissioners) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

2 Pensions,—Draft Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Penalties) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Education,—(1) North West Shropshire Education Action Zone (No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 422), and

(2) South of England Virtual Education Action Zone (No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 423),
dated 21st February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

4 Food,—Food (Peanuts from Egypt) (Emergency Control) (England and Wales) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 375), dated 21st February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].


Other Papers:

6 Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 22nd February 2000, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes specified in the Spring Supplementary Estimates for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

7 Defence (Votes A), 2000–2001,—Estimates of the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces for 2000–2001 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 163] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

8 Health,—Departmental Minute, dated 22nd February 2000, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the proposed commercial partnership between the National Blood Authority and Haemacure [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

9 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [18th January] from Robert Hannington and others calling for pressure to be placed on the Burmese Government to prevent the persecution of Christians [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
10 Science and Technology.—Report and Financial Summary of the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

11 Supply Estimates, 2000–2001.—Estimates for the Lord Chancellor’s and Law Officers’ Departments (Class V), for which a Vote on Account is required for 2000–2001 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 244] [Mr Stephen Timms].

12 Supply Estimates, 1999–2000.—(1) Spring Supplementary Estimates for 1999–2000 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 243] [Mr Stephen Timms]; and

(2) Spring Supplementary Estimate (Class XVIII, A, House of Commons) for 1999–2000 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 242] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Heath from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Martin Bell.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Home Affairs.—Second Special Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Government Reply to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 1998–99, on Drugs and Prisons]; to be printed [No. 271] [Mr Robin Corbett]

[No. 50; WH, No. 29]

Tuesday 22nd February 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

1 Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Jamieson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 29th February.

[Adjourned at 4.59 p.m.]
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 Mr Michael Keith Beale Colvin, Member for Romsey. 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 honorable Member’s family and friends.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Transport Salaried Staffs’ Association (Amendment of Rules) Bill, without Amendment.

3 Royal Parks (Trading) Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading committees), That the Royal Parks (Trading) Bill be referred to a Second Reading Committee—(Mr David Clelland):—It was agreed to.

4 Defence White Paper.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 22nd February, That this House approves the 1999 Defence White Paper (Cm. 4446);

And the Question being again proposed, That this House approves the 1999 Defence White Paper (Cm. 4446):—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘declines to approve a defence policy which has been used to make war upon innocent civilians in Iraq and Yugoslavia under NATO command, contrary to the provisions of the United Nations Charter, without any explicit authorization by the House of Commons elected to exercise democratic control over the Government of the day, which involves the use of cluster bombs, and which is based upon the possession of, and threat to use, nuclear weapons, which have been declared illegal by both the International Court of Justice and a Scottish court’, instead thereof.—(Alice Mahon.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John McDonnell, Mr Jeremy Corbyn: 12.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 340.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 348.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luff: 149.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House approves the 1999 Defence White Paper (Cm. 4446).

5 Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [7th February], That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Mike Hall: 317.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Edward Leigh, Dr Julian Lewis: 117.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr David Jamieson.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.04 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

Wednesday 23rd February 2000

1 Treaty Series (No. 3, 2000),—Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession of the Republic of Poland, done at Brussels on 16th December 1997 [Cm. 4584] [Mr Secretary Cook].

2 Treaty Series (No. 4, 2000),—Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession of the Republic of Hungary, done at Brussels on 16th December 1997 [Cm. 4585] [Mr Secretary Cook].

3 Treaty Series (No. 5, 2000),—Protocol to the North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession of the Czech Republic, done at Brussels on 16th December 1997 [Cm. 4586] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Friday 25th February 2000

4 Miscellaneous (No. 3, 2000),—Agreement, done at Istanbul on 19th November 1999, on Adaptation of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 4630] [Mr Secretary Cook].

5 Treaty Series (No. 7, 2000),—Protocol No. 6 to the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms concerning the Abolition of the Death Penalty, opened for signature at Strasbourg on 28th April 1983 [Cm. 4596] [Mr Secretary Cook].

6 Treaty Series (No. 14, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 10th and 21st July 1997, amending the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Cocoa Organization [Cm. 4628] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Wednesday 23rd February 2000


Thursday 24th February 2000


10 Legal Aid and Advice,—Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 431), dated 21st February 2000 [Mr David Lock].


Friday 25th February 2000


13 Education,—Education (Grants) (Royal Ballet School) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 443), dated 24th February 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

14 Legal Aid and Advice,—Civil Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 451) dated 22nd February 2000 [Mr David Lock].
15 Legal Services Commission,—(1) Community Legal Service (Costs) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 441), and
(2) Legal Services Commission (Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 442),
dated 18th February 2000 [Mr David Lock].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 28th February 2000:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

16 Access to Justice,—Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission in accordance
with section 8 of the Access to Justice Act 1999 and as first approved by the Lord
Chancellor in accordance with section 9(4) of that Act [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

18 Northern Ireland,—Draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr
Secretary Mandelson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

478), dated 25th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

476, dated 28th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

21 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 18th October 1999, made by the
Governing Body of Emmanuel College, Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the College
[by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

22 International Monetary Fund,—Proposed Fourth Amendment to the Articles of Agreement
of the International Monetary Fund [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

23 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Account of the United Kingdom Central Council for
Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller
and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 192] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

24 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the:
(1) East Brighton Education Action Zone, and
(2) Thetford Education Action Zone
for 1998–99, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [Nos. 279 and 278] [Clerk of the House].

25 Science and Technology,—Accounts of the Medical Research Council for 1998–99, with the
Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 280]
[Clerk of the House].

26 Social Security Administration,—Account of the National Insurance Fund for 1998–99, with
the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No.
146] [Clerk of the House].

27 United Kingdom Ecolabelling Board,—Accounts of the UK Ecolabelling Board for 1st April
1998 to 19th April 1999 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Third Report from the Agriculture Committee [The Segregation of GM
Foods], 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. 71] [Mr David Curry].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Tenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Excess Votes
1998–99]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the
Report [No. 282]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [English Partnerships: Assisting
Local Regeneration]; to be printed [No. 283-i]
[Mr David Davis].
3 Trade and Industry,—(1) Fifth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Dounreay: Progress 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. 281]; and

(2) Sixth Report from the Committee [Application for Support from ECGD for UK Participation in the Ilisu Dam Project], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 200]

[Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 52.]

Tuesday 29th February 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 7th March.

2 Control of Hedgerows in Residential Areas,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Environmental Protection Act 1990 by extending powers to environmental health officers to intervene in neighbourly disputes involving hedgerows in residential areas; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Alan Hurst, Mr Tom Clarke, Lynne Jones, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Andrew Rowe, David Taylor, Christine Butler, Mr Richard Allan, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Lindsay Hoyle and Mr Ian Pearson do prepare and bring it in.

3 Control of Hedgerows in Residential Areas Bill,—Mr Jim Cunningham accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Environmental Protection Act 1990 by extending powers to environmental health officers to intervene in neighbourly disputes involving hedgerows in residential areas; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 24th March and to be printed [Bill 74].

4 Government Resources and Accounts Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Government Resources and Accounts Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Investment: limit)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Independent body)—(Mr Oliver Letwin)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;

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

5 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Government Resources and Accounts Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Tony McNulty):—It was agreed to.

6 Government Resources and Accounts Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Government Resources and Accounts Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Clause (Independent body) be read a second time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Peter Luff: 152.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Dowd, Mr Kevin Hughes: 311.

Another Clause (Public service agencies’ accounts: scrutiny)—(Mr David Davis)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.
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Question put.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Owen Paterson: 27.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Mike Hall: 253.

Another Clause (Comptroller and Auditor General: access to information) — (Mr David Davis) — brought up and read the first time.
Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Performance statements) — (Mr David Davis) — brought up and read the first time.
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendments (Nos. 36 and 18 to 35) made to the Bill.
The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes past Eight o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.
[Adjourned at 8.14 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:
1 Rating and Valuation,—(1) Draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (England) Order 2000,
   (2) draft Energy from Waste Plants (Rateable Values) (England) Order 2000,
   (3) draft Gas Industry (Rateable Values) (England) Order 2000,
   (4) draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000,
   (5) draft Railways (Rateable Values) (England) Order 2000, and
   (6) draft Water Undertakers (Rateable Values) (England) Order 2000
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
3 Education,—Teachers’ Pensions (Employers’ Supplementary Contributions) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 502), dated 29th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
4 Food,—Colours in Food (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 481), dated 17th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].
5 Insolvency,—Insolvency (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 485), dated 28th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:
6 Criminal Statistics (Scotland),—Statistical Bulletin: Motor Vehicle Offences in Scotland, 1998 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].
7 Development of Tourism,—Statement of appointment and salary of Veronica Palmer as a member of the British Tourist Authority [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].
8 Disabled Persons,—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 1999 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 269] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
9 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission on the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Bill: The consolidation of legislation relating to sentencing [by Command] [Cm. 4620] [Mr David Lock].
10 Museums and Galleries,—Report of the National Library of Wales for 1998–99 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].
11 Public Lending Right. — Report by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the Public Lending Right Scheme for 1998–99, incorporating the Registrar’s Annual Review and Summary Financial Statement of the Public Lending Right Central Fund for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

12 Public Petitions. — Observations by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the Petition [20th January] from the National Farmers’ Union calling for legislation concerning the labelling of food as British [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture. — (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [The Implications for UK Agriculture and EU Agricultural Policy of Trade Liberalisation and the WTO Round]; to be printed [No. 246-ii];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Rural Development Regulation]; to be printed [No. 292-i]; and
   (3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Environmental Regulation and Farming; Rural Development Regulation]
   [Mr David Curry].

2 Education and Employment. — (1) Second Report from the Education and Employment Committee [Visit to the USA: raising educational standards and the role of the private sector]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 290]; and
   (2) Third Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on School Meals]; to be printed [No. 291]
   [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit. — Memorandum laid before the Environmental Audit Committee [Government Observations on the First Report from the Committee—EU Policy and the Environment: An Agenda for the Helsinki Summit] [Mr John Horam].

4 Statutory Instruments. — Eleventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xii]
   [Mr David Tredinnick].

5 Treasury. — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 22nd and 29th February [The Bank of England February Inflation Report]; to be printed [Nos. 286-i and -ii] [Mr Giles Radice].

6 Welsh Affairs. — Second Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Transport Bill and its impact on Wales], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 287] [Mr Martyn Jones].

SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE (PARLIAMENT ACTS)

The Speaker certified, under the provisions of the Parliament Acts 1911 and 1949, that the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill, as compared with the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill sent up to the House of Lords in the last Session, contained only such alterations as were necessary owing to the time which had elapsed since the date of that Bill.

[No. 52; WH, No. 30.]

Tuesday 29th February 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

1 Adjournment. — Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned. — (Mr Mike Hall.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.59 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 8th March.

2 Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill.—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee C, that it had gone through the Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill, and made Amendments therunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 14th April; and to be printed [Bill 77].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 294].

3 European Standing Committee B,—Mrs Ray Michie reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:


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

4 School Crossings (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Michael Foster (Worcester) presented a Bill to amend the law relating to school crossings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th April and to be printed [Bill 75].

5 Telecommunications Masts (Development),— Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the development of telecommunications masts: And that Mr John Bercow, Mr David Amess, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr James Gray, Mr Gerald Howarth, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr Lawrence Robertson, Mrs Marion Roe, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr Phil Willis do prepare and bring it in.

6 Telecommunications Masts (Development) Bill,—Mr John Bercow accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the development of telecommunications masts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th April and to be printed [Bill 76].

7 Standards and Privileges,—Resolved, That this House

(i) approves the Fifth Report of the Committee on Standards and Privileges (House of Commons Paper No. 260); and

(ii) accordingly suspends Mrs Teresa Gorman, Member for Billericay, from the service of the House for one month.—(Mr David Clelland.)

8 Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill;

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 Opposition business set down for consideration under paragraph (2) (c) of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), further proceedings stood postponed.

9 Opposition Day [6th allotted day—first part].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the leader of the second largest opposition party in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Tax Cuts and Public Services,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the continued underfunding of the National Health Service compared to the European average, as recently highlighted by the Prime Minister, the continued underfunding of schools, with average class sizes rising for most age groups
since the election of the Labour Government, that government investment in public transport is significantly below that provided by the previous Government, that police numbers are falling, and that the 75p increase in the weekly pension is grossly inadequate; and concludes that instead of tax cuts the Chancellor should give greater priority to further improvement in the National Health Service, schools funding, public transport, the police and a greater increase in state pensions—(Mr Matthew Taylor).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the fact that the Government is making work pay and cutting taxes for hard-working families; welcomes the fact that, as a result, the tax rate on a typical family will be cut to its lowest level since 1972, and that, on average, families with children will be £740 a year better off, notes that the Liberal Democrats oppose the measures that made this possible, including the Working Families Tax Credit; further welcomes the fact that the Government is making record extra investment in public services, including an extra £40 billion in health and education; notes that this is far in excess of anything promised by the Liberal Democrats at the time of the last General Election; and notes the reckless and uncosted spending commitments made by the Liberal Democrats, which they have no idea how to pay for and which would take Britain back to Tory boom and bust’, instead thereof.—(Dawn Primarolo.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Tom Brake: 39.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Clive Betts, Mrs Anne McGuire: 280.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (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 the Government is making work pay and cutting taxes for hard-working families; welcomes the fact that, as a result, the tax rate on a typical family will be cut to its lowest level since 1972, and that, on average, families with children will be £740 a year better off; notes that the Liberal Democrats oppose the measures that made this possible, including the Working Families Tax Credit; further welcomes the fact that the Government is making record extra investment in public services, including an extra £40 billion in health and education; notes that this is far in excess of anything promised by the Liberal Democrats at the time of the last General Election; and notes the reckless and uncosted spending commitments made by the Liberal Democrats, which they have no idea how to pay for and which would take Britain back to Tory boom and bust.

10 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill and the Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr David Jamieson).—It was agreed to.

11 Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill.—The House resumed the postponed proceedings on the Question, That the Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill be now read a second time.

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.

12 Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords].

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

13 Adjournment (Easter).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Thursday 20th April, do adjourn till Tuesday 2nd May—(Mr David Jamieson).—It was agreed to.

14 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 20th April, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until she shall have notified the Royal Assent to Acts agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr David Jamieson.)

15 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Ordered, That:

(1) the draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 2000 be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;
(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Thursday 9th March at half-past Two o’clock, to consider the instrument referred to it under paragraph (1) above; and

(3) in respect of the sitting on Thursday 9th March, Standing Order No. 115 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (delegated legislation)) shall have effect with the substitution of the word ‘three’ for the words ‘two and a half’ in paragraph (2) of the Order.—(Mr David Jamieson.)

16 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Vale of York against the Government’s plans to pay benefits directly into bank accounts was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Taunton calling for the restoration of access to NHS dentistry was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.32 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

2 Contracting Out,—Draft Contracting Out (Functions relating to Social Security) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 Financial Services,—Draft Official Listing of Securities (Change of Competent Authority) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

4 Industrial Development,—Draft Financial Assistance For Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 Social Security,—Draft Social Security (Work-focused Interviews) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Legal Services Commission,—Community Legal Service (Financial) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 516), dated 18th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

7 Marine Pollution,—Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Oil Pollution) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 483), dated 25th February 2000 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 Merchant Shipping,—(1) Merchant Shipping (Safe Manning, Hours of Work and Watchkeeping) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 484), and

(2) Merchant Shipping (Vessels in Commercial Use for Sport or Pleasure) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 482), dated 25th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

9 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Professions Supplementary to Medicine) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 523), dated 29th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

10 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Drugs, Medicines, Aids for the Handicapped and Charities Etc) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 503), dated 29th February 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers

11 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Government Response to the Nineteenth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 1998–99, on Young and Newly-Qualified Drivers: Standards and Training [by Command] [Cm. 4631] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

12 Treaty Series (No. 8, 2000),—Agreement, done at Nairobi on 13th September 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the
Government of the Republic of Kenya for the Promotion and Protection of Investments [by Command] [Cm. 4597] [Mr Secretary Cook].

13 Treaty Series (No. 9, 2000).—Agreement, done at Hong Kong on 30th July 1998, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China for the Promotion and Protection of Investments [by Command] [Cm. 4598] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Royal Parks (Trading) Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Bill; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has appointed eighteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Brooke, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Iain Coleman, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Keith Darvill, Jim Dowd, Mr Clive Elfodd, Mr David Faber, Mr John Greenway, Mr Alan Howarth, Glenda Jackson, Mr Robert Macleman, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr John Randall, Dr Jenny Tonge, Mr Stephen Twigg and Dr Rudi Vis.

2 Carers and Disabled Children Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr George Stevenson and Mr Bowen Wells Chairmen of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft Milk Development Council (Amendment) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Andrew George, Mr Patrick Hall, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr David Heath, Mr Brian Jenkins, Lynne Jones, Dr Ashok Kumar, Mrs Anne McGuire, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Michael Mates, Mr James Paise, Ms Joyce Quin and Derek Wyatt.

4 Draft Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) Regulations 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Mr Tony Banks, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Clive Betts, Ms Hazel Blears, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr David Faber, Ms Fiona Jones, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr James Plaskitt, Helen Southworth, Dr Alan Whitehead, Mr Malcolm Wicks and Mr Phil Wills.

5 Draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) Regulations 2000, the draft Community Legal Service (Scope) Regulations 2000, and the Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission in accordance with section 8 of the Access to Justice Act 1999 and as first approved by the Lord Chancellor in accordance with section 9(4) of that Act:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations and Code to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Roger Berry, Mr John Burnett, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Paul Clark, Valerie Davey, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr David Lock, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Lembit Opik, Mr Nick St. Aubyn, Mr Llew Smith and Mr John Townend.

6 Draft Conditional Fee Agreements Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr John Burnett, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Paul Clark, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Martin Linton,
Mr David Lock, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Paul Marsden, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Tom Pendry and Mr Nicholas Soames.

7 Draft Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Penalties) Regulations 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Andrew Welsh Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mrs Helen Brinton, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Paul Burstow, Mrs Louise Ellman, Barbara Follett, Mr Clifford Forsythe, Mr John Horam, Mr Kevin Hughes, Ms Oona King, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Ken Livingstone, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr John Randall, Mr Jeff Rooker and Mr Mohammad Sarwar.

European Standing Committees

European Union Documents Nos. 13048/99, relating to Banana Imports, and 5761/00, relating to the White Paper on Food Safety in the European Union, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Fourth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Wembley National Stadium], 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. 164] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Agreement on Adaptation of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (Cm. 4630)]; to be printed [No. 295] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Part-time Working]; to be printed [No. 297] [Mr Derek Foster].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Audit Commission]; to be printed [No. 174-iv]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Committee [Travelling Fairs]; to be printed [No. 284-II] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Light Rapid Transit Systems]; to be printed [No. 153-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

5 European Scrutiny,—(1) Tenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-x]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Forthcoming Intergovernmental Conference]; to be printed [No. 97-v] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Criminal Justice: Working Together]; to be printed [No. 298-i] [Mr David Davis].

7 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Report of the Health Service Ombudsman for 1998-99]; to be printed [No. 107-i] [Dr Tony Wright].

8 Science and Technology,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Government’s Expenditure on Research and Development: Forward Look 1999]; to be printed [No 196-ii]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [EQUAL (Extend Quality Life)]; to be printed [No. 245-i] [Dr Lynne Jones].

9 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Poverty in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 59-vii] [Mr David Marshall].

10 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Social Security and Child Support Commissioners]; to be printed [No. 263-ii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].
11 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Office for National Statistics: Progress Report]; to be printed [No. 293-i] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 53; WH, No. 31.]

Wednesday 1st March 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Nine o’clock.

1 Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Jim Dowd.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 54.]

Thursday 2nd March 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th March.

2 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Medway Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th March.

3 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th March.

4 Liaison,—Mr Giles Radice reported, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee), that the Liaison Committee had directed him to report that it had chosen the Fourth Report of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee (Session 1998–99) on the Operation of the Fair Employment (Northern Ireland) Act 1989: Ten Years On and the Sixth Report from the International Development Committee (Session 1998–99) on Conflict Prevention and Post-Conflict Reconstruction to be debated on Wednesday 15th March, pursuant to Standing Order No. 10 (Wednesday sittings), and the Order of 24th May 1999, in the last Session of Parliament, relating to sittings in Westminster Hall.

5 Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th March and to be printed [Bill 79].

6 Adjournment (Welsh Affairs).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Secretary Murphy);

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

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

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 Affirmative Resolution:

1. Rating and Valuation,—Draft Electricity Supply Industry (Rateable Values) (England) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2. Disabled Persons,—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (North Western Trains Class 175/0 and Class 175/1 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 524), dated 1st March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


Other Papers:

4. Miscellaneous (No. 5, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Washington on 21st July 1999, between the Three Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the United States of America concerning the application of non-proliferation assurances to low enriched uranium for retransfer to Taiwan, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4661] [Mr Secretary Cook].

5. Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [21st December] from Kenneth Beastall, residents of the constituency of Penrith and The Border and others for re-establishment of British sovereignty ceded to the European Commission [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Postal Services Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2. Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on 9th March.

3. Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) Regulations 2000, the draft Community Legal Service (Scope) Regulations 2000 and the Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission in accordance with section 8 of the Access to Justice Act 1999 and as first approved by the Lord Chancellor in accordance with section 9(4) of that Act,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations and Code.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Whatever Happened to News at Ten?]; to be printed [No. 289-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2. Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The Role and Functioning of the General Medical Council]; to be printed [No. 299-i] [Mr David Hinchcliffe].

3. Liaison,—First Report from the Liaison Committee [Shifting the Balance: Select Committees and the Executive]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 300] [Mr Giles Radice].

4. Public Administration,—Memorandum laid before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Making Government Work: Civil Service Reform]; to be printed [No. 238-i] [Dr Tony Wright].
Thursday 2nd March 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

1 Adjournment (Town and Country Parks).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Jim Dowd.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 7th March.

[Adjourned at 5.02 p.m.]

[No. 55.]

Friday 3rd March 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Countryside and Rights of Way Bill.—Mr Secretary Prescott, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Smith, Marjorie Mowlam, Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Secretary Hoon, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Chris Mullin and Ms Beverley Hughes, presented a Bill to make new provision for public access to the countryside; to amend the law relating to public rights of way; to enable traffic regulation orders to be made for the purpose of conserving an area’s natural beauty; to make provision with respect to the driving of mechanically propelled vehicles elsewhere than on roads; to amend the law relating to nature conservation and the protection of wildlife; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 6th March and to be printed [Bill 78].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill be printed [Bill 78–EN].

2 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.

3 Food Labelling Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Food Labelling 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 June.

4 Organic Food and Farming Targets Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Organic Food and Farming Targets Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th March.

5 Building Societies (Transfer Resolutions) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building Societies (Transfer Resolutions) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th May.

6 Select Committee on Public Administration.—Ordered, That Mr Desmond Brown be discharged from the Select Committee on Public Administration and Mr John McFall be added to the Committee.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

7 Environmental Audit Committee.—Ordered, That Mr Bob Blizzard be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Mr Phil Sawford be added to the Committee.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

8 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 6th March.

[Adjourned at 3.00 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance.—(1) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 54) on Rural Bus Challenge 1999, and
   (2) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 53) on rural bus subsidy grants for 2000–01
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 303 and 302] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
2 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Continuance) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].
3 Social Security.—Draft Tax Credits Up-Rating Order 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].
4 Terms and Conditions of Employment (Scotland),—Draft Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 (Transfer of NAO Staff etc.) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Water Industry.—Water Industry (Charges) (Vulnerable Groups) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 519), dated 23rd February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

6 Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 3rd March 2000, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes specified in the Revised and Late Spring Supplementary Estimates for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].
7 Immigration and Asylum,—Draft Code of Practice on Civil Penalty (Vehicles) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].
8 Supply Estimates, 1998–99,—Statement of the sums required to be voted in order to make good excesses on certain grants for 1998–99 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 276] [Mr Stephen Timms].
9 Supply Estimates, 1999–2000,—Revised and Late Spring Supplementary Estimates for 1999–2000 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 275] [Mr Stephen Timms].
[No. 56.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for inspection of the Crown Prosecution Service; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Representation of the People Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate Bill [Lords].—The Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 80].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 80–EN].

3 Representation of the People Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Representation of the People Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 81].

4 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill,—The Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

5 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State for or in connection with the carrying out of his functions under the Act;

(b) any expenditure attributable to arrangements made by the Secretary of State under the Act for the making of contributions towards the costs incurred by persons in complying with requirements under the Act to obtain or disclose any communications data;

(c) any expenditure attributable to arrangements made by the Secretary of State under the Act for the making of contributions towards the costs incurred by persons in complying with notices given under the Act for the disclosure of keys to protected information;

(d) any allowances payable under the Act to the Interception of Communications Commissioner or the Covert Investigations Commissioner; and

(e) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which are payable out of money so provided under any other Act—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

6 Humanitarian Aid and External Co-operation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document Nos. 10705/99, the Commission’s Annual Report on humanitarian aid 1998, 10497/99, the Commission’s Annual Report on TACIS 1998, 11203/99, Commission staff working paper: Report for 1998 on the evaluation of external co-operation, and un-numbered Explanatory Memorandum from the Department for International Development dated 5th November 1999 on a Commission Communication on the assessment and future of Community humanitarian activities; and supports the Government’s policy of working in partnership with the European Community to improve the management, organisation and effectiveness of development assistance administered by the European Community institutions—(Mr David Jamieson)—It was agreed to.

7 Carers and Disabled Children Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Carers and Disabled Children Bill [Money].

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Carers and Disabled Children Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by
Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which are payable out of money so provided by virtue of any other Act.—(Mr David Jamieson.)

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

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 Local Government Finance.—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 55), on 1999–2000 Special Grant for Asylum Seekers’ Support (Adults and Families of Asylum Seekers) [by Act]; to be printed [No 304] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Animals.—Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (Fees) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 480), dated 27th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Education.—Education (Budget Statements) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 576), dated 4th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


(2) Non-Domestic Rating (Rural Settlements) (England) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 521), dated 28th February 2000, and

(3) Non-Domestic Rating (Unoccupied Property) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 520), dated 28th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Social Security.—Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 528), dated 29th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

6 Water.—Water and Sewerage (Conservation, Access and Recreation) (Code of Practice) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 477), dated 23rd February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

7 Water Industry.—Code of Practice on Conservation, Access and Recreation: Guidance for the Environment Agency and Water and Sewerage Undertakers [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Carers and Disabled Children Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Philip Hammond from Standing Committee C (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mrs Caroline Spelman.

2 Royal Parks (Trading) Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Glenda Jackson from the Second Reading Committee (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Harry Cohen.

3 Draft Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) Regulations 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Miller from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Alan Hurst.

4 Draft Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Penalties) Regulations 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Oona King from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Anthony D. Wright.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The Management and Control of Hospital Acquired Infection in Acute NHS Trusts in England]; to be printed [No. 306-i] [Mr David Davis].

[No. 57.]

Tuesday 7th March 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 14th March.

2 Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill,—Mr Bill O'Brien reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 83].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 314].

3 Royal Parks (Trading) Bill,—Mr Barry Jones reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Royal Parks (Trading) Bill, That it had come to the following Resolution, which it had directed him to report to the House: That the Committee recommends that the Royal Parks (Trading) Bill ought to be read a second time.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 309].

4 Sex Discrimination (Amendment) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a bill to amend the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 with respect to the selection by political parties of candidates for parliamentary or local government elections—(Joan Ruddock);

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. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Joan Ruddock, Jackie Ballard, Mr Malcolm Chisholm, Lorna Fitzsimons, Barbara Follett, Dr Ian Gibson, Ms Harriet Harman, Dr Evan Harris, Dr Ashok Kumar, Fiona Mactaggart, Ms Julie Morgan and Dr Jenny Tonge do prepare and bring in the Bill.

5 Sex Discrimination (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—Joan Ruddock accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 with respect to the selection by political parties of candidates for parliamentary or local government elections: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th April and to be printed [Bill 82].

6 Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word 'That' to the end of the Question and add the words 'this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) Bill which, while making provision for determining the mode of trial in the case of offences triable either summarily or on indictment, fails properly to safeguard or maintain the right to trial by jury in either way offences which may result in serious punishment and loss of livelihood', instead thereof.—(Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Kidney, Mr Harold Best: 214.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Don Touhig: 315.
So the Question was negatived.

And the main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (Amendment on second or third reading);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Don Touhig: 315.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Peter Atkinson: 188.
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. 63 (Committal of bills), That the Bill be committed to a Special Standing Committee—(Mr Simon Hughes);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Bob Russell: 181.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr David Clelland: 325.
So the Question was negatived.

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

7 Parliamentary Contributory Pensions Fund and House of Commons Members’ Fund,—

Resolved, That,

(1) in pursuance of Section 1 of the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1987, Mr A. J. Beith and Mrs Sylvia Heal be appointed Managing Trustees of the Parliamentary Contributory Pensions Fund in the room of Dr Vincent Cable and Ms Gisela Stuart; and

(2) in pursuance of Section 2 of the House of Commons Members’ Fund Act 1939, Mr A. J. Beith and Mrs Sylvia Heal be appointed Managing Trustees of the House of Commons Members’ Fund in the room of Dr Vincent Cable and Ms Gisela Stuart.—(Mr John MacGregor.)

8 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Cheshire for an increase in the state pension was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Thomas McAvoy.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.07 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture,—Animal Feedingstuffs from Belgium (Control) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 588), dated 6th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].


5 Legal Services Commission,—Community Legal Service (Funding) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 627), dated 2nd March 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].
6 Medicines,—Medicines for Human Use and Medical Devices (Fees and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 592), dated 6th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

7 National Health Service,—(1) National Health Service (Dental Charges) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 596),
(2) National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 594),
(3) National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 593), and
(4) National Health Service Trusts and Primary Care Trusts (Pharmaceutical Services Remuneration—Special Arrangement) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 595), dated 6th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:
8 Civil List,—List of new and supplementary pensions granted under the Civil List Act 1972 for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

9 Environment, Transport and Regions,—Government Response to the Seventeenth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 1998–99, on Housing: PPG3 [by Command] [Cm. 4667] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

10 Executive Non-Departmental Public Bodies,—Executive Non-Departmental Public Bodies Report for 1999 [by Command] [Cm. 4657] [Marjorie Mowlam].

11 Government Executive Agencies,—Executive Agencies Report for 1999 [by Command] [Cm. 4658] [Marjorie Mowlam].

12 Insolvency,—Accounts prepared pursuant to section 409 of the Insolvency Act 1986 of the sums received and paid by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under section 403 of that Act, and of the sums credited and debited to the Investment Account by the National Debt Commissioners for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 310] [Clerk of the House].

13 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) Good Practice in Performance Reporting in Executive Agencies and Non-Departmental Public Bodies, and
(2) The Sheep Annual Premium Scheme in England [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 272 and 273] [Clerk of the House].

14 Severn Bridges,—Accounts prepared pursuant to section 28(1)(b) of the Severn Bridges Act 1992 for 1995–96, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 311] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Standing Committees

Draft Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Allan and Mr Tony Banks from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Roger Berry and Dr Evan Harris.

APPENDIX III
Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [EU Policy and the Environment: Government response and follow-up]; to be printed [No. 312-a] [Mr John Horam].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Travelling Fairs]; to be printed [No. 284-a] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 Home Affairs,—(1) First Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Managing Dangerous People with Severe Personality Disorder], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 42]; and
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<td>Standards and Privileges.—Sixth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr Stephen Timms], with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 313] [Mr Alan Williams].</td>
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**CHAIRMEN’S PANEL**

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel) The Speaker nominated Mr John Cummings and Dr Ashok Kumar to be additional members of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

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[No. 57; WH, No. 33.]

Tuesday 7th March 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

1 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Kevin Hughes);

And it being One o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 1.00 p.m.]
4 Register of Medical Practitioners Bill,—The Order for reading the Register of Medical Practitioners Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

5 Protection of Human Genetic Sequence,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give protection to the human genetic sequence; to prevent the patenting of human genes; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Richard Allan, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr David Heath, Dr Brian Iddon, Jackie Ballard, Norman Baker and Dr Jenny Tonge do prepare and bring it in.

6 Protection of Human Genetic Sequence Bill,—Mr Richard Allan accordingly presented a Bill to give protection to the human genetic sequence; to prevent the patenting of human genes; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 24th March and to be printed [Bill 84].

7 Opposition Day [7th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Financial Provision And Clinical Priorities in The National Health Service,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores Her Majesty’s Government’s clinical and financial mismanagement of the NHS; condemns the distortion of clinical priorities resulting from the Prime Minister’s refusal to abandon the Government’s flawed waiting list initiative, which is described by the medical profession as anathema to them and which has resulted in some of the sickest patients waiting longer than necessary for treatment; notes the financial chaos in Trusts and Health Authorities as a result of ministerial incompetence; and deprecates the misleading of the public about funding as a result of the Treasury’s culture of repeatedly re-announcing financial decisions, and the practice of using the NHS as a means of providing publicity and photo opportunities for Ministers, putting political priorities before the morale of dedicated and hard-working NHS staff and to the detriment of patient care—(Dr Liam Fox);

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 modernisation programme for the NHS and the reduction in waiting lists and times that are being achieved through the dedication and hard work of NHS staff; notes the progress being made on recruiting more doctors and more nurses, building more hospitals, treating more patients and modernising more services; applauds the Government’s decision to make tackling cancer, coronary heart disease and mental illness a priority; believes that financial provision for the NHS would be reduced as a consequence of the Conservatives’ Tax Guarantee and that clinical need would be abandoned in favour of ability to pay under the Conservatives’ health plans’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Milburn.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Keith Simpson: 179.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Dowd, Mr Greg Pope: 307.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (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 modernisation programme for the NHS and the reduction in waiting lists and times that are being achieved through the dedication and hard work of NHS staff; notes the progress being made on recruiting more doctors and more nurses, building more hospitals, treating more patients and modernising more services; applauds the Government’s decision to make tackling cancer, coronary heart disease and mental illness a priority; believes that financial provision for the NHS would be reduced as a consequence of the Conservatives’ Tax Guarantee and that clinical need would be abandoned in favour of ability to pay under the Conservatives’ health plans.

Regulatory Burdens on Small Business,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House opposes the growing regulatory burdens that the Government has added to business costs; deprecates the failure of the Government to understand the contribution that the small business sector makes to employment, growth and UK trade; calls on the Government to recognise the failure of the Better Regulation Task Force and the consequences of ill-thought-through legislation and regulations that have damaged
small business; and condemns the Department of Trade and Industry for unco-ordinated policy initiatives and for diminishing the status of small business debate in the House of Commons—(Mrs Angela Browning);

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 action taken by Her Majesty’s Government to foster an environment in which small business can flourish, with macro-economic stability, a 10 per cent. starting rate of corporation tax, a research and development tax credit, regulation introduced in ways that minimise burdens on business, and the creation of the Small Business Service through which for the first time there will be at the heart of Government an institution dedicated to representing the interest of, and improving the services to, small firms; congratulates the ongoing work being undertaken by the Better Regulation Task Force, chaired by Lord Haskins, in spearheading the Government’s campaigning for better regulation; and contrasts this with the boom and bust policies of the previous administration, which lead to 15 per cent. interest rates, double digit inflation and the collapse of thousands of small firms’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Byers.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 159.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 309.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 160.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the action taken by Her Majesty’s Government to foster an environment in which small business can flourish, with macro-economic stability, a 10 per cent. starting rate of corporation tax, a research and development tax credit, regulation introduced in ways that minimise burdens on business, and the creation of the Small Business Service through which for the first time there will be at the heart of Government an institution dedicated to representing the interest of, and improving the services to, small firms; congratulates the ongoing work being undertaken by the Better Regulation Task Force, chaired by Lord Haskins, in spearheading the Government’s campaigning for better regulation; and contrasts this with the boom and bust policies of the previous administration, which lead to 15 per cent. interest rates, double digit inflation and the collapse of thousands of small firms.

8 Representation of the People Bill [Money] (No. 2),—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Representation of the People Bill [Money] (No. 2);

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Representation of the People Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of the provisions of the Act relating to the free delivery of election addresses at the first Greater London Authority mayoral election—(Mr Tony McNulty);

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills)—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Representation of the People Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of the provisions of the Act relating to the free delivery of election addresses at the first Greater London Authority mayoral election.

9 Representation of the People Bill (Supplemental Allocation of Time),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order of the House of 20th January be supplemented as follows:
Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed at today’s sitting and, if not previously concluded, shall be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of proceedings on this Order.

2.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

(3) If that Question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment, the Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single Question on any further Amendments of the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in the Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

(7) 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 single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent stages

3.—(1) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the consideration forthwith of any further Message from the Lords on the Bill.

(2) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

(3) Sub-paragraphs (4) to (7) apply for the purpose of bringing those proceedings to a conclusion.

(4) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

(5) The Speaker 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.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message.

(7) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

Reasons Committee

4. The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the appointment of its Chairman.

5.—(1) A Committee appointed to draw up Reasons shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.

(2) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.

(3) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) the Chairman shall—

(a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided; and
(b) then put forthwith successively Questions on motions which may be made by a Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in any of their Amendments.

(4) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question being put.

Miscellaneous

6. If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the expiry of the period at the end of which 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.

7.—(1) In this paragraph “the proceedings” means proceedings on the Consideration of Lords Amendments, on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill, on the appointment and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the Report of such a Committee.

(2) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

(3) The proceedings shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(4) No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a Minister of the Crown, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

8. If proceedings on a Motion for the Adjournment of the House would, by virtue of Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and urgent matter that should have urgent consideration), commence at a time when proceedings to which paragraph 7 applies are in progress, proceedings on the Motion shall be postponed to the conclusion of those proceedings—(Mr Mike Hall);

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And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Graham Allen: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Sir Robert Smith: 134.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 Representation of the People Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Representation of the People Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 13 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 14.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment;

And it being two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Representation of the People Bill (Supplemental Allocation of Time), the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment (No. 14), put and agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendments Nos. 15 to 87 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 22, 24, 34 and 78.

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

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 nineteen minutes to Two o’clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.41 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2. Civil Aviation.—Civil Aviation (Navigation Services Charges) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 599), dated 6th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3. County Courts.—County Court Fees (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 639), dated 7th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].


10. National Health Service.—(1) National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 602),

   (2) National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 601),

   (3) National Health Service (Injury Benefits) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 606), and

   (4) National Health Service Supplies Authority (Establishment and Constitution) Amendment Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 603), dated 7th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


   (2) Social Security Benefits Up-rating and Miscellaneous Increases Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 527), dated 29th February 2000, and

   (3) Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 526), dated 29th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

12. Supreme Court of England and Wales.—(1) Non-Contentious Probate Fees (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 642), and

   (2) Supreme Court Fees (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 641), dated 7th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].


Other Papers:

15. Injuries in War Compensation.—Injuries in War (Shore Employments) Compensation (Amendment) Scheme 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 626), dated 7th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
16 Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks),—Accounts of the Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks) Fund for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 316] [Clerk of the House].

17 Reserve Forces,—Change 5 to the Regulations for the Naval and Marine Reserve (BR 64) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

18 Telecommunications,—Licence granted under Section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to Telemonde Networks Limited [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

19 Treaty Series (No. 10, 2000),—Agreement, done at London on 24th May 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the State of Israel on Bilateral Cooperation in Private Sector Industrial Research and Development [by Command] [Cm. 4599] [Mr Secretary Cook].

20 Treaty Series (No. 11, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Valletta on 6th and 21st July 1999, extending the agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Malta for the Promotion and Protection of Investments signed at Valletta on 4th October 1986 to the Isle of Man and the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey [by Command] [Cm. 4600] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Licensing (Young Persons) Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee C; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Harold Best, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Colin Burgon, Mr John Burnett, Mr Tim Collins, Jane Griffiths, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Christopher Leslie, Mr George Mudie, Mr Mike O’Brien, Bob Russell, Angela Smith, Mr Desmond Swayne, David Taylor and Mr Paul Truswell.

2 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee F, and has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara and Mrs Ray Michie Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Ian Cassley, Mr Paul Clark, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Keith Darvill, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Jim Dobbin, Mr Oliver Heald, Jane Kennedy, Mr Peter Luff, Mr David Maclean, Ms Margaret Moran, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Mr David Ruffley, Helen Southworth, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Ian Taylor and Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West).

3 Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee G, and has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Roger Casale, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Andrew George, Mr Christopher Gill, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Win Griffiths, Mr John Hayes, Mr David Heath, Dr Brian Iddon, Helen Jones, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Malcolm Moss, Kati Mountford and Mr John Townend.

4 Draft Greater London Authority Elections (Expenses) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Tom Brake, Mr John Cryer, Mr Edward Davey, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr Stephen Twigg and Mr Phil Woolas.

5 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-border Public Authorities) (Forestry Commissioners) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Douglas Alexander, Mr Peter Atkinson, Miss Anne Begg, Mr Bob
6 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr David Amess, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Tam Dalyell, Jim Dowd, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Calum Macdonald, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Tony Worthington and Mr James Wray.

7 Draft Tax Credits Up-rating Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Andrew Welsh Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr David Amess, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Tam Dalyell, Jim Dowd, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Alan Howarth, Mr Calum Macdonald, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Tony Worthington and Mr James Wray.

8 Draft Official Listings of Securities (Change of Competent Authority) Regulations 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Howard Flight, Glenda Jackson, Miss Melanie Johnson, Dr Julian Lewis, Sir Peter Lloyd, Mr Tony McWalter, Alice Mahon, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Matthew Taylor, Dr Desmond Turner and Mr Robert N. Wareing.

9 Draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr William Cash, Mr Ben Chapman, Mr Brian Cotter, Tom Cox, Mr David Curry, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Terry Davis, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr George Mudie, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Richard Page and Ms Dari Taylor.

10 Draft Contracting Out (Functions relating to Social Security) Order 2000, and the draft Social Security (Work-focused Interviews) Regulations 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order and draft Regulations to the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Ms Beverley Hughes, Ms Sally Keeble, Chris McCallery, Mr David Maclean, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Dr Rudi Vis and Mr Nigel Waterson.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Ms Beverley Hughes, Ms Sally Keeble, Chris McCallery, Mr David Maclean, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Dr Rudi Vis and Mr Nigel Waterson.

12 Draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) Regulations 2000, the draft Community Legal Service (Scope) Regulations 2000, and the Funding Code prepared by the Legal
Services Commission.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Roger Berry, Mr David Chaytor and Mr Austin Mitchell from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and the Code); and nominated in substitution Mr Hilary Benn, Mr Mark Fisher and Mr John Grogan.

Grand Committees

13 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tony Colman and Mr Malcolm Moss from the Committee and appointed Mr Desmond Browne and Mr John M. Taylor.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [The Appointment of the New Chief Scientific Adviser (CSA)]; to be printed [No. 318] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Proposed Urban White Paper]; to be printed [No. 185-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [The Road Haulage Industry]; to be printed [No. 296-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

3 European Scrutiny.—Eleventh Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Second Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Current Problems relating to the Livestock Industry 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. 62] [Mr Peter Brooke].

5 Public Accounts.—(1) Eleventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [HMC&E: Improving VAT Assurance]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 75]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [MoD: Accepting equipment off-contract and into service]; to be printed [No. 319-i] [Mr David Davis].

6 Public Administration.—First Special Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [Responses to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 1998–99, on Quangos]; to be printed [No. 317] [Dr Tony Wright].

7 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [EQUAL (Extend Quality Life)]; to be printed [No. 245-ii] [Dr Michael Clark].

8 Social Security.—Second Report from the Social Security Committee [Power to Incur Expenditure under Section 82 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999. New Information Technology System for the Child Support Agency (Further Report)], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 315] [Mr Edward Leigh].

9 Trade and Industry.—Seventh Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Business, Enterprise and the Budget], together with Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 51] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

10 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Government’s Cash and Debt Management]; to be printed [No. 154-iv] [Mr Giles Radice].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

1. Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.) And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.58 p.m.]

Thursday 9th March 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1. London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee, be considered on Thursday 16th March.

2. Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th March.

3. Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medway Council Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th March.

4. Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th March.

5. City of Newcastle upon Tyne 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 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same without Amendment.

   Bill to be read the third time.

6. Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, that it had considered the draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 2000, referred to it on 1st March, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 324].

7. First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Milk Development Council (Amendment) Order 2000.

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

8. Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Bill,—Paul Flynn, supported by Mr Gordon Prentice and Mr Austin Mitchell, presented a Bill to allow the production, supply, possession and use of cannabis and cannabis resin for medicinal purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th June and to be printed [Bill 85].

9. Royal Parks (Trading) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Royal Parks (Trading) Bill;

   And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading committees), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

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

10. Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the the Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords].
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords] be now read a second time.

11 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:
   Representation of the People Act 2000

12 Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Question being again proposed, That the Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords] be read now a second time;
   Question put and agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

13 Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords] [Money];
   A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
   (a) any increase in expenditure of a Minister of the Crown, government department or other public authority which is attributable to complying with any provision made by virtue of the Act; and
   (b) any other increase attributable to the Act in the sums which are payable by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided—(Mr Tony McNulty).—It was agreed to.

14 Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 17th February, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty).—It was agreed to.

15 Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Occupational and Personal Pensions Schemes (Penalties) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 22nd February, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty).—It was agreed to.

16 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)
   And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 7.27 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:
1 Audit Commission.—Code of Audit Practice for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales, dated March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Environmental Protection.—Draft Air Quality (England) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
3 Building Societies.—Building Societies (General Charge and Fees) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 668), dated 8th March 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

4 Council Tax.—(1) Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 534), and
   (2) Council Tax (Liability for Owners) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 537), dated 2nd March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
5 Customs and Excise,—(1) Excise Goods (Export Shops) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 645), and
(2) Interest on Repayments of Customs Duty (Applicable Period) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 633),
dated 8th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

6 Education,—(1) Teachers (Compensation for Redundancy and Premature Retirement) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 664),
(2) Teachers’ Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 665), and
(3) Teachers’ Superannuation (Additional Voluntary Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 666),
dated 8th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


8 Friendly Societies,—Friendly Societies (General Charge and Fees) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 674), dated 8th March 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

9 Insurance,—Insurance (Fees) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 670), dated 8th March 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

10 National Health Service,—Community Health Councils (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 657), dated 9th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

11 Pensions,—(1) Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Levy) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 542), dated 3rd March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling]; and
(2) Pensions Increase (Scottish Parliamentary Pension Scheme) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 671), dated 8th March 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].


13 Rating and Valuation,—(1) Non-Domestic Rating (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Regulations 1989 (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 532), and
(2) Valuation for Rating (Plant and Machinery) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 540),
dated 2nd March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

(2) Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 681), dated 9th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


16 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000 No. 634), dated 9th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

Other Papers:

17 Cabinet Office,—Departmental Minute, dated 9th March 2000, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the disposal of vacant property at Brockley Hill and Canons Park, Stannmore [by Command] [Marjorie Mowlam].

18 Foreign Compensation,—Report of the Foreign Compensation Commission for 1998–99 [by Command] [Cm. 4629] [Mr Secretary Cook].

19 Industrial and Provident Societies,—(1) Industrial and Provident Societies (Credit Unions) (Fees) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 669), and
(2) Industrial and Provident Societies (Fees) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 673),
dated 8th March 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].
20 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors.—Account of the National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 277] [Mr Secretary Reid].


22 Severn Bridges.—Accounts prepared pursuant to section 28(1)(b) of the Severn Bridges Act 1992 for 1996–97, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 322] [Clerk of the House].

23 Trade Union and Labour Relations.—Account of the Commissioner for the Rights of Trade Union Members for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 323] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Forestry Commissioners) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Douglas Alexander and Mr Desmond Browne from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Jim Murphy and Mr Frank Roy.

2 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jimmy Wray from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Douglas Alexander.

3 Draft Contracting Out (Functions relating to Social Security) Order 2000, and the draft Social Security (Work-focused Interviews) Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr A. J. Beith and Mr Archy Kirkwood from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order and draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Paul Burstow and Mr Andrew George.

[No. 59; WH, No. 35.]

Thursday 9th March 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

1 Adjournment (Work/Life Balance),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 16th March.

[Adjourned at 5.23 p.m.

[No. 60.]

Friday 10th March 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Bodicote in Oxfordshire calling for greater powers for local councils to control the number of new houses built was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

2 Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Bill:

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

Mr Clive Efford 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.

Mr Alan Simpson 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.
Mr Russell 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.

Mr David Amess 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 Simon Burns, Mr Alan Simpson: 143.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Maclean, Mr Eric Forth: 0.
So the Question was agreed to.
And the Question being accordingly put—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

3 Energy Efficiency Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Energy Efficiency 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 24th March.

4 Energy Conservation (Housing) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Energy Conservation (Housing) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 24th March.

5 Retail Packaging Recycling Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Retail Packaging Recycling Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 7th April.

6 Road Traffic Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 24th March.

7 Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 7th April.

8 Organic Food and Farming Targets Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Organic Food and Farming Targets Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th May.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 13th March.
[Adjourned at 2.53 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Gaming Clubs (Bankers’ Games) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 597), dated 6th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Constitutional Law,—(1) National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Property etc.) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 647), dated 8th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy]; and

4 Education,—Education Standards Fund (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 703), dated 8th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
5 Fees and Charges,—Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 689), dated 8th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


7 Immigration,—Asylum Support Appeals (Procedure) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 541), dated 2nd March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

8 Immigration and Asylum,—(1) Carriers’ Liability (Clandestine Entrants and Sale of Transporters) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 685), and (2) Carriers’ Liability (Clandestine Entrants) (Code of Practice) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 684), dated 8th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 Legal Services,—(1) Access to Justice (Membership Organisations) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 693), and (2) Conditional Fee Agreements Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 692), dated 9th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

10 Local Government,—Local Government (Grants from Structural Funds) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 589), dated 6th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


Charlotte’s and Chelsea Hospital (Transfers of Trust Property) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 613), dated 9th March 2000,

(18) Special Trustees for the Royal Throat, Nose and Ear Hospital and the Special Trustees for the Royal Free Hospital (Transfers of Trust Property) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 610), dated 9th March 2000,

(19) Special Trustees for the United Bristol Hospitals (Transfers of Trust Property) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 615), dated 9th March 2000, and

(20) Special Trustees for University College London Hospitals and the Special Trustees for the Middlesex Hospital (Transfers of Trust Property) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 611), dated 9th March 2000

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


(2) Local Authorities’ Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 683), and

(3) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Bristol) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 699),
dated 9th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

15 Social Security,—(1) Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 638), dated 7th March 2000,

(2) Social Security (Maternity Allowance) (Earnings) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 688), dated 9th March 2000, and


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling]; and


17 Young Offender Institutions,—Young Offender Institution (Amendment) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 700), dated 10th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Other Papers:

18 National Health Service,—Treasury Minute, dated 10th March 2000, concerning the remission of outstanding debt consequent on dissolution and reconfiguration of certain National Health Service Trusts [by Command] [Mr Andrew Smith].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Greater London Authority Elections (Expenses) Order 2000.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Forestry Commissioners) Order 2000.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   Local Government Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision with respect to the functions and procedures of local authorities and provision with respect to local authority elections; to make provision with respect to grants and housing benefit in respect of certain welfare services; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Local Government Bill [Lords].—The Local Government Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 87].
   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Local Government Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 87–EN].

5 Energy Efficiency Bill,—The Order for resuming the adjourned Debate on Second Reading of the Energy Efficiency Bill on Friday 24th March was read and discharged.
   Debate to be resumed on Friday 21st July.

6 Energy Conservation (Housing) Bill,—The Order for reading the Energy Conservation (Housing) Bill a second time on Friday 24th March was read and discharged.
   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

7 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.
   Ordered, That the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely: New Clauses, amendments relating to Clause 1, Schedule 1, Clause 2, Schedule 2, Clauses 3 to 28, Schedule 3, Clauses 29 to 44, Schedule 4, Clauses 45 to 56, Schedule 5, Clauses 57 to 64, Schedule 6, Clause 65, Schedule 7, Clauses 66 to 72, Schedule 8, Clauses 73 to 87, Schedule 9, Clause 88, Schedule 10, Clauses 89 to 103, Schedule 11, Clause 104, Schedule 12, Clauses 105 to 111, Schedule 13, Clause 112, Schedule 14, Clauses 113 to 123, Schedule 15, Clauses 124 to 128, Schedule 16, Clause 129, Schedule 17, Clause 130, Schedule 18, Clauses 131 to 138, Schedule 19, Clauses 139 to 149, Schedules 20 and 21, New Schedules.—(Mr Mike O’Brien.)
   A Clause (Involvement of Commission in changes in electoral procedures)—(Mr Mike O’Brien)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
   Another Clause (Payments etc. which are (or are not) to be treated as donations by permissible donors)—(Mr Mike O’Brien)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
   Another Clause (Transfer to Commission of functions of Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland)—(Mr Dominic Grieve)—brought up and read the first time.
   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
   Another Clause (Tax relief for donations to political parties)—(Mr Robert Walter)—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 Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 150.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Greg Pope: 272.
Another Clause (Annual registration of overseas voters)—(Mr Martin Linton)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 84, 85, 3, 4, 86 to 89 and 5 to 9) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 157) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, to leave out line 14.—(Sir George Young.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tim Collins, Mr Nick Gibb: 110.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Don Touhig: 308.

Another Amendment (No. 15) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 177) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 12, after the word 'must' to insert the words 'either—(a)'.—(Mr Andrew Stunell.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 11 to 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 156) proposed to the Bill, in page 27, to leave out line 13.—(Mr Nigel Evans.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

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

8 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Don Touhig):—It was agreed to.

9 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 156) be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 162) proposed to the Bill, in page 29, line 28, at the end to insert the words—

‘(g) an individual who is by reason only of his age incapable of being included in any register of electors and is ordinarily resident in the UK.’.—(Mr Martin Linton.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 15, 16, 90 to 96, 136 and 17 to 23) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr Greg Pope.)

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

10 Industrial Organisation and Development,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Milk Development Council (Amendment) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 14th February, be approved.—(Mr Greg Pope):—It was agreed to.

11 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 115 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (delegated legislation)), That the draft Appropriation (Northern Ireland) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved.—(Mr Greg Pope):—It was agreed to.

12 Adjournment,—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Greg Pope);

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 eighteen minutes past Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.18 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. 60) on 1999/2000 Special Grant for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children [by Act]; to be printed [No. 330] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

2 Welfare Reform and Pensions,—Report by the Secretary of State for Social Security under section 82 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999, stating the changes in the law which the Secretary of State is proposing in the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill by way of amendments to the Child Support Acts 1991 and 1995, the amount of the expenditure which the Secretary of State proposes to incur and the purposes for which he proposes to incur it [by Act]; to be printed [No. 270] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Housing,—(1) Allocation of Housing (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 702), dated 10th March 2000,
   (2) Homelessness (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 701), dated 10th March 2000, and
   (3) Housing Renewal Grants (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 531), dated 28th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

   (2) Council Tax (Liability of Owners) (Amendment) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 715), dated 9th March 2000,
   (3) Immigration (Eligibility for Assistance) (Scotland and Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 705), dated 6th March 2000, and
   (4) Persons subject to Immigration Control (Housing Authority Accommodation and Homelessness) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 706), dated 7th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].


6 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Pension Scheme and Compensation for Premature Retirement) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 605), dated 10th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

7 Pensions,—Occupational Pension Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 679), dated 8th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

8 Road Traffic,—(1) Motor Vehicles (Compulsory Insurance) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 726), and
   (2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Kent) (District of Shepway) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 722), dated 10th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

9 Social Security,—(1) Employment Zones Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 721), dated 10th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett]; and
   (2) Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 723), dated 11th March 2000, and
   (3) Social Security Contributions (Intermediaries) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 727), dated 13th March 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo]; and
   (5) Social Security Amendment (Employment Zones) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 724), dated 13th March 2000,
(6) Social Security (Approved Work) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 678), dated 8th March 2000, and

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


11 Telecommunications.—(1) Data Protection Tribunal (National Security Appeals) (Telecommunications) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 731), and
(2) Radio Equipment and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 730),
dated 9th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

12 Agriculture.—Report and Accounts of the Meat and Livestock Commission for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

13 Education.—Financial Statements of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 329] [Clerk of the House].

14 National Health Service.—Summarised Accounts of Health Authorities, NHS Trusts in Wales, the Welsh Health Common Services Authority, the Health Promotion Authority for Wales, and of Funds held on Trust by Health Authorities, the Health Promotion Authority for Wales and NHS Trusts in Wales for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 301] [Clerk of the House].

15 Regulatory Impact Assessments.—List of Regulatory Impact Assessments for 1st July to 31st December 1999 [by Command] [Cm. 4664] [Marjorie Mowlam].

16 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

Standing Committees

1 Draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) Regulations 2000, the draft Community Legal Service (Scope) Regulations 2000, and the Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Anne McGuire from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulation and the Code), and nominated in substitution Mr Don Touhig.

2 Draft Conditional Fee Agreements Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Anne McGuire from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Don Touhig.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Fourth Report from the Agriculture Committee [Environmental Regulation and Farming]; 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. 212]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Implication for UK Agriculture and EU Agricultural Policy of Trade Liberalisation and the WTO Round]
[Mr David Curry].
Tuesday 14th March 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords] be read the third time on Tuesday 21st March.

2 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 21st March.

3 Deregulation Committee,—Mr Peter L. Pike reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolution:

   That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Sunday Dancing and Licensing) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 17th January, the proposal should be amended before a draft Order is laid before the House.

4 Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords].—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 89].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 343].

5 Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) 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. 340].

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

   Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the Census Act 1920 to enable particulars to be required in respect of religion: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

7 Dangerous People with Severe Personality Disorder,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law with respect to the assessment and detention of dangerous people with severe personality disorder: And that Mr John Heppell, Mr Vernon Coaker, Jane Griffiths, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Mr Stephen McCabe, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Ian Pearson, Bridget Prentice, Mr Terry Rooney, David Taylor, Mr Dave Watts and Mr Phil Woolas do prepare and bring it in.

8 Dangerous People with Severe Personality Disorder Bill,—Mr John Heppell accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law with respect to the assessment and detention of dangerous people with severe personality disorder: And the same was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July; and to be printed [Bill 88].

9 Supplementary Vote on Account 2000–01.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at this day’s sitting, Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.) shall apply as if the words ‘(aa) supplementary votes on account for the coming financial year’ were inserted after line 21.—(Mr Tony McNulty);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Kevin Hughes: 320.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr David Wilshire: 16.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.) shall apply as if the words '(aa) supplementary votes on account for the coming financial year:' were inserted after line 21.

10 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 152) proposed to the Bill, in page 40, line 15, to leave out Clause 63.—(Mr Robert Walter.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Stephen Day: 177.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 295.

Other Amendments (Nos. 24, 97 to 104 and 137) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 147) proposed to the Bill, in page 120, line 30, at the end, to add the words—

'(f) any legal or other professional expenses incurred in respect of, or in connection with, any requirement in this Act.'—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 25 to 36, 135, 37 to 45, 45A, 46 to 48, 105 to 108, 49 to 63, 109, 64, 110 and 65 to 68) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 182) proposed to the Bill, in page 69, line 11, to leave out Clause 111.—(Sir George Young.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 111 to 113, 69 and 70) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 154) proposed to the Bill, in page 72, line 41, to leave out the word ‘relevant’ and to insert the word ‘referendum’.—(Mr Nigel Evans.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 146) proposed to the Bill, in page 75, line 17, to leave out Clause 122.—(Sir Patrick Cormack.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Stephen Day: 139.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 295.

Other Amendments (Nos. 114 to 117, 71, and 118 to 123) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 160, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—

‘7A.—(1) Section 106 (false statements as to candidates) shall be amended as follows.
(2) In subsection (1) after the words “character or conduct” there shall be inserted the words “or fails to take reasonable steps to withdraw from circulation and public availability a false statement previously made or published”.

(3) After subsection (1) there shall be inserted—

“(1A) For the avoidance of doubt, a person who makes or publishes a statement on the Internet or by other electronic means, or who causes a statement to be so made or published, makes or publishes a statement for purposes of this subsection, and a person who fails to remove or cause the removal of a statement from the Internet shall be regarded as having failed, for the purposes of this subsection, to take
reasonable steps to withdraw that statement from circulation and public availability."—(Dr Julian Lewis.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 145) proposed to the Bill, in page 82, line 5, at the end, to insert the words ‘and in the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986’.—(Mr Robert Walter.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 72 to 79, 124, 80 to 83, and 125 to 134) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

11 Estimates,—It being Ten o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions required to be put by Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.) and Order [this day].

Estimates, 2000–01 (Navy) Vote A
Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 2001 a number not exceeding 47,345 all ranks be maintained for Naval Service, a number not exceeding 17,148 for Service in the Reserve Naval and Marine Forces, and a number not exceeding 200 for Service as Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces under Part V of the Reserve Forces Act 1996.

Estimates, 2000–01 (Army) Vote A
Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 2001 a number not exceeding 128,235 all ranks be maintained for Army Service, a number not exceeding 84,295 for Service in the Reserve Land Forces, and a number not exceeding 6,000 for Service as Special Members of the Reserve Land Forces under Part V of the Reserve Forces Act 1996.

Estimates, 2000–01 (Air) Vote A
Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 2001 a number not exceeding 57,450 all ranks be maintained for the Air Force Service, a number not exceeding 26,000 for Service in the Reserve Air Forces, and a number not exceeding 430 for Service as Special Members of the Reserve Air Forces under Part V of the Reserve Forces Act 1996.

Estimates, Excesses, 1998–99
Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £37,847,584.45 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to make good excesses of certain grants for Defence and Civil Services for the year ending on 31st March 1999, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 276.

Supplementary Estimates, 1999–2000
Resolved, That a further supplementary sum not exceeding £2,510,712,000 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 2000, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 242, 243 and 275.

Estimates, 2000–01 (Vote on Account)
Resolved, That a further sum, not exceeding £1,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for or towards defraying the charges for Civil and Defence Services for the year ending on 31st March 2001, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 244.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions relating to Estimates, Excesses, Supplementary Estimates and Estimates (Vote on Account): And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Andrew Smith, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Stephen Timms and Miss Melanie Johnson do prepare and bring it in.

12 Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill,—Mr Stephen Timms accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on 31st March 1999, 2000 and 2001.

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 86].

13 London Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Greater London Authority Elections (Expenses) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig):—It was agreed to.
14 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Forestry Commissioners) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 22nd February, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig:)—It was agreed to.

15 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Shropshire against the closure of the Lloyds TSB bank in Pontesbury 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 Greg Pope.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.28 pm.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.R. (N.I.), 2000, No. 91),
   (2) Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.R. (N.I.), 2000, No. 80), and
   (3) Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.R. (N.I.), 2000, No. 79),
   dated 14th March 2000 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr David Lock].


3 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Social Security Contributions (Notional Payment of Primary Class 1 Contribution) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 748), dated 14th March 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

4 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on University of Ulster: Senior Officers’ Expenses; Energy Efficiency in the Education Sector; and Management of Richmond Chambers [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 288] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

5 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 14th March 2000, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon the proposed granting of indemnities to AWE Management Limited [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

6 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Apple and Pear Research Council for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

7 National Health Service,—(1) Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 3rd March 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by—
   (i) Addenbrokes National Health Service Trust,
   (ii) Bassetlaw Hospital and Community Services National Health Service Trust,
   (iii) Central Nottinghamshire Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (iv) Dorset Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (v) East Gloucestershire National Health Service Trust,
   (vi) Epsom and St. Helier National Health Service Trust,
   (vii) Hastings and Rother National Health Service Trust,
   (viii) Leeds Community and Mental Health Services National Health Service Trust,
   (ix) Loddon National Health Service Trust,
   (x) Portsmouth Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (xi) Royal Bournemouth and Christchurch Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (xii) Southampton Community Health Services National Health Service Trust, and
   (xiii) Weston Area National Health Service Trust
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
(2) Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 6th March 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by—
   (i) Community Health Care Services North Derbyshire National Health Service Trust,
   (ii) Harrogate Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (iii) Leicestershire & Rutland Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (iv) Northern General Hospital National Health Service Trust, and
   (v) Tees and North East Yorkshire National Health Service Trust
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn]; and

(3) Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 7th March 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by—
   (i) Plymouth Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (ii) Poole Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (iii) Southampton University Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (iv) South Buckinghamshire National Health Service Trust, and
   (v) South Devon Healthcare National Health Service Trust
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

8 Reserve Forces,—Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the making of a call-out order under section 56(1) of that Act [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) Regulations 2000, the draft Community Legal Service (Scope) Regulations 2000 and the Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission in accordance with section 8 of the Access to Justice Act 1999 and as first approved by the Lord Chancellor in accordance with section 9(4) of that Act,—The Speaker has appointed Mr George Stevenson an additional Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations and Code.

2 Draft Official Listing of Securities (Change of Competent Authority) Regulations 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Robert N. Wareing from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution of Mr Barry Gardiner.

3 Draft Contracting Out (Functions relating to Social Security) Order 2000, and the draft Social Security (Work-focused Interviews) Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tony Banks and Mr Barry Gardiner from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order and draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Tessa Jowell and Mr Robert N. Wareing.

4 Draft Water Undertakers (Rateable Value) (England) Order 2000, the draft Railways (Rateable Values) (England) Order 2000, the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000, the draft Gas Industry (Rateable Values) (England) Order 2000, the draft Energy from Waste Plants (Rateable Values) (England) Order 2000, the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (England) Order 2000, and the draft Electricity Supply Industry (Rateable Values) (England) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Sally Keeble and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders and draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Jim Dowd and Mr Terry Rooney.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Libraries]; to be printed [No. 241-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Deregulation,—First Report from the Deregulation Committee [Proposal for the Deregulation (Sunday Dancing and Licensing) Order 2000]; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 334] [Mr Peter L. Pike].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Town and Country Parks]; to be printed [No. 333-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]
4 Environmental Audit.—Fifth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [The Greening Government Initiative: First Annual Report from the Green Ministers’ Committee], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 341] [Mr John Horam].

5 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Mozambique]; to be printed [No. 326-i] [Mr Bowen Wells].

6 Standards and Privileges.—Seventh Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr Ken Livingstone], with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 342] [Mr Alan Williams].

7 Statutory Instruments.—Thirteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xui] [Mr David Tredinnick].

8 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [UK Space Policy]; to be printed [No. 335-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

9 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The Financial Services Authority]; to be printed [No. 336-i] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 62; WH, No. 36.]

Tuesday 14th March 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Jim Dowd);

And it being One o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.00 p.m.]

[No. 63.]

Wednesday 15th March 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 22nd March.

2 Carers and Disabled Children Bill.—Mr George Stevenson reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Carers and Disabled Children Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 5th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 349].

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Barry Jones reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) Order 2000.

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

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Andrew Welsh reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Tax Credits Up-Rating Order 2000.

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

5 Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill.—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Secretary Cook, Mr Secretary Blanket, Jane Kennedy and Mr Paul Boateng, presented a Bill to establish a National Probation Service for England and Wales and a Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service; to make further provision for the protection of children; to make further provision about
dealing with persons suspected of, charged with or convicted of offences; to amend the law relating to access to information held under Part III of the Road Traffic Act 1988; 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 91].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill be printed [Bill 91-EN].

6 Broadcasting of Recorded Music in Public Places.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the broadcasting of recorded music in certain public places: And that Mr Robert Key, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Gerald Kaufman, Mr Paul Keetch, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Michael Mates, Mrs Gillian Shephard and Dr Jenny Tonge do prepare and bring it in.

7 Broadcasting of Recorded Music in Public Places Bill.—Mr Robert Key accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the broadcasting of recorded music in certain public places: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th April and to be printed [Bill 90].

8 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. 56 (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.

9 Terrorism Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Terrorism Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Financial information)—(Mr Charles Clarke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Detention of terrorists)—(Mr Andrew MacKay)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Keith Simpson: 140.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Mike Hall: 330.

Another Clause (Expiry of Part VII)—(Mr Kevin McNamara)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Right to consult solicitor)—(Mr Kevin McNamara)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Expiry and revival (No. 2))—(Mr Simon Hughes)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tom Brake, Bob Russell: 47.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Graham Allen: 281.

Amendment (No. 122) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 7, to leave out from the word ‘means’ to the end of line 8 and to insert the words ‘the commission of, or the threat to commit, any criminal act with the intention of—

(a) putting the public or any section of the public in fear, or

(b) coercing the institutions of democratic government,

provided that the act…’, instead thereof.—(Mr Kevin McNamara.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And it being Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
10 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Terrorism Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mrs Anne McGuire);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Clive Betts: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Brake, Norman Baker: 40.

So the Question was agreed to.

11 Terrorism Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Terrorism Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 122) be made;

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John McDonnell, Mr Jeremy Corbyn: 15.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Jamieson: 235.

Another Amendment (No. 193) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 9, to leave out the words ‘or property’.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Tom Brake: 41.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Dowd, Mr David Jamieson: 249.

Another Amendment (No. 186) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 19, at the end to insert the words—

‘(ii) he has satisfied a judicial authority that there are reasonable grounds for believing that it is concerned in terrorism; and

(iii) that the judicial authority has issued a declaration that there are reasonable grounds for the exercise of the Secretary of State’s power’.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

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

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Amendments (Nos. 1 to 25) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 182) proposed to the Bill, in page 25, to leave out lines 4 to 11.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tom Brake, Sir Robert Smith: 35.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Clive Betts: 239.

Other Amendments (Nos. 26 to 42) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Financial information)—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 43 to 121) 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 Clive Betts, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 210.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John McDonnell, Mr Jeremy Corbyn: 1.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

12 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Resolved, That the draft Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1989 (Continuance) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 3rd March, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Straw.)
Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Mike Hall).

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 ten minutes to Three o’clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.50 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Social Security,—Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 736), dated 13th March 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

2 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 737), dated 13th March 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

3 Civil Service,—Paper, entitled Civil Service Statistics 1999 [by Command] [Marjorie Mowlam].

4 Dartford-Thurrock Crossing,—Report and Accounts of Dartford River Crossing Limited for the period 1st October 1998 to 30th September 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Health,—Government Response to the First Report from the Health Committee, Session 1999–2000, on The Cost and Availability of Generic Drugs to the NHS [by Command] [Cm. 4673] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme: The failure to inform the public of reduced pension rights for widows and widowers [by Act]; to be printed [No. 320] [Clerk of the House].

7 National Health Service,—(1) Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 13th March 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by—

(i) Community Health Services Southern Derbyshire National Health Service Trust,
(ii) County Durham and Darlington Priority Services National Health Service Trust,
(iii) Gateshead Health National Health Service Trust,
(iv) Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(v) Huddersfield Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
(vi) Northampton General Hospital National Health Service Trust,
(vii) Oxfordshire Mental Health National Health Service Trust,
(viii) Rockingham Forest National Health Service Trust, and
(ix) Rotherham General Hospitals National Health Service Trust

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn]; and

(2) Treasury Minute, dated 15th March 2000, concerning the remission of outstanding public dividend capital consequent on dissolution and reconfiguration of certain Welsh National Health Service Trusts [by Command] [Mr Andrew Smith].

8 Parliamentary Commissioner,—Third Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1999–2000: State earnings-related pension scheme (SERPS) inheritance provisions [by Act]; to be printed [No. 305] [Clerk of the House].

9 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the First to Third Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1999–2000 [Cm. 4656] [Mr Stephen Timms].

10 Treaty Series (No. 12, 2000),—Partnership and Co-operation Agreement, done at Brussels on 9th February 1999, between the European Communities and their Member States of the one part, and the Kyrgyz Republic of the other part with Protocol including Declarations and Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 4625] [Mr Secretary Cook].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Utilities Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Humfrey Malins an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Licensing (Young Persons) Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

3 Royal Parks (Trading) Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee G, and has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman, and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Brooke, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Iain Coleman, Jim Dowd, Mr Clive Elofford, Mr David Faber, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr John Greenway, Mr Alan Howarth, Glenda Jackson, Mr Andrew Love, Mr John McDonnell, Mr Robert Maclean, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr John Randall, Dr Jenny Tonge and Mr Stephen Twigg.

4 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 53) on rural bus subsidy grants for 2000-2001 (House of Commons Paper No. 302), and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 54) on Rural Bus Challenge 1999 (House of Commons Paper No. 303):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Reports to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman, and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Colin Breed, Mrs Janet Dean, Mr David Heath, Mr Keith Hill, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Judy Mallaber, Kali Mountford, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Mr Nigel Waterston, Sir Raymond Whitney, Mr John Wilkinson and Mr Phil Woolas.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jim Cunningham Chairman, and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Roger Casale, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr Mike Hall, Dr Evan Harris, Mr David Lidington, Mr Peter Luft, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Andrew Reed, Mrs Barbara Roche, Christine Russell, Angela Smith, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr David Tredinnick and Mr Jon Trickett.

6 Draft Organisation for Joint Armament Co-operation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Dr Peter Brand, Dr David Clark, Ann Cwyd, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Austin Mitchell, Joan Ruddock, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Michael Trend, Mr Charles Wardle, Mr Bowen Wells and Mr Alan W. Williams (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr).

7 Code of Audit Practice for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Code to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Andrew Welsh Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Dr Peter Brand, Dr David Clark, Ann Cwyd, Mr Andrew Dismore, Jim Dowd, Ms Beverley Hughes, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Andy King, Mr Richard Livsey, Sir Peter Lloyd, Laura Moffatt, Mr Patrick Nichollis, Mr Ted Rowlands, Mr Gareth Thomas (Cwyd West) and Mr Nigel Waterston.

8 Draft Air Quality (England) Regulations:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bowen Wells Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Damian Green, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr Stephen Hesford, Mr Keith Hill, Mrs Joan Humble, Dr Brian Idson, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Desmond Swiney, Mr Robert N. Wareing, Mr David Wilshire and Mr Phil Woolas.

9 Local Government Finance Special Grant Report on 1999–2000 Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Humfrey Malins Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Jackie Ballard, Mr Tim Collins, Mr John Cummings, Maria Eagle, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr John Hutton, Mr David Jameson, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr David Lepper, Mr Kerry Pollard, Ms Debra Shipley, Mrs Caroline Spelman and Mr Anthony Steen.

10 Draft Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 (Transfer of NAO Staff etc.) Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Frank Cook Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Tam Dalyell, Maria Eagle, Mr George Galloway, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Michael Moore, Ms Sandra Osborne, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Nicholas Soames, Mr David Stewart, Mr Brian Wilson and Mr Jimmy Wray.

11 Draft Official Listings of Securities (Change of Competent Authority) Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gordon Prentice from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Jim Cousins.


European Standing Committees

13 European Union Document No. 5761/00, relating to the White Paper on Food Safety in the European Union, originally referred to European Standing Committee A on 1st March, has now been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Lessons of Kosovo]; to be printed [No 347-i] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [HM Chief Inspector of Schools' Annual Report]; to be printed [No. 345] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Proposed Urban White Paper]; to be printed [No. 185-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [The Road Haulage Industry]; to be printed [No. 296-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

4 European Scrutiny,—Twelfth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xxii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 14th March [Public Expenditure—Inward Investment in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 198-iii] [Mr Peter Brooke].
6 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [National Insurance Fund Account 1998–99]; to be printed [No. 350-i] [Mr David Davis].

7 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Participation]; to be printed [No. 79-viii] [Dr Tony Wright].

8 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Scientific Advisory System: Scientific Advice on Climate Change]; to be printed [No. 285-i] [Dr Michael Clark].

9 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Poverty in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 59-viii] [Mr David Marshall].

[No. 63; WH, No. 37.]

Wednesday 15th March 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

[No. 64.]

Thursday 16th March 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 23rd March.

2 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 23rd March.

3 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medway Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 23rd March.

4 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 23rd March.

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) Regulations 2000, the draft Community Legal Service (Scope) Regulations 2000, and the Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission in accordance with section 8 of the Access to Justice Act 1999 and as first approved by the Lord Chancellor in accordance with Section 9(4) of that Act.

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

6 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Conditional Fee Arrangements Order 2000.

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

7 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Barry Jones reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Official Listing of Securities (Change of Competent Authority) Regulations 2000.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
8 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2000.

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

9 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Contracting Out (Functions Relating to Social Security) Order 2000 and the draft Social Security (Work-Focused Interviews) Regulations 2000.

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


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11 Welsh Grand Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales)), That the matter of the Budget Statement and its implications for Wales be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration—(Mr Don Touhig);—It was agreed to.

12 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. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

The Government’s handling of the Mozambique Crisis,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern that the Government’s response to the humanitarian crisis in Mozambique was hampered by indecision and delay, and that infighting between Ministers in the Department for International Development and the Ministry of Defence contributed to the delay in sending helicopters and boats to assist in the rescue of the people of Mozambique; deeply regrets that lives were lost as a result; deplores the absence of ‘joined up government’ and the failure by the Prime Minister to intervene until Her Majesty’s Opposition and the media exposed the Government’s failings; calls upon Ministers to accept responsibility for such delays; and seeks assurance that the response to any future disasters will be more immediate and coordinated—(Mr Gary Streeter);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from ‘House’ to the end of the Question and to add the words ‘commends the Government for its speedy and effective response to the humanitarian crisis in Mozambique’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Clare Short.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 125.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Graham Allen: 310.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments)—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House commends the Government for its speedy and effective response to the humanitarian crisis in Mozambique.

Future of Rover,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls upon the Government to report to the House the terms under which they brokered a rescue package for BMW/Rover in June 1999; further calls upon the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to confirm that the application for Regional Selective Assistance will be sanctioned as a matter of urgency and that he will respond to the Competition Commission Report on Car Pricing as a priority; regrets that the future of Rover has been undermined by recent announcements by BMW; and urges the Government to clarify its future strategy in respect of Rover—(Mrs Angela Browning);
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 actions of the Government that support the car industry, including delivering stable inflation and low interest rates, boosting support for supply chain activities and acting on the Foresight Vehicle Programme; welcomes the Government support for the Longbridge plant given through the offer of Regional Selective Assistance; understands that the major losses that BMW have suffered on Rover have put great pressure on BMW with respect to Rover; and congratulates the Government for playing its role in working closely with the company and the workforce to try to ensure there is a future for Rover’, instead thereof.— (Mr Secretary Byers.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 149.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Jim Dowd: 275.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (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 actions of the Government that support the car industry, including delivering stable inflation and low interest rates, boosting support for supply chain activities and acting on the Foresight Vehicle Programme; welcomes the Government support for the Longbridge plant given through the offer of Regional Selective Assistance; understands that the major losses that BMW have suffered on Rover have put great pressure on BMW with respect to Rover; and congratulates the Government for playing its role in working closely with the company and the workforce to try to ensure there is a future for Rover.

13 Welsh Grand Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 108 (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings)), That the Welsh Grand Committee shall meet on Tuesday 4th April at half-past ten o’clock and between four o’clock and six o’clock at Westminster to take questions under Standing Order No. 103 (Welsh Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)), and to consider the matter of the Budget Statement and its implications for Wales, under Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales))—(Mr David Clelland)—It was agreed to.

14 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions—

(1) from residents of Halifax calling for a review of disciplinary proceedings against Inspector Gareth Perrett and PC Richard Perrett, and

(2) from residents of the Skipton and Ripon Constituency calling for a review of proposals to pay benefits directly into bank accounts instead of via post offices 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 Kevin Hughes.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.39 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Equality (Disability, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Civil Aviation,—Airports (Designation) (Removal and Disposal of Vehicles) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 707), dated 9th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 738), dated 15th March 2000 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

5 Pensions,—(1) Occupational Pension Schemes (Contracting-out) (Payment and Recovery of Remaining Balances) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 750), and (2) Personal and Occupational Pension Schemes (Incentive Payments) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 749), dated 14th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

6 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 761), and (2) Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating) Consequential Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 760), dated 15th March 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo]; and (3) Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 697), dated 7th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—(1) Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 4) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 758), and (2) Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating) Consequential Amendment (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 757), dated 15th March 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:


9 School Standards and Framework,—Account of the North East Lincolnshire Education Action Zone for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 355] [Clerk of the House].
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Libraries]; to be printed [No. 241-iv] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Kosovo]; to be printed [No. 28-v] [Mr Donald Anderson].

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE
The Speaker certified the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill as a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 64; WH, No. 38.]
Thursday 16th March 2000.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].
The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Quangoes),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 21st March.
[Adjourned at 5.14 p.m.]

[No. 65.]
Friday 17th March 2000.
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment (Safeguards for Children),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Robert Ainsworth);
And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

2 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr David Clelland);
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 March.
[Adjourned at 3.00 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Disabled Persons,—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Gatwick Express Class 460 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 770), dated 16th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


3 National Health Service,—Avon and Western Wiltshire Mental Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 658), dated 16th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 Rates,—Rates (Regional Rates) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.R. (N.I.), 2000, No. 41), dated 29th February 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].
Other Papers:

5 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the Petition [13th January] from farmers in the constituency of Brentwood and Ongar and from East Anglia against the removal of slaughter facilities in the Over Thirty Month scheme at Cheale Meats Limited at Brentwood [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

6 Treaty Series (No. 15, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 7th and 12th November 1997, amending the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation [by Command] [Cm. 4632] [Mr Secretary Cook].

7 Treaty Series (No. 16, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 22nd October and 10th November 1997, amending the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Grains Council (previously known as the International Wheat Council) [by Command] [Cm. 4633] [Mr Secretary Cook].

8 Treaty Series (No. 17, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 19th August and 23rd October 1997, amending the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Maritime Organization (previously known as the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization) regarding the Headquarters of the Organization [by Command] [Cm. 4634] [Mr Secretary Cook].

9 Treaty Series (No. 18, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 24th July and 13th August 1997, amending the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Rubber Study Group [by Command] [Cm. 4635] [Mr Secretary Cook].

10 Treaty Series (No. 19, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 10th July and 15th August 1997, amending the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Sugar Organization [by Command] [Cm. 4636] [Mr Secretary Cook].

11 Treaty Series (No. 20, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 10th July and 19th August 1997, amending the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Whaling Commission [by Command] [Cm. 4637] [Mr Secretary Cook].

12 Treaty Series (No. 21, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 10th July and 28th October 1997, amending the Agreement relating to the Commissions established by the Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping from Ships and Aircraft 1972 and the Convention for the Prevention of Marine Pollution from Land-based Sources 1974 [by Command] [Cm. 4638] [Mr Secretary Cook].

13 Treaty Series (No. 22, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 1st and 8th December 1997, amending the 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. 4639] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Draft Air Quality (England) Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Wilshire from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Simon Burns.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Barry Jones reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 53) on rural bus subsidy grants for 2000–01 (House of Commons Paper No. 302), and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 54) on Rural Bus Challenge 1999 (House of Commons Paper No. 303).

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Jim Cunningham reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 55) on 1999–2000 Special Grant for Asylum Seekers’ Support (Adults and Families of Asylum Seekers) (House of Commons Paper No. 304).

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

4 Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th April and to be printed [Bill 92].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 92–EN].

5 Countryside and Rights of Way Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Countryside and Rights of Way 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 Countryside and Rights of Way Bill because, although it contains worthwhile provisions on protection of Sites of Special Scientific Interest and wildlife protection, the provisions on access to the countryside impose heavy-handed and unjustifiable infringements on the rights of private property owners, and provisions for compensation are negligible; because it introduces access to ‘open country’ in a form which will be damaging to the interests of hard-pressed farmers and will threaten wildlife and conservation sites which other parts of the Bill are designed to protect; because it fails to provide sufficient improvements in the Rights of Way network which is a more important mechanism for improving access for most people; and because it gives no extra protection to Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and misses the opportunity to deal with many of the real problems affecting the countryside in England and Wales’, instead thereof.—

(Mr Archie Norman.)

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

Mr Kevin Hughes rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luff: 138.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Jamieson: 334.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (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.

6 Countryside and Rights of Way Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Countryside and Rights of Way Bill [Money],
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums required by the Secretary of State for making grants to the Countryside Agency or the Nature Conservancy Council for England;

(b) any administrative expenses of a Minister of the Crown which are attributable to the Act;

(c) any other expenditure of a Minister of the Crown or government department which is attributable to the Act; and

(d) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other enactment are payable out of money so provided—(Mr Don Touhig):—It was agreed to.

7 Legal Services Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 21st February, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig):—It was agreed to.

8 Legal Services Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Community Legal Service (Scope) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 21st February, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Jamieson: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 160.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Community Legal Service (Scope) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 21st February, be approved.

9 Legal Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Conditional Fee Agreements Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 21st February, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig):—It was agreed to.

10 Access to Justice.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission in accordance with section 8 of the Access to Justice Act 1999 and as first approved by the Lord Chancellor in accordance with section 9(4) of that Act, which was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Jamieson: 295.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 149.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Funding Code prepared by the Legal Services Commission in accordance with section 8 of the Access to Justice Act 1999 and as first approved by the Lord Chancellor in accordance with section 9(4) of that Act, which was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved.

11 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig):—It was agreed to.

12 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Tax Credits Up-rating Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 3rd March, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig):—It was agreed to.

13 Science and Technology.—Ordered, That Mr Nigel Beard be discharged from the Science and Technology Committee and Dr Brian Iddon be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents in the constituency of Harwich calling for free television licences for all persons over the retirement age was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Don Touhig).

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 past Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.13 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 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 National Assistance Services,—National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 798), dated 20th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 National Health Service,—(1) Commission for Health Improvement (Functions) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 797), dated 18th March 2000, and (2) National Health Service Pension Scheme (Additional Voluntary Contributions) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 619), dated 16th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Sandwell) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 791), dated 20th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 Social Security,—Social Security (Overlapping Benefits) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 799), dated 20th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:

8 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Accounts of the—(1) Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel, and (2) Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority for 1998–99, with the reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 359 and 357] [Clerk of the House].


11 National Lottery,—Accounts of the Scottish Arts Council National Lottery Distribution Fund for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 360] [Clerk of the House].

12 Overseas Pensions,—Overseas Service Pensions Amendment Scheme 2000 [by Act] [Secretary Clare Short].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [MAFF: The Sheep Annual Premium Scheme in England]; to be printed [No. 362-i] [Mr David Davis].

2 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [EQUAL (Extend Quality Life)]; to be printed [No. 245-iv] [Dr Michael Clark].

3 Treasury,—(1) Fourth Report from the 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. 147]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Private Finance Initiative]
[Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 67.]

Tuesday 21st March 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 28th March.

2 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 28th March.

3 Postal Services Bill,—Mr John Maxton reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Postal Services Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 93].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 368].

4 Royal Parks (Trading) Bill,—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the Royal Parks (Trading) 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. 367].

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

The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of twelve Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons as the Joint Committee on Consolidation 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; and they propose that the Joint Committee do meet on Tuesday 28th March at a quarter-past Four o’clock.

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 Act, agreed upon by both Houses:


7 Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report, March 2000,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report, March 2000, as laid before this House by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

8 Ways and Means,—Provisional Collection of Taxes,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 51 (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) Hydrocarbon oils (rates of duty and rebate) (motion No. 5);
(b) Tobacco products (rates of duty) (motion No. 10);
(c) Vehicle excise duty (rates for goods vehicles etc.) (motion No. 17);
(d) Disposals of assets for which a VAT repayment is claimed (motion No. 19)—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer)—It was agreed to:

9 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 a supply, acquisition or importation;
(b) for refunding an amount of tax;
(c) for varying any rate at which that tax is at any time chargeable; or
(d) for any relief, other than a relief which—

(i) so far as it is applicable to goods, applies to goods of every description, and
(ii) so far as it is applicable to services, applies to services of every description—

(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer);

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Torbay against the Government’s proposed changes to the method of benefit payments 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 David Clelland.)

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. 59) (Metropolitan Railway Passenger Services Grant 2000–2001) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 361] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Medicines.—Marketing Authorisations for Veterinary Medicinal Products Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 776), dated 14th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].


7 Social Security (Northern Ireland).—Tax Credits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 796), dated 21st March 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].
8 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Charities and Aids for the Handicapped) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 805), and
   (2) Value Added Tax (Fund-Raising Events by Charities and Other Qualifying Bodies) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 802),
dated 21st March 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson]; and
   (3) Value Added Tax (Increase of Registration Limits) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 804),
dated 21st March 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo]; and
   (4) Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 794), and
   (5) Value Added Tax (Increase of Consideration for Fuel) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 811),
dated 21st March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

Other Papers:

9 Air Force Constitution,—Regulations of the Defence Council, dated 2nd March 2000, consolidating amendments to Air Publication 400B-0001 (First Edition), and re-titling the publication as Air Publication 3392 Volume 7 (1st Edition): Regulations for the Reserve Air Forces [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

10 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 21st March 2000, concerning the proposed gifting of up to 288 Challenger 1 Main Battle Tanks and elements of a support package to the Government of Jordan [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

11 Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report, March 2000,—Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report, March 2000, entitled Prudent for a Purpose: Working for a Stronger and Fairer Britain [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 346] [Mr Stephen Timms].

12 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions Minute, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for legal action in relation to a public inquiry conducted by Lord Cullen into the fatal collision between two passenger trains at Ladbroke Grove Junction, West London [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

13 Finance,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Audit of Assumptions for the March 2000 Budget [by Act]; to be printed [No. 348] [Clerk of the House].

14 National Debt,—Debt Management Report for 2000–01 [by Command] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

15 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 20th March 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by—
   (1) Exeter and District Community Health Service National Health Service Trust,
   (2) Hull and East Riding Community Health National Health Service Trust,
   (3) Norfolk Mental Health Care National Health Service Trust,
   (4) Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham University Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (5) United Bristol Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (6) Wakefield and Pontefract Community Health National Health Service Trust, and
   (7) West Dorset General Hospitals National Health Service Trust
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

16 Reserve Forces,—Change 3 to the Regulations for the Royal Naval Reserve (BR60) [by Act]
   [Mr Secretary Hoon].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Organisation for Joint Armament Co-operation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Jenny Jones, Mr Austin Mitchell, Joan Ruddock and Mr Marsha Singh from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Ms Linda Perham, Mr Terry Rooney, Rachel Squire and Dr Alan Whitehead.
2. Code of Audit Practice for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Clwyd from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Code); and nominated in substitution Mr Jon Owen Jones.

3. Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 60) on 1999-2000 Special Grant for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (House of Commons Paper No. 330),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Cummings, Maria Eagle, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Stephen Hepburn and Mr Jon Owen Jones from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Mrs Helen Brinley, Mr Paul Goggins, Dr Ashok Kumar, Mr Doug Naysmith and Mrs Betty Williams.

4. Draft Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 (Transfer of NAO Staff etc.) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tam Dalyell, Maria Fyfe and Mr James Wray from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown, Mr Ernie Ross and Mr Bill Tynan.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1. Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [The Implications for UK Agriculture and EU Agricultural Policy of Trade Liberalisation and the WTO Round]; to be printed [No. 246-iii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Implications for UK Agriculture and EU Agricultural Policy of Trade Liberalisation and the WTO Round]
   [Mr David Curry].

2. Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Travelling Fairs]; to be printed [No. 284-ii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Environment Sub-Committee [The Planning Inspectorate and Public Inquiries]; to be printed [No. 364-II]
   [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3. International Development,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [After Seattle—The World Trade Organisation and Developing Countries]; to be printed [No. 227-iii]; and
   (2) Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 15 December 1999 [DFID’s Policy towards China and Pakistan]; to be printed [No. 126-ii]
   [Mr Bowen Wells].

4. Standards and Privileges,—Eighth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr Tony Baldry], with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 369] [Mr Alan Williams].

5. Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Proposed Public-Private Partnership for BNFL]; to be printed [No. 307-ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

6. Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Social Exclusion in Wales]; to be printed [No. 365-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 67; WH, No. 39]

Tuesday 21st March 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

1. Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned (Mr Clive Betts.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.00 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 29th March.

2 Licensing (Young Persons) Bill,—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Licensing (Young Persons) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 12th May; and to be printed [Bill 95].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 363].

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Andrew Welsh reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Code of Audit Practice for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales.

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

4 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bowen Wells reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Air Quality (England) Regulations 2000.

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

5 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Frank Cook reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Public Finances and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 (Transfer of NAO Staff etc.) Order 2000.

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 request that the Commons may be pleased to return the Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords] because Clause No. 2 of the Bill is incorrect.

7 Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Lords Message this day relating to the Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords] be now considered.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Lords Message. The Lords Message considered accordingly.

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

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.

8 Child Curfew (Specified Age),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to change the maximum specified age at which a child may be subject to a notice given under a local child curfew scheme: And that Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Lawrie Quinn, Mr Andrew Reed, Gillian Merron, Mr John Heppell, Mrs Liz Blackman, Ms Rosie Winterton, Ann Coffey, Mr Neil Turner, Joan Ryan and Caroline Flint do prepare and bring it in.

9 Child Curfew (Specified Age) Bill,—Mr Vernon Coaker accordingly presented a Bill to change the maximum specified age at which a child may be subject to a notice given under a local child curfew scheme: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th April and to be printed [Bill 94].

10 Child Curfew (Specified Age) Bill,—Mr Vernon Coaker accordingly presented a Bill to change the maximum specified age at which a child may be subject to a notice given under a local child curfew scheme: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th April and to be printed [Bill 94].

11 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 a supply, acquisition or importation;
(b) for refunding an amount of tax;
(c) for varying any rate at which that tax is at any time chargeable; or
(d) for any relief, other than a relief which—
   (i) so far as it is applicable to goods, applies to goods of every description, and
   (ii) so far as it is applicable to services, applies to services of every 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.

12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from residents of—
   (1) North Cornwall,
   (2) Truro and St Austell, and
   (3) St Ives
against the Government’s proposed changes to the method of benefit payments 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 Mike Hall.)

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 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Destination of
   Appeals) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Education Maintenance Allowance (Pilot Areas) (Amendment) Regulations
   2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 838), dated 21st March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
3 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Training and Certification) (Amendment)
   Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 836), dated 21st March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary
   Prescott].
4 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission
   of Charges) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 837), dated 21st March
   2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
5 Tractors,—Agricultural or Forestry Tractors and Tractor Components (Type Approval)
   (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 828), dated 21st March 2000 [by Act] [Mr
   Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

6 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed
   acquisition by NTL Incorporated of the cable business of Cable & Wireless
   Communications plc [by Command] [Cm. 4666] [Mr Secretary Byers].
7 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Culture,
   Media and Sport Committee, Session 1999–2000, on The Funding of the BBC [by
   Command] [Cm. 4674] [Mr Secretary Smith].
8 Housing (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Northern Ireland Housing Executive for
   1998–99, with the Report of the Local Government Auditor and of the Comptroller and
   Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Command] [Cm. 4681] [Mr Secretary
   Mandelson].
9 Treaty Series (No. 13, 2000),—Partnership and Co-operation Agreement, done at Brussels on
   23rd January 1995, between the European Communities and their Member States, of the
   one part, and the Republic of Kazakhstan, of the other part, with Protocol including
   Declarations and Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 4627] [Mr Secretary Cook].
10 Treaty Series (No. 23, 2000).—Exchange of Notes, done at La Paz on 16th September 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Bolivia concerning certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Bolivia Debt Agreement No. 7 (1998)), [by Command] [Cm. 4641] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Countryside and Rights of Way Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Mr George Stevenson and Mr Hamfrey Malins Chairmen; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-three Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Candy Atherton, Mr David Borrow, Mrs Helen Brinton, Mr Geoffrey Chilton-Brown, Mr Huw Edwards, Mr James Gray, Mr Damian Green, Mr David Heath, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr David Kidney, Mr David Lepper, Mr Elwyn Lloyd, Chris McCafferty, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr James Paine, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Nicholas Soames, Mr Gareth Thomas (Clywd West) and Mr Mark Todd.

2 Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee C, and has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr David Amess, John Austin, Mr Paul Burstow, Mrs Janet Dean, Julia Drown, Mr Paul Goggins, Mr Philip Hammond, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Ms Linda Perham, Mr Marsha Singh, Angela Smith, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mr Alan W. Williams (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr) and Mr Nicholas Winterton.

3 Report by the Secretary of State for Social Security under section 82 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (House of Commons Paper No. 270):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jim Cunningham Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Julian Brazier, Christine Butler, Ann Coffey, Angela Eagle, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr Andrew George, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr John McFall, Mrs Diana Organ, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr John Randall, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Marsha Singh, Dr George Turner and Steve Webb.

4 Draft Equality (Disability, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jim Cunningham Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Desmond Browne, Mr Paul Burston, Mr James Cran, Jim Dowd, Paul Flynn, Mr George Howarth, Ms Jenny Jones, Mr John McDonnell, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Chris Ruane, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr John M. Taylor and Mr Paul Truswell.

5 Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 60) on 1999-2000 Special Grant for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (House of Commons Paper No. 330),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Adrian Sanders and Ms Debra Shipley from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Special Grant Report); and nominated in substitution Mr Peter Bradley and Dr Evan Harris.

6 Draft Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 (Transfer of NAO Staff etc.) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mohammad Sarwar from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Maria Fyfe.

Grand Committees

7 The Speaker has appointed Mr John Maxton Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Wednesday 5th April.

8 The Speaker has appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Tuesday 4th April.
European Standing Committees

9 The Speaker has appointed Mrs Ray Michie Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 12992/99, a draft Council Regulation on the reform of the flax and hemp support regime.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Lessons of Kosovo]; to be printed [No. 347-ii] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Employment.—(1) Third Report from the Education and Employment Committee [The Draft Part-time Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 297] [Mr Derek Foster], and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Committee [The Role of Private Sector Organisations in Public Education]; to be printed [No. 118-iii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Proposed Urban White Paper]; to be printed [No. 185-iv] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett], and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [The Road Haulage Industry]; to be printed [No. 296-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

4 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Administration Committee [Making Government Work]; to be printed [No. 286-ii] [Dr Tony Wright].

5 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Cancer Research—A Fresh Look]; to be printed [No. 332-i] [Dr Michael Clark].

6 Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Poverty in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 59-ix] [Mr David Marshall].

[No. 68; WH, No. 40]

Wednesday 22nd March 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

1 Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Don Touhig)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

[No. 69.]

Thursday 23rd March 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 30th March.

2 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 30th March.

3 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medway Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 30th March.
4 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 30th March.

5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2000.

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

6 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Humfrey Malins reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Special Grant Report (No. 60) on 1999–2000 Special Grant for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (House of Commons Paper No. 330).

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

7 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [21st March], That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but this Resolution does not extend to the making of any amendment with respect to value added tax so as to provide—

(a) for zero-rating or exempting a supply, acquisition or importation;

(b) for refunding an amount of tax;

(c) for varying any rate at which that tax is at any time chargeable; or

(d) for any relief, other than a relief which—

(i) so far as it is applicable to goods, applies to goods of every description, and

(ii) so far as it is applicable to services, applies to services of every description;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate. And it being Seven o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Monday 27th March.

8 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 20th April—

(1) the House shall meet at half-past Nine o’clock, and shall between that hour and half-past Twelve proceed with a motion for the adjournment of the House made by a Minister of the Crown;

(2) the subject for debate on the said motion shall be ‘matters to be considered before the forthcoming adjournment’;

(3) at Eleven o’clock the Speaker may interrupt the proceedings in order to permit questions to be asked which are in her opinion of an urgent character and relate either to matters of public importance or to the arrangement of business, statements to be made by Ministers, or personal explanations to be made by Members;

(4) at half-past Twelve o’clock, the proceedings shall be interrupted and the motion for the adjournment shall lapse;

(5) a further motion for the adjournment of the House shall thereafter be made by a Minister of the Crown and, subject to the Order of 1st March, if the Question on the said motion has not previously been agreed to, at One o’clock the Speaker shall adjourn the House without Question put; and

(6) there shall be no sitting in Westminster Hall.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

9 Competition,—Ordered, That the Competition Act 1998 (Director’s Rules) Order 2000 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.27 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance,—(1) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 56) on the Promoting Independence: Partnership Grant for 2000–01,
   (2) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 57) on the Promoting Independence: Prevention Grant for 2000–01, and
   (3) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 58) on the Promoting Independence: Carers Grant for 2000–01
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 337, 338 and 339] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

5 Animals (Scientific Procedures),—Guidance on the Operation of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 321] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Air Force (Constitution),—Regulations of the Defence Council, dated 14th March 2000, comprising Amendment List 8 to the Royal Air Force Manual of Assessment of Medical Fitness: Air Publication 1269A (Third Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 Criminal Statistics,— Criminal Statistics for England and Wales for 1998 [by Command] [Cm. 4649] [Mr Secretary Straw].

8 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Wembley National Stadium [by Command] [Cm. 4686] [Mr Secretary Smith].

9 Miscellaneous (No. 6, 2000),—International Convention, adopted at New York on 15th December 1997, for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4662] [Mr Secretary Cook].

10 Miscellaneous (No. 7, 2000),—International Convention, done at New York on 10th January 2000, for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4663] [Mr Secretary Cook].

11 Probation Board (Northern Ireland),—Statement of Accounts of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 372] [Clerk of the House].

12 Reserve Forces,—Reserve Forces’ and Cadets’ Associations Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Cultural Property: Return and Illicit Trade]; to be printed [No. 371-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Provision of NHS Mental Health Services]; to be printed [No. 373-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

3 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Mozambique]; to be printed [No. 326-i] [Mr Bowen Wells].
4 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Government’s Cash and Debt Management], to be printed [No. 154-v] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 69; WH, No. 41]

Thursday 23rd March 2000.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].
The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

1 Adjournment (Pensions Reform),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Jim Dowd.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 28th March.

[Adjourned at 4.45 p.m.]

[No. 70.]

Friday 24th March 2000.
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   Learning and Skills Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to establish the Learning and Skills Council for England and the National Council for Education and Training for Wales, to make other provision about education and training, and for connected purposes, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Learning and Skills Bill [Lords].—The Learning and Skills Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 27th March and to be printed [Bill 96].
   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Learning and Skills Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 96–EN].

3 Urban Regeneration and Countryside Protection Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Urban Regeneration and Countryside Protection Bill;
   A Motion was 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 May.

4 Hare Coursing Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hare Coursing Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 7th April.

5 Recycled Content of Newsprint Bill,—The Recycled Content of Newsprint Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

6 Road Traffic Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 7th April.

7 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Dowd).
   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 one minute past Three o’clock, till Monday 27th March.

[Adjourned at 3.01 p.m.]
24th March 2000

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Social Security.—(1) Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 832), dated 20th March 2000, and
   (2) Relevant Functions (Payments to Authorities) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 848), dated 23rd March 2000
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

2 Miscellaneous (No. 4, 2000).—Convention, done at Montreal on 28th May 1999, for the Unification of Certain Rules for International Carriage by Air, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4651] [Mr Secretary Cook].

3 Treaty Series (No. 35, 2000).—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 11th and 18th July 1997, amending the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and CAB International (previously known as the Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux) [by Command] [Cm. 4650] [Mr Secretary Cook].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Control of Hedgerows in Residential Areas Bill.—Ordered, That the Control of Hedgerows in Residential Areas Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th April.

2 Sex Discrimination (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.—The Order for reading the Sex Discrimination (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill a second time on Friday 14th April was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

3 Residential Care Homes and Nursing Homes (Medical Records),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require persons registered to carry on residential care homes or nursing homes to keep records concerning medicines and their use; to provide for inspection of such records by medical practitioners; and for connected purposes: And that Paul Flynn, Mr Edward O’Hara, Mr Gordon Prentice, Dr Doug Naysmith, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Andrew George, Dr Evan Harris and Mr Dafydd Wigley do prepare and bring it in.

4 Residential Care Homes and Nursing Homes (Medical Records) Bill.—Paul Flynn accordingly presented a Bill to require persons registered to carry on residential care homes or nursing homes to keep records concerning medicines and their use; to provide for inspection of such records by medical practitioners; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th June and to be printed [Bill 98].

5 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [21st March], That it is expedient to amend the law with respect to the National Debt and the public revenue and to make further provision in connection with finance; but this Resolution does not extend to the making of any amendment with respect to value added tax so as to provide—

(a) for zero-rating or exempting a supply, acquisition or importation;
(b) for refunding an amount of tax;
(c) for varying any rate at which tax is at any time chargeable; or
(d) for any relief, other than a relief which—
(i) so far as it is applicable to goods, applies to goods of every description, and
(ii) so far as it is applicable to services, applies to services of every description.

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate. And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

The Speaker then, pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 51 (Ways and Means motions), put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the further Motions which were made by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.

2. Beer (rate of duty)

The Question being put, That—

(1) In section 36(1) of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 for “£11.50” there shall be substituted “£11.89”.
(2) This Resolution shall have effect on and after 1st April 2000.

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 Graham Allen, Mr David Jamieson: 370.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luff: 142.

So the Question was agreed to.
3. Cider (rates of duty)

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 62(1A) of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979—
   (a) in paragraph (a) for “£161.20” there shall be substituted “£166.70”;
   (b) in paragraph (b) for “£37.92” there shall be substituted “£39.21”; and
   (c) in paragraph (c) for “£25.27” there shall be substituted “£26.13”.

(2) This Resolution shall have effect on and after 1st April 2000.

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

4. Wine and made-wine (rates of duty)

Resolved, That—

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

**PART I**

**WINE OR MADE-WINE OF A STRENGTH NOT EXCEEDING 22 PER CENT.**

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<td>Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 15 per cent. but not exceeding 22 per cent.</td>
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(2) This Resolution shall have effect on and after 1st April 2000.

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

5. Hydrocarbon oil (rates of duty and rebate)

The Question being put, That—

(1) In section 6(1A) of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979—
   (a) in paragraph (a), for “£0.5288” there shall be substituted “£0.5468”;
   (b) in paragraph (b), for “£0.4721” there shall be substituted “£0.4882”; and
   (c) in paragraph (c), for “£0.5021” there shall be substituted “£0.5182”.

(2) In section 11(1) of that Act—
   (a) in paragraph (a), for “£0.0265” there shall be substituted “£0.0274”; and
   (b) in each of paragraphs (b) and (ba), for “£0.0303” there shall be substituted “£0.0313”.

(3) In section 13A(1A) of that Act—
   (a) in paragraph (a), for “£0.0367” there shall be substituted “£0.0379”; and
   (b) in paragraph (b), for “£0.0567” there shall be substituted “£0.0586”.

(4) In section 14(1) of that Act, for “£0.0265” there shall be substituted “£0.0274”.

(5) This Resolution shall have effect as from 6 o’clock in the evening of 21st March 2000.

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 Graham Allen, Mr David Jamieson: 321.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luff: 192.

So the Question was agreed to.

6. Hydrocarbon oil (mixing of light oil)

Resolved, That provision may be made about the mixing of different kinds of light oil.

7. Hydrocarbon oil (amendment of definitions of types of oil)

Resolved, That provision may be made for amending the provisions of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979 defining different types of oil.

8. Hydrocarbon oil (mince of rebated heavy oil)

Resolved, That—

(1) Section 13 of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)—

(a) for “or, as the case may be, his becoming so liable” there shall be substituted “or his becoming so liable (or, where his conduct includes both, each of them)”, and

(b) the words from “; and the Commissioners” to the end shall be omitted.

(3) After subsection (1) there shall be inserted—

“(1A) Where oil is used, or is taken into a road vehicle, in contravention of section 12(2) above, the Commissioners may—

(a) assess an amount equal to the rebate on like oil at the rate in force at the time of the contravention as being excise duty due from any person who used the oil or was liable for the oil being taken into the road vehicle, and

(b) notify him or his representative accordingly.”

(4) This Resolution shall have effect in relation to liability arising on or after 1st May 2000.

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. Hydrocarbon oil (use of rebated heavy oil as fuel)

Resolved, That—

(1) In Schedule 1 to the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979, the following provisions shall be omitted—

(a) paragraph 2(1)(b) and the word “or” immediately preceding it, and

(b) paragraph 2(4).

(2) This Resolution has effect in relation to the use of rebated heavy oil as fuel on or after 1st May 2000.

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. Tobacco products (rates of duty)

The Question being put, 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 22 per cent. of the retail price plus £90.43 per thousand cigarettes.

2. Cigars £132.33 per kilogram.

3. Hand-rolling tobacco £95.12 per kilogram.

4. Other smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco £58.17 per kilogram.”.

(2) This Resolution shall have effect as from 6 o’clock in the evening of 21st March 2000.

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 Graham Allen, Mr David Jamieson: 364.


So the Question was agreed to.

11. Tobacco products duty (retail price of cigarettes)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 5 of the Tobacco Products Duty Act 1979.

12. Amusement machine licence duty (rates of duty)

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

13. Amusement machine licence duty (meaning of amusement machine)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 25 of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981.

14. Air passenger duty

The Question being put, That provision may be made about air passenger duty;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Greg Pope: 363.

Tellers for the Noes, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr William Thompson: 3.

So the Question was agreed to.

15. Vehicle excise duty (general rate)

Resolved, That—

(1) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994—

(a) in sub-paragraph (2), for “£155” there shall be substituted “£160”; and

(b) in sub-paragraph (2A), for “£100” there shall be substituted “£105”.

(2) This Resolution shall have effect in relation to licences issued on or after 1st March 2001.

16. Vehicle excise duty (new light passenger or goods vehicles)

Resolved, That provision may be made with respect to the vehicle excise duty chargeable in respect of light passenger and light goods vehicles first registered on or after 1st March 2001.

17. Vehicle excise duty (rates for goods vehicles etc.)

Resolved, That Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 be amended as follows—

(1) For the Table in paragraph 9(1) there shall be substituted—

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(5) In the following provisions—

(a) in paragraph 11(1), after “Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) and (3)”, and

(b) in paragraph 11A(2), after “Subject to sub-paragraph (3)”,

there shall be inserted “and paragraph 11C”.

(6) After paragraph 11B there shall be inserted—
11C.—(1) This paragraph applies to a tractive unit that—
(a) has a revenue weight exceeding 41,000 kilograms but not exceeding 44,000 kilograms,
(b) has 3 or more axles and is used exclusively for the conveyance of semi-trailers with 3 or more axles,
(c) is of a type that could lawfully be used on a public road immediately before 21st March 2000, and
(d) complies with the requirements in force immediately before that date for use on a public road.

(2) The annual rate of vehicle excise duty applicable to a vehicle to which this paragraph applies is—
(a) in the case of a vehicle with respect to which the reduced pollution requirements are not satisfied, £1,280;
(b) in the case of a vehicle with respect to which those requirements are satisfied, £280."

(7) This Resolution applies in relation to licences issued after 21st March 2000.

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. Value added tax (reduced rate)

Resolved, That—

(1) Schedule A1 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994 shall have effect with the following amendments.

(2) In paragraph 1(1), after paragraph (a) insert—
"(aa) supplies of services of installing List A energy-saving materials in residential accommodation or in a building intended for use solely for a relevant charitable purpose;
(ab) supplies of List A energy-saving materials by a person who installs those materials in residential accommodation or a building intended for use solely for a relevant charitable purpose;"

(3) In paragraph 1(1), in each of paragraphs (b) and (c), before "energy-saving materials" insert "List B".

(4) In paragraph 1(1), after paragraph (c) insert—
"(d) supplies to a qualifying person of services of connecting, or reconnecting, a mains gas supply to the qualifying person’s sole or main residence;
(e) supplies of goods made to a qualifying person by a person connecting, or reconnecting, a mains gas supply to the qualifying person’s sole or main residence, being goods whose installation is necessary for the connection, or reconnection, of the mains gas supply;
(f) supplies to a qualifying person of services of connecting, maintaining or repairing a central heating system in the qualifying person’s sole or main residence;
(g) supplies of goods made to a qualifying person by a person installing, maintaining or repairing a central heating system in the qualifying person’s sole or main residence, being goods whose installation is necessary for the installation, maintenance or repair of the central heating system;
(h) supplies consisting in the leasing of goods that form the whole or part of a central heating system installed in the sole or main residence of a qualifying person;
(i) supplies of goods that form the whole or part of a central heating system installed in a qualifying person’s sole or main residence and that, immediately before being supplied, were goods leased under arrangements such that the consideration for the supplies consisting in the leasing of the goods was, in whole or in part, funded by a grant made under a relevant scheme;
(j) supplies to a qualifying person of services of installing qualifying security goods in the qualifying person’s sole or main residence; and
(k) supplies of qualifying security goods made to a qualifying person by a person who installs those goods in the qualifying person’s sole or main residence."
(5) For paragraph 1(1A) substitute—

“(1A) A supply to which any of paragraphs (b) to (k) of sub-paragraph (1) above applies is a supply falling within this paragraph only to the extent that the consideration for it—

(a) is, or is to be, funded by a grant made under a relevant scheme; or

(b) in the case of a supply to which paragraph (i) of that sub-paragraph applies—

(i) is, or is to be, funded by such a grant, or

(ii) is a payment becoming due only by reason of the termination (whether by the passage of time or otherwise) of the leasing of the goods in question.”

(6) In paragraph 1(1B), for “sub-paragraph (1)(b) or (c)” substitute “any of paragraphs (b) to (k) of sub-paragraph (1)”.

(7) In paragraph 5(3)(c), for “disability working allowance” substitute “disabled person’s tax credit”.

(8) In paragraph 5(3)(d), for “family credit” substitute “working families’ tax credit”.

(9) In paragraph 5, after sub-paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) For the purposes of paragraph 1(1)(aa) and (ab) above “residential accommodation” means—

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

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

(c) a caravan used as a place of permanent habitation; or

(d) a houseboat.

(3B) For the purposes of paragraph 1(1)(aa) and (ab) above “use for a relevant charitable purpose” means use by a charity in either or both of the following ways, namely—

(a) otherwise than in the course or furtherance of a business;

(b) as a village hall or similarly in providing social or recreational facilities for a local community.”

(10) In paragraph 5(4), for “For the purposes of paragraph 1(1)(b) and (c) above “energy-saving materials” means” substitute “For the purposes of paragraph 1(1)(aa) and (ab) above “List A energy-saving materials” means”.

(11) In paragraph 5(4)(c), after “central heating system controls” insert “(including thermostatic radiator valves)”.

(12) In paragraph 5(4), after paragraph (d) insert—

“(e) solar panels.”

(13) In paragraph 5, after sub-paragraph (4) insert—

“(4A) For the purposes of paragraph 1(1)(b) and (c) above “List B energy-saving materials” means any of the following—

(a) gas-fired room heaters that are fitted with thermostatic controls;

(b) electric storage heaters;

(c) closed solid fuel fire cassettes;

(d) electric dual immersion water heaters with foam-insulated hot water tanks;

(e) gas-fired boilers;

(f) oil-fired boilers;

(g) radiators.

(4B) For the purposes of paragraph 1(1)(j) and (k) above, “qualifying security goods” means any of the following—

(a) locks or bolts for windows;

(b) locks, bolts or security chains for doors;

(c) spy holes;

(d) smoke alarms.”

(14) In paragraph 3(5), for “paragraph 1(1A) and (1B)” substitute “paragraph 1”.
15. This Resolution applies to supplies made on or after 1st April 2000.

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

19. Disposals of assets for which a VAT repayment is claimed

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 3(2) of the Value Added Tax Act 1994, for “Schedules 1 to 3” there shall be substituted “Schedules 1 to 3A”.

(2) In section 67 of that Act—

(a) in subsection (1)(a), for “or with paragraph 3 or 8(2) of Schedule 3” there shall be substituted “, with paragraph 3 or 6(2) of Schedule 3 or paragraph 3, 4 or 7(2) or (3) of Schedule 3A”;

(b) in subsection (3)(a), for “or paragraph 3 of Schedule 3” there shall be substituted “, paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 or paragraph 3 or 4 of Schedule 3A”; and

(c) in subsection (3)(b), for “or with sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 8 of Schedule 3” there shall be substituted “, with sub-paragraph (2) of paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 or with sub-paragraph (2) or (3) of paragraph 7 of Schedule 3A”.

(3) In section 69(1)(a) of that Act, for “or paragraph 5 of Schedule 3” there shall be substituted “, paragraph 5 of Schedule 3 or paragraph 5 of Schedule 3A”.

(4) In section 73(3)(b) of that Act, for “or paragraph 6(2) or (3) of Schedule 3” there shall be substituted “, paragraph 6(2) or (3) of Schedule 3 or paragraph 6(1) or (2) of Schedule 3A”.

(5) In section 74(1)(c) of that Act, for “under paragraph 8 of Schedule 3” there shall be substituted “, under paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 or under paragraph 7 of Schedule 3A”.

(6) In the following provisions of that Act—

(a) paragraph 1(4)(a) and (5) of Schedule 1; and

(b) paragraph 1(4) of Schedule 2,

for “or paragraph 6(3) of Schedule 3” there shall be substituted “, paragraph 6(3) of Schedule 3 or paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 3A”.

(7) In paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 3 to that Act, for “or paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 2” there shall be substituted “, paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 2 or paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 3A”.

(8) After Schedule 3 to that Act there shall be inserted, as Schedule 3A, the following provisions—

“Registration in respect of disposals of assets for which a VAT repayment is claimed

Liability to be registered

1. —(1) A person who is not registered under this Act, and is not liable to be registered under Schedule 1, 2 or 3, becomes liable to be registered under this Schedule at any time—

(a) if he makes relevant supplies; or

(b) if there are reasonable grounds for believing that he will make such supplies in the period of 30 days then beginning.

(2) A person shall be treated as having become liable to be registered under this Schedule at any time when he would have become so liable under sub-paragraph (1) above but for any registration which is subsequently cancelled under paragraph 6(2) below, paragraph 15(3) of Schedule 1, paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 2 or paragraph 6(3) of Schedule 3.

(3) A person shall not cease to be liable to be registered under this Schedule except in accordance with paragraph 2 below.

2. A person who has become liable to be registered under this Schedule shall cease to be so liable at any time if the Commissioners are satisfied that he has ceased to make relevant supplies.
Notification of liability and registration

3. — (1) A person who becomes liable to be registered by virtue of paragraph 1(1)(a) above shall notify the Commissioners of the liability before the end of the period of 30 days beginning with the day on which the liability arises.

(2) The Commissioners shall register any such person (whether or not he so notifies them) with effect from the beginning of the day on which the liability arises.

4. — (1) A person who becomes liable to be registered by virtue of paragraph 1(1)(b) above shall notify the Commissioners of the liability before the end of the period by reference to which the liability arises.

(2) The Commissioners shall register any such person (whether or not he so notifies them) with effect from the beginning of the period by reference to which the liability arises.

Notification of end of liability

5. — (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, a person registered under paragraph 3 or 4 above who ceases to make or have the intention of making relevant supplies shall notify the Commissioners of that fact within 30 days of the day on which he does so.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) above does not apply if the person would, when he so ceases, be otherwise liable or entitled to be registered under this Act if his registration and any enactment preventing a person from being liable to be registered under different provisions at the same time were disregarded.

Cancellation of registration

6. — (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) below, where the Commissioners are satisfied that a registered person has ceased to be liable to be registered under this Schedule, they may cancel his registration with effect from the day on which he so ceased or from such later date as may be agreed between them and him.

(2) Where the Commissioners are satisfied that on the day on which a registered person was registered he was not registrable, they may cancel his registration with effect from that day.

(3) The Commissioners shall not under sub-paragraph (1) above cancel a person’s registration with effect from any time unless they are satisfied that it is not a time when that person would be subject to a requirement, or entitled, to be registered under this Act.

(4) In determining for the purposes of sub-paragraph (3) above whether a person would be subject to a requirement, or entitled, to be registered when he is already registered or when he is so liable under any other provision shall be disregarded.

Exemption from registration

7. — (1) Notwithstanding the preceding provisions of this Schedule, where a person who makes or intends to make relevant supplies satisfies the Commissioners that any such supply is zero-rated or would be zero-rated if he were a taxable person, they may, if he so requests and they think fit, exempt him from registration under this Schedule.

(2) Where there is a material change in the nature of the supplies made by a person exempted under this paragraph from registration under this Schedule, he shall notify the Commissioners of the change—

(a) within 30 days of the date on which the change occurred; or

(b) if no particular date is identifiable as the day on which it occurred, within 30 days of the end of the quarter in which it occurred.

(3) Where there is a material alteration in any quarter in the proportion of relevant supplies of such a person that are zero-rated, he shall notify the Commissioners of the alteration within 30 days of the end of the quarter.

(4) If it appears to the Commissioners that a request under sub-paragraph (1) above should no longer have been acted upon on or after any day, or has been withdrawn on any day, they shall register the person who made the request with effect from that day.
Supplementary

8. Any notification required under this Schedule shall be made in such form and shall contain such particulars as the Commissioners may by regulations prescribe.

9.—(1) For the purposes of this Schedule a supply of goods is a relevant supply where—

(a) the supply is a taxable supply;

(b) the goods are assets of the business in the course or furtherance of which they are supplied; and

(c) the person by whom they are supplied, or a predecessor of his, has received or claimed, or is intending to claim, a repayment of VAT on the supply to him, or the importation by him, of the goods or of anything comprised in them.

(2) In relation to any goods, a person is the predecessor of another for the purposes of this paragraph if—

(a) that other person is a person to whom he has transferred assets of his business by a transfer of that business, or part of it, as a going concern;

(b) those assets consisted of or included those goods; and

(c) the transfer of the assets is one falling by virtue of an order under section 5(3) (or under an enactment re-enacted in section 5(3)) to be treated as neither a supply of goods nor a supply of services;

and the reference in this paragraph to a person’s predecessor includes references to the predecessors of his predecessor through any number of transfers.

(3) The reference in this paragraph to a repayment of VAT is a reference to such a repayment under a scheme embodied in regulations made under section 39.”

(9) In paragraph 5(5) of Schedule 4 to that Act, for the words from “under sections 25 and 26” to the end there shall be substituted—

“(a) under sections 25 and 26, to credit for the whole or any part of the VAT on the supply, acquisition or importation of those goods or of anything comprised in them, or

(b) under a scheme embodied in regulations made under section 39, to a repayment of VAT on the supply or importation of those goods or of anything comprised in them.”

(10) Paragraphs (1) to (7) and (9) above have effect in relation to supplies made on or after 21st March 2000; and paragraph (8) above has effect in relation to relevant supplies (within the meaning of Schedule 3A to that Act) made on or after that date.

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

20. Climate change levy

The Question being put, That provision may be made for charging a tax, to be known as climate change levy, on—

(a) supplies of electricity; and

(b) supplies of gas, coal or other commodities capable of being used as fuel,

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Greg Pope: 351.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 146.

So the Question was agreed to.

21. Income tax (charge and rates for 2000-01)

The Question being put, That—

Income tax shall be charged for the year 2000-01, and for that year—

(a) the starting rate shall be 10 per cent.;

(b) the basic rate shall be 22 per cent.; and

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

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Greg Pope: 311.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr John Swinney: 48.

So the Question was agreed to.

22. Income tax (extension of starting rate)

Resolved, That—

(1) Section 1A of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)(b), after the words “is not” there shall be inserted “—

(i) savings income falling within section 1(2)(aa), or

(ii)”.

(3) After subsection (1) there shall be inserted—

“(1AA) In subsection (1)(b)(i) ‘savings income’ means income to which this section applies other than—

(a) income chargeable under Schedule F, or

(b) equivalent foreign income falling within subsection (3)(b) below and chargeable under Case V of Schedule D.”.

(4) The preceding paragraphs apply for the year 2000-01 and subsequent years and shall be deemed to have had effect for the year 1999-00.

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. Corporation tax (charge and rate for 2001)

Resolved, That, for the financial year 2001, corporation tax shall be charged at the rate of 30 per cent.

24. Corporation tax (small companies’ rate for 2000)

Resolved, That, for the financial year 2000—

(a) the small companies’ rate shall be 20 per cent., and

(b) the fraction mentioned in section 13(2) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall be one fortieth.

25. Gift aid payments by individuals

Resolved, That—

(1) Section 25 of the Finance Act 1990 shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (7) below.

(2) In subsection (1)(c), for “an appropriate certificate” there shall be substituted “an appropriate declaration”.

(3) In subsection (2)—

(a) paragraphs (c) and (g) shall cease to have effect;

(b) in paragraph (e), for “two and a half per cent of the amount of the gift” there shall be substituted “the limit imposed by subsection (5A) below”; and

(c) for paragraph (i) there shall be substituted—

“(i) either—

(i) at the time the gift is made, the donor is resident in the United Kingdom or performs duties which by virtue of section 132(4)(a) of the Taxes Act 1988 (Crown employees serving overseas) are treated as being performed in the United Kingdom; or

(ii) the grossed up amount of the gift would, if in fact made, be payable out of profits or gains brought into charge to income tax or capital gains tax.”

(4) For subsection (3) there shall be substituted—
“(3) The reference in subsection (1)(c) above to an appropriate declaration is a reference to a declaration which—

(a) is given in such manner as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Board; and

(b) contains such information and such statements as may be so prescribed.

(3A) Regulations made for the purposes of subsection (3) above may—

(a) provide for declarations to have effect, to cease to have effect or to be deemed never to have had effect in such circumstances and for such purposes as may be prescribed by the regulations;

(b) require charities to keep records with respect to declarations given to them by donors; and

(c) make different provision for declarations made in a different manner.”

(5) After subsection (5) there shall be inserted—

“(5A) The limit imposed by this subsection is—

(a) where the amount of the gift does not exceed £100, 25 per cent of the amount of the gift;

(b) where the amount of the gift exceeds £100 but does not exceed £1,000, £25;

(c) where the amount of the gift exceeds £1,000, 2.5 per cent of the amount of the gift.

(5B) Where a benefit received in consequence of making a gift—

(a) consists of the right to receive benefits at intervals over a period of less than twelve months;

(b) relates to a period of less than twelve months; or

(c) is one of a series of benefits received at intervals in consequence of making a series of gifts at intervals of less than twelve months,

the value of the benefit shall be adjusted for the purposes of subsection (4) above and the amount of the gift shall be adjusted for the purposes of subsection (5A) above.

(5C) Where a benefit, other than a benefit which is one of a series of benefits received at intervals, is received in consequence of making a gift which is one of a series of gifts made at intervals of less than twelve months, the amount of the gift shall be adjusted for the purposes of subsection (5A) above.

(5D) Where the value of a benefit, or the amount of a gift, falls to be adjusted under subsection (5B) or (5C) above, the value or amount shall be multiplied by 365 and the result shall be divided by—

(a) in a case falling within subsection (5B)(a) or (b) above, the number of days in the period of less than twelve months;

(b) in a case falling within subsection (5B)(c) or (5C) above, the average number of days in the intervals of less than twelve months;

and the reference in subsection (3B) above to subsection (4) above is a reference to that subsection as it applies for the purposes of subsection (2)(e) above.

(5E) In determining whether a gift to a charity falling within subsection (5F) below is a qualifying donation, there shall be disregarded the benefit of any right of admission received in consequence of the making of the gift—

(a) to view property the preservation of which is the sole or main purpose of the charity; or

(b) to observe wildlife the conservation of which is the sole or main purpose of the charity;

but this subsection shall not apply unless the opportunity to make gifts which attract such a right is available to members of the public.

(5F) A charity falls within this subsection if its sole or main purpose is the preservation of property, or the conservation of wildlife, for the public benefit.

(5G) In subsection (5E) above “right of admission” refers to admission of the person making the gift (or any member of his family who may be admitted because of the gift) either free of the charges normally payable for admission by members of the public, or on payment of a reduced charge.”

(6) For subsections (6) to (9) there shall be substituted—
“(6) Where any gift made by the donor in a year of assessment is a qualifying donation, then, for that year—

(a) the Income Tax Acts and the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 shall have effect, in their application to him, as if—

(i) the gift had been made after deduction of income tax at the basic rate; and

(ii) the basic rate limit were increased by an amount equal to the grossed up amount of the gift;

(b) the provisions mentioned in subsection (7) below shall have effect, in their application to him, as if any reference to income tax which he is entitled to charge against any person included a reference to the tax treated as deducted from the gift; and

(c) to the extent, if any, necessary to ensure that he is charged to an amount of income tax and capital gains tax equal to the tax treated as deducted from the gift, he shall not be entitled to relief under Chapter I of Part VII of the Taxes Act 1988,

but paragraph (a)(ii) above shall not apply for the purposes of any computation under section 550(2)(a) or (b) of that Act (relief where gain charged at a higher rate).

(7) The provisions referred to in subsection (6)(b) above are—

(a) section 289A(5)(e) of the Taxes Act 1988 (relief under enterprise investment scheme);

(b) section 796(3) of that Act (credit for foreign tax); and

(c) paragraph 1(6)(f) of Schedule 15B to that Act (venture capital trusts).

(8) Where the tax treated as deducted from a gift by virtue of subsection (6) above exceeds the amount of income tax and capital gains tax with which the donor is charged for the year of assessment, the donor shall be assessable and chargeable with income tax at the basic rate on so much of the gift as is necessary to recover an amount of tax equal to the excess.

(9) In determining for the purposes of subsection (8) above the total amount of income tax and capital gains tax with which the donor is charged for the year of assessment, there shall be disregarded—

(a) any tax charged at the basic rate by virtue of—

(i) section 348 of the Taxes Act 1988 (read with section 3 of that Act); or

(ii) section 349 of that Act (read with section 350 of that Act);

(b) any tax treated as having been paid under—

(i) section 233(1)(a) of that Act (taxation of certain recipients of distributions);

(ii) section 249(4)(a) of that Act (stock dividends treated as income); or

(iii) section 547(5)(a) of that Act (method of charging life policy gain to tax);

(c) any relief to which section 256(2) of that Act applies (relief by way of income tax reduction);

(d) any relief under—

(i) section 347B of that Act (relief for maintenance payments);

(ii) section 788 of that Act (relief by agreement with other countries); or

(iii) section 790(1) of that Act (unilateral relief);

(e) any set off of tax deducted, or treated as deducted, from income other than—

(i) tax treated as deducted from income by virtue of section 421(1)(a) of that Act (taxation of borrower when loan released etc); or

(ii) tax treated as deducted from a relevant amount within the meaning of section 699A of that Act (untaxed sums comprised in the income of an estate) except to the extent that the relevant amount is or would be paid in respect of a distribution chargeable under Schedule F; and

(f) any set off of tax credits.

(9A) For the purposes of sections 257(5) and 257A(5) of the Taxes Act 1988 (age related allowances), the donor’s total income shall be treated as reduced by the aggregate amount of gifts from which tax is treated as deducted by virtue of subsection (6) above.”
(7) In subsection (12), paragraphs (b) and (e) and the word “and” immediately preceding paragraph (e) shall cease to have effect.

(8) In subsections (1)(b) and (3)(b) of section 257BB of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, after “section 256(2)(b)” there shall be inserted “(read with section 25(6)(c) of the Finance Act 1990 where applicable)”.

(9) In paragraph 4(1)(b) of Schedule 13B to that Act, after “section 256(2)(b)” there shall be inserted “(read with section 25(6)(c) of the Finance Act 1990 where applicable)”.

(10) This Resolution has effect in relation to—

(a) gifts made on or after 6th April 2000 which are not covenanted payments; and

(b) covenanted payments falling to be made on or after that date.

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

26. Gift aid payments by companies

Resolved, That—

(1) Section 339 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (8) below.

(2) In subsection (1), for paragraph (a) there shall be substituted—

“(a) a payment which, by reason of any provision of the Taxes Acts except section 209(4), is to be regarded as a distribution; and”.

(3) Subsections (2), (3), (3A), (3F), (6), (7) and (8) shall cease to have effect.

(4) In subsection (3B)(b), for “two and a half per cent. of the amount given after deducting tax under section 339(3)” there shall be substituted “the limit imposed by subsection (3DB) below”.

(5) After subsection (3D) there shall be inserted—

“(3DA) The limit imposed by this subsection is—

(a) where the amount of the payment does not exceed £100, 25 per cent of the amount of the payment;

(b) where the amount of the payment exceeds £100 but does not exceed £1,000, £25;

(c) where the amount of the payment exceeds £1,000, 2.5 per cent of the amount of the payment.

(3DB) Where a benefit received in consequence of making a payment—

(a) consists of the right to receive benefits at intervals over a period of less than twelve months;

(b) relates to a period of less than twelve months; or

(c) is one of a series of benefits received at intervals in consequence of making a series of payments at intervals of less than twelve months,

the value of the benefit shall be adjusted for the purposes of subsection (3C) above and the amount of the payment shall be adjusted for the purposes of subsection (3DA) above.

(3DC) Where a benefit, other than a benefit which is one of a series of benefits received at intervals, is received in consequence of making a payment which is one of a series of payments made at intervals of less than twelve months, the amount of the payment shall be adjusted for the purposes of subsection (3DA) above.

(3DD) Where the value of a benefit, or the amount of a payment, falls to be adjusted under subsection (3DB) or (3DC) above, the value or amount shall be multiplied by 365 and the result shall be divided by—

(a) in a case falling within subsection (3DB)(a) or (b) above, the number of days in the period of less than twelve months;

(b) in a case falling within subsection (3DB)(c) or (3DC) above, the average number of days in the intervals of less than twelve months;

and the reference in subsection (3DB) to subsection (3C) above is a reference to that subsection as it applies for the purposes of subsection (3B) above.”
(6) For subsection (4) there shall be substituted—

“(4) Where a company gives a sum of money to a charity, the gift shall in the hands of the charity be treated for the purposes of this Act as if it were an annual payment.”

(7) For subsection (7AA) there shall be substituted—

“(7AA) Where—

(a) a qualifying donation to a charity is made by a company which is wholly owned by a charity, and
(b) the company makes a claim for the donation, or any part of it, to be deemed for the purposes of section 338 to be a charge on income paid in an accounting period falling wholly or partly within the period of nine months ending with the date of the making of the donation,

the donation or part shall be deemed for those purposes to be a charge on income paid in that accounting period, and not in any later period.

A claim under this subsection must be made within the period of two years immediately following the accounting period in which the donation is made, or such longer period as the Board may allow.”

(8) In subsection (9), the words “in subsections (1) to (4) above includes” shall cease to have effect.

(9) In subsection (1) of section 209 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, for “section 339(6) and any other express exceptions” there shall be substituted “any express exceptions”.

(10) In subsection (2)(a) of section 338 of that Act, after “company” there shall be inserted “or payments falling within paragraph (b) below”.

(11) This Resolution has effect in relation to payments made on or after 1st April 2000; and—

(a) so much of an accounting period as falls before that date; and
(b) so much of it as falls after 31st March 2000,

shall be treated as separate accounting periods for the purposes of the amendment made by paragraph (5) above.

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

27. Covenanted payments to charities

Resolved, That—

(1) In subsection (5)(b) of section 338 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, for “a covenanted donation to charity” there shall be substituted “a qualifying donation”.

(2) In section 347A of that Act, subsections (2)(b), (7) and (8) shall cease to have effect.

(3) In subsection (3) of section 348 of that Act, at the end there shall be inserted “or to any payment which is a qualifying donation for the purposes of section 25 of the Finance Act 1990”.

(4) In subsection (1) of section 349 of that Act, at the end there shall be inserted “or to any payment which is a qualifying donation (within the meaning of section 339) or a qualifying donation for the purposes of section 25 of the Finance Act 1990”.

(5) In subsection (6) of section 505 of that Act, the words “and, for this purpose, all covenanted payments to charity (within the meaning of section 347A(7)) shall be treated as a single item” shall cease to have effect.

(6) In subsection (9) of section 660A of that Act, for paragraph (b) there shall be substituted—

“(b) qualifying donations for the purposes of section 25 of the Finance Act 1990.”

(7) Section 59 of the Finance Act 1989 shall cease to have effect.

(8) Where a deed of covenant executed by an individual before 6th April 2000 provides for the payment of specified amounts, any amount payable under the deed on or after that date shall be determined as if the individual were entitled to deduct tax from that amount at the basic rate.
(9) This Resolution has effect in relation to covenanted payments—
(a) falling to be made by individuals on or after 6th April 2000; or
(b) made by companies on or after 1st April 2000.

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.

28. Disposals of investments to charities etc.

Resolved, That provision may be made about the disposal of shares, securities or other investments to charities or other bodies.

29. Employee Share Ownership Plans

Resolved, That provision may be made for the purposes of income tax about employee share ownership plans.

30. Profit sharing schemes (corporation tax relief)

Resolved, That provision may be made about corporation tax relief for payments to trustees of profit sharing schemes approved under Schedule 9 to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

31. Profit sharing schemes (arrangements for loans)

Resolved, That—

(1) In paragraph 2 of Schedule 9 to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, after sub-paragraph (2) there shall be inserted—

"(2A) The Board shall not approve a profit sharing scheme unless they are satisfied—

(a) that the arrangements for the scheme do not make any provision, and are not in any way associated with any provision made, for loans to some or all of the employees of—

(i) the company that established the scheme, or

(ii) in the case of a group scheme, any participating company, and

(b) that the operation of the scheme is not in any way associated with such loans.

(2B) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2A) above 'arrangements' includes any scheme, agreement or understanding, whether or not legally enforceable."

(2) In paragraph 3(2) of that Schedule, before paragraph (d) there shall be inserted—

"(ca) the Board—

(i) cease to be satisfied of the matters mentioned in paragraph 2(2A) above, or

(ii) in the case of a scheme approved before 21st March 2000, are not satisfied of those matters; or”.

(3) This Resolution shall be deemed to have come into force on 21st March 2000.

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. Profit sharing schemes (restrictions on types of shares)

Resolved, That—

(1) In paragraph 9(1) of Schedule 9 to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, after “below” there shall be inserted “(disregarding paragraph 11A)”. 

(2) After paragraph 11 of that Schedule there shall be inserted—
“11A.—(1) In the case of a profit sharing scheme, scheme shares must not be shares—
(a) in an employer company, or
(b) in a company that—
(i) has control of an employer company, and
(ii) is under the control of a person or persons within sub-paragraph (2)(b)(i) below in relation to an employer company.
(2) For the purposes of this paragraph a company is “an employer company” if—
(a) the business carried on by it consists substantially in the provision of the services of the persons employed by it, and
(b) the majority of those services are provided to—
(i) a person who has, or two or more persons who together have, control of the company, or
(ii) a company associated with the company.
(3) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (2)(b)(ii) above a company shall be treated as associated with another company if both companies are under the control of the same person or persons.
(4) For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) above—
(a) references to a person include a partnership, and
(b) where a partner, alone or together with others, has control of a company, the partnership shall be treated as having like control of that company.
(5) For the purposes of this paragraph the question whether a person controls a company shall be determined in accordance with section 416(2) to (6).”

(3) In paragraph 12 of that Schedule—
(a) in sub-paragraph (1), in paragraph (c) for “other than” to the end of that paragraph there shall be substituted “other than those permitted by sub-paragraph (1A) below.”, and
(b) after sub-paragraph (1) there shall be inserted—
“(1A) Subject to sub-paragraph (1B) below, scheme shares may be subject to—
(a) restrictions which attach to all shares of the same class, or
(b) a restriction authorised by sub-paragraph (2) below.
(1B) In the case of a profit sharing scheme, scheme shares must not be subject to any restrictions affecting the rights attaching to those shares which relate to—
(a) dividends, or
(b) assets on a winding-up of the company,
other than restrictions which attach to all other ordinary shares in the same company.”

(4) Paragraphs (1) to (3) of this Resolution shall be deemed to have come into force on 21st March 2000.

(5) Paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Resolution do not have effect in relation to shares acquired before 21st March 2000 by the trustees of a profit sharing scheme approved under Schedule 9 to the Income and Corporation Taxes 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.

33. Provision of services through intermediary
Resolved. That provision may be made relating to the provision of services through an intermediary.

34. Rent-factoring
Resolved. That provision may be made for sums received by way of consideration for the transfer of rent, or by way of premium, under rent-factoring agreements to be chargeable to corporation tax or income tax.

35. Groups of companies etc.
Resolved. That provision may be made about groups of companies and consortia for the purposes of corporation tax.
36. Enterprise investment scheme

37. Venture capital trusts
   Resolved, That provision may be made amending Schedule 28B to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

38. Research and development
   Resolved, That provision may be made amending provisions referring to “scientific research”.

39. Capital allowances
   Resolved, That provision (including retrospective provision) may be made about capital allowances.

40. Relief for interest on loans to buy annuities
   Resolved, That provision may be made amending sections 353, 365 and 369 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

41. Tax treatment of acquisition, disposal or revaluation of certain rights
   Resolved, That provision may be made as to the treatment for tax purposes of amounts relating to the acquisition, disposal or revaluation of—
   (a) certain licences granted under section 1 of the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949,
   (b) indefeasible rights to use a telecommunications cable system, or
   (c) rights derived, directly or indirectly, from any such right as is mentioned in paragraph (a) or (b).

42. Chargeable gains (gifts and trusts)
   Resolved, That provision (including retrospective provision) may be made amending the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 with respect to—
   (a) relief under section 165 or 260 of that Act,
   (b) gains accruing to trustees,
   (c) disposals of interests in settled property, and
   (d) transfers of value by trustees.

43. Chargeable gains (companies)
   Resolved, That provision may be made about the treatment of the chargeable gains of companies for the purposes of corporation tax (including provision for the recovery of unpaid tax).

44. Double taxation relief
   The Question being put, That provision may be made amending—
   (a) Part XVIII of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988; and
   (b) section 278 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992;

The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Mike Hall: 307.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 181.

So the Question was agreed to.

45. Controlled foreign companies
   Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending Chapter IV of Part XVII of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

46. Use of sterling and other currencies
   Resolved, That provision may be made amending sections 92 to 95 of the Finance Act 1993 and Chapter II of Part II of that Act.

47. Insurance
   Resolved, That provision may be made—
   (a) about the reserves and reinsurance contracts of certain companies and other persons carrying on general insurance business; and
   (b) amending sections 431D and 432ZA to 432C of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 and Schedule 11 to the Finance Act 1996.
48. Petroleum revenue tax

*Resolved*, That provision may be made with respect to cases where operating expenditure is incurred by participators during chargeable periods to which section 9(1) of the Oil Taxation Act 1975 applies.

49. Payments under deduction of tax

*Resolved*, That provision may be made about payments under deduction of tax.

50. Film production etc.

*Resolved*, That provision may be made about expenditure on the production or acquisition of films or sound recordings.

51. Stamp duty on conveyance or transfer on sale (rates)

The Question being put, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 28th March 2000 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) In Part I of Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1999, in the third column of the table in paragraph 4—

(a) in the third entry, for “2.5%” there shall be substituted “3%”; and
(b) in the fourth entry, for “3.5%” there shall be substituted “4%”.

(2) This Resolution applies to instruments executed on or after 28th March 2000.

(3) But this Resolution does not apply to an instrument giving effect to a contract made on or before 21st March 2000, unless—

(a) the instrument is made in consequence of the exercise after that date of any option, right of pre-emption or similar right; or
(b) the instrument transfers the property in question to, or vests it in, a person other than the purchaser under the contract, because of an assignment (or, in Scotland, assignation) or further contract made after that date.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Mike Hall: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 178.

So the Question was agreed to.

52. Stamp duty on leases (rent)

*Resolved*, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 28th March 2000 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) In Part II of Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1999—

(a) in paragraph 11, in paragraph 1 of the table, and
(b) in paragraph 12(3), in paragraphs 1(a) and (b) of the table, for “£500” there shall be substituted “£5,000”.

(2) This Resolution has effect in relation to instruments executed on or after 28th March 2000.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.

53. Stamp duty (seven year leases)

*Resolved*, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 28th March 2000 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) In paragraph 12(3) of Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1999, in paragraph 1 of the Table, for “less than 7 years” substitute “not more than 7 years”.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (4) to (13), paragraph (1) applies to instruments executed on or after 1st October 1999.
Paragraphs (4) to (13) apply to—

(a) leases of land for a term of seven years, and
(b) agreements for leases of land for a term of seven years,
executed on or after 1st October 1999 and before the commencement date.

An instrument to which this paragraph applies which is stamped with the appropriate amount of duty is duly stamped, whenever it was executed.

An instrument to which this paragraph applies which—

(a) immediately before the commencement date was duly stamped, but
(b) was stamped with less than the appropriate amount of duty,

ceases to be duly stamped on the commencement date.

Paragraph (5) applies even if the instrument has been stamped in accordance with section 12(5) of the Stamp Act 1891 with a stamp denoting that it is duly stamped.

If an instrument ceases to be duly stamped on the commencement date as a result of paragraph (5)—

(a) section 12(6) of the Stamp Act 1891 does not apply to it at any time when it is not duly stamped, and
(b) section 14(1) of that Act does not apply to it at any time when it is not duly stamped, unless the unpaid duty and any interest or penalty is paid in accordance with that subsection.

Paragraph (5) applies even if the instrument has been stamped in accordance with section 12(5) of the Stamp Act 1891 with a stamp denoting that it is duly stamped.

Section 12A(1) of the Stamp Act 1891 does not prevent an instrument to which this paragraph applies which is stamped with less than the appropriate amount of duty from being stamped with additional duty.

Section 14(4) of the Stamp Act 1891 applies in relation to an instrument to which this paragraph applies as if, as respects any time on or after the commencement date, the reference to the law in force at the time when it was executed were to the law in force on the commencement date.

Sections 12 to 13B and 15 to 15B of the Stamp Act 1891 continue to apply without modification as respects any other stamp duty chargeable on the instrument.

Those sections have effect as respects the additional duty as if—

(a) the additional duty were the only stamp duty chargeable on the instrument;
(b) the instrument had been executed on the commencement date; and
(c) in the case of an instrument executed outside the United Kingdom and first received in the United Kingdom before the commencement date, the instrument had been first received in the United Kingdom on the commencement date.

Accordingly, those sections apply as respects additional duty as if—

(a) references to duty were to additional duty;
(b) references to stamping were to stamping with additional duty;
(c) references to an instrument’s being stamped were to its being stamped with additional duty;
(d) references to an instrument’s being duly stamped were to its being stamped with all the additional duty chargeable on it;
(e) references to an instrument’s being unstamped were to its not being stamped with any additional duty;
(f) references to an instrument’s being insufficiently stamped were to its being stamped with insufficient additional duty;
(g) references to adjudication, or an appeal, under any of those sections were to adjudication or an appeal under the section in question as it has effect as respects additional duty; and
(h) references to the maximum penalty were to the maximum penalty as respects additional duty.
(14) In this Resolution—

"additional duty", in relation to an instrument, means additional stamp duty chargeable on the instrument as a result of paragraph (1);

"the appropriate amount of duty", in relation to an instrument, means the stamp duty that would have been chargeable on the instrument if paragraph (1) had had statutory effect when it was executed; and

"the commencement date" means 28th March 2000.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.

54. Stamp duty (variation by regulations)

Resolved, That provision may be made authorising the variation of existing stamp duties by regulations.

55. Stamp duty (land transferred etc for other property)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 28th March 2000 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) Paragraph (2) applies where—

(a) an instrument transferring or vesting an estate or interest in land would not, apart from this Resolution, be or fall to be treated as a conveyance or transfer on sale for the purposes of stamp duty; but

(b) the transfer or vesting of the estate or interest is for consideration; and

(c) the consideration is or includes any property ("the other property").

(2) For the purposes of Part I of Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1999, the instrument transferring or vesting the estate or interest shall be taken to be a transfer on sale of the estate or interest.

(3) If—

(a) the other property is or includes one or more estates or interests in land, and

(b) ad valorem duty is chargeable on the conveyance or transfer of all or any of those estates or interests,

the amount of duty that would (apart from this paragraph) be chargeable in consequence of paragraph (2) on the transfer on sale there mentioned shall be reduced (but not below nil) by the total of the ad valorem duty chargeable as mentioned in paragraph (b).

(4) If, for the purposes of Part I of Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1999, the amount or value of the consideration for the transfer on sale mentioned in paragraph (2) would (apart from this paragraph) exceed the market value of the estate or interest immediately before the execution of the instrument transferring or vesting it, the amount or value of the consideration shall be taken for those purposes to be equal to that market value.

(5) For the purposes of this Resolution, the market value of property at any time is the price which that property might reasonably be expected to fetch on a sale at that time in the open market.

(6) Paragraph (2) has effect even though—

(a) the transfer or vesting of the estate or interest is the whole or part of the consideration for a sale of the other property, or

(b) the transaction is by way of exchange.

(7) Paragraph (2) does not affect any charge to stamp duty in respect of the same or any other instrument so far as it relates to the transfer of the other property.

(8) This Resolution is subject to paragraph (5) of the Resolution of the House (Stamp duty (transfer of land to connected company)) of 27th March 2000.

(9) This Resolution shall be construed as one with the Stamp Act 1891.

(10) This Resolution applies to instruments executed on or after 28th March 2000.
But this Resolution does not apply to an instrument giving effect to a contract made on or before 21st March 2000, unless—

(a) the instrument is made in consequence of the exercise after that date of any option, right of pre-emption or similar right; or

(b) the instrument transfers the property in question to, or vests it in, a person other than the purchaser under the contract, because of an assignment (or, in Scotland, assignation) or further contract made after that date.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.

56. Stamp duty (transfer of land to connected company)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 28th March 2000 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) This Resolution applies where an estate or interest in land is transferred to or vested in a company ("A") and—

(a) the person transferring or vesting the estate or interest ("B") is connected with A; or

(b) some or all of the consideration for the transfer or vesting consists of the issue or transfer of shares in a company with which B is connected.

(2) For the purposes of Part I of Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1999, an instrument transferring or vesting the estate or interest shall be taken to be a transfer on sale of the estate or interest.

(3) If for those purposes the amount or value of the consideration for the transfer on sale of the estate or interest would, apart from this paragraph, be less than the value determined under paragraph (4), the consideration shall be taken for those purposes to be the value determined under paragraph (4).

(4) That value is—

(a) the market value of the estate or interest immediately before the execution of the instrument transferring or vesting it; but

(b) reduced by the value of so much of any actual consideration as does not consist of property.

(5) Where—

(a) apart from this Resolution, an instrument would be chargeable to stamp duty in accordance with the Resolution of the House (Stamp duty: land transferred etc for other property) of 27th March 2000, and

(b) apart from that Resolution, the instrument would be chargeable to stamp duty in accordance with this Resolution,

the stamp duty chargeable on the instrument shall be determined in accordance with this Resolution (instead of that Resolution).

(6) This Resolution applies only if, in consequence of its application, the instrument transferring or vesting the estate or interest is chargeable with a greater amount of stamp duty than it would be apart from this Resolution and that Resolution.

(7) For the purposes of this Resolution, the market value of property at any time is the price which that property might reasonably be expected to fetch on a sale at that time in the open market.

(8) In this Resolution—

"company" means any body corporate;

"shares" includes stock and the reference to shares in a company includes a reference to securities issued by a company.

(9) For the purposes of this Resolution, the question whether any person is connected with another shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of section 839 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

(10) This Resolution shall be construed as one with the Stamp Act 1891.

(11) This Resolution applies to instruments executed on or after 28th March 2000.
(12) But this Resolution does not apply to an instrument giving effect to a contract made on or before 21st March 2000, unless—

(a) the instrument is made in consequence of the exercise after that date of any option, right of pre-emption or similar right; or

(b) the instrument transfers the property in question to, or vests it in, a person other than the purchaser under the contract, because of an assignment (or, in Scotland, assignation) or further contract made after that date.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.

57. Stamp duty (grant of lease to connected company)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 28th March 2000 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) This Resolution applies where a lease is granted to a company ("A") and—

(a) the person granting the lease ("B") is connected with A; or

(b) some or all of the consideration for the grant of the lease consists of the issue or transfer of shares in a company with which B is connected.

(2) Paragraph (3) has effect for the purposes of stamp duty chargeable under Part II of Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1999 by reference to Part I of that Schedule.

(3) If, apart from this paragraph, the amount or value of the consideration for the grant would be less than the value determined under paragraph (4), the consideration shall be taken to be the value determined under paragraph (4).

(4) That value is—

(a) the market value, immediately before the instrument granting the lease is executed, of the lease granted; but

(b) reduced by the value of so much of any actual consideration as does not consist of property.

(5) This Resolution applies only if, in consequence of its application, the lease is chargeable with a greater amount of stamp duty than it would be apart from this Resolution.

(6) For the purposes of this Resolution, the market value of property at any time is the price which that property might reasonably be expected to fetch on a sale at that time in the open market.

(7) In this Resolution—

"company" means any body corporate;

"shares" includes stock and the reference to shares in a company includes a reference to securities issued by a company.

(8) For the purposes of this Resolution, the question whether any person is connected with another shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of section 839 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

(9) This Resolution shall be construed as one with the Stamp Act 1891.

(10) This Resolution applies to instruments executed on or after 28th March 2000.

(11) But this Resolution does not apply to an instrument giving effect to a contract made on or before 21st March 2000, unless—

(a) the instrument is made in consequence of the exercise after that date of any option, right of pre-emption or similar right; or

(b) the instrument transfers the property in question to, or vests it in, a person other than the purchaser under the contract, because of an assignment (or, in Scotland, assignation) or further contract made after that date.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.

58. Stamp duty (marketable securities transferred etc for exempt property)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 28th March 2000 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—
(1) Paragraph (2) applies where—
   (a) an instrument transferring marketable securities would not, apart from this
       Resolution, be or fall to be treated as a transfer on sale for the purposes of stamp
       duty; but
   (b) the transfer of the marketable securities is for consideration; and
   (c) the consideration is or includes any qualifying property ("the other
       property").

(2) For the purposes of Part I of Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1999, the instrument
transferring the marketable securities shall be taken to be a transfer on sale of those
securities.

(3) If the amount or value of the consideration for that transfer on sale would (apart
from this paragraph) exceed the market value of the marketable securities immediately
before the execution of the instrument transferring them, the amount or value of the
consideration shall be taken to be equal to that market value.

For this purpose the market value of property at any time is the price which that
property might reasonably be expected to fetch on a sale at that time in the open market.

(4) Paragraph (2) has effect even though—
   (a) the transfer of the marketable securities is the whole or part of the
       consideration for a sale of the other property; or
   (b) the transaction is by way of exchange.

(5) Paragraph (2) does not affect any charge to stamp duty in respect of the same or
any other instrument so far as it relates to the transfer of the other property.

(6) In this Resolution "qualifying property" means any debt due, stock or securities,
to the extent that the debt, stock or securities are not chargeable securities, within the
meaning of Part IV of the Finance Act 1986.

(7) This Resolution shall be construed as one with the Stamp Act 1891.

(8) This Resolution applies to instruments executed on or after 28th March 2000.

(9) But this Resolution does not apply to an instrument giving effect to a contract made
on or before 21st March 2000, unless—
   (a) the instrument is made in consequence of the exercise after that date of any
       option, right of pre-emption or similar right; or
   (b) the instrument transfers the property in question to, or vests it in, a person
       other than the purchaser under the contract, because of an assignment (or, in
       Scotland, assignation) or further contract made after that date.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution
should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.

59. Stamp duty (miscellaneous)

Resolved, That provision may be made—

(a) amending section 55 of the Stamp Act 1891, section 42 of the Finance Act
1930, section 11 of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1954, sections 75 and 76
of the Finance Act 1986 and section 151 of the Finance Act 1995; and

(b) about stamp duty on documents relating to the surrender or renunciation of
leases.

60. Stamp duty (intellectual property)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 28th
March 2000 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2)
of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) No stamp duty is chargeable on an instrument for the sale, transfer or other
disposition of intellectual property.

(2) Where stamp duty under Part I of Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1999 is
chargeable on an instrument and part of the property concerned consists of intellectual
property—
   (a) the consideration in respect of which duty would otherwise be charged shall
       be apportioned, on such basis as is just and reasonable, as between the part of
       the property which consists of intellectual property and the part which does
       not, and
   (b) the instrument shall be charged only in respect of the consideration attributed
to such of the property as is not intellectual property.
(3) Where part of the property referred to in section 58(1) of the Stamp Act 1891 consists of intellectual property, that provision shall have effect as if “the parties think fit” read “is just and reasonable”.

(4) Where—
(a) part of the property referred to in section 58(2) of the Stamp Act 1891 consists of intellectual property, and
(b) both or (as the case may be) all the relevant persons are connected with one another,
that provision shall have effect as if the words from “for distinct parts of the consideration” to the end of the subsection read “the consideration is to be apportioned in such manner as is just and reasonable, so that a distinct consideration for each separate part or parcel is set forth in the conveyance relating thereto, and such conveyance is to be charged with ad valorem duty in respect of such distinct consideration.”.

(5) In a case where paragraph (3) or (4) applies and the consideration is apportioned in a manner that is not just and reasonable, the enactments relating to stamp duty shall have effect as if—
(a) the consideration had been apportioned in a manner that is just and reasonable, and
(b) the amount of any distinct consideration set forth in any conveyance relating to a separate part or parcel of property were such amount as is found by a just and reasonable apportionment (and not the amount actually set forth).

“The enactments relating to stamp duty” means the Stamp Act 1891 and any enactment amending or which is to be construed as one with that Act.

(6) For the purposes of paragraph (4)—
(a) a person is a relevant person if he is a person by or for whom the property is contracted to be purchased;
(b) the question whether persons are connected with one another shall be determined in accordance with section 839 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

(7) Intellectual property shall be disregarded for the purposes of paragraph 6 of Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1999.

(8) Any statement as mentioned in paragraph 6(1) of that Schedule shall be construed as leaving out of account any matter which is to be so disregarded.

(9) Section 12 of the Finance Act 1895 does not require any person who is authorised to purchase any property as mentioned in that section after 27th March 2000 to include any intellectual property in the instrument of conveyance required by that section to be produced to the Commissioners.

(10) If the property consists wholly of intellectual property no instrument of conveyance need be produced to the Commissioners under that section.

(11) Subject to paragraph (12), the preceding paragraphs of this Resolution apply to instruments executed on or after 28th March 2000.

(12) Paragraphs (9) and (10) apply where the Act mentioned in section 12 of the Finance Act 1895, and by virtue of which property is vested or a person is authorised to purchase property, is passed after 27th March 2000.

(13) In this Resolution “intellectual property” means—
(a) any patent, trade mark, registered design, copyright or design right,
(b) any plant breeders’ rights and rights under section 7 of the Plant Varieties Act 1997,
(c) any licence or other right in respect of anything within paragraph (a) or (b), or
(d) any rights under the law of a country outside the United Kingdom that correspond or are similar to those within paragraph (a), (b) or (c).

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.

61. Stamp duty (Northern Ireland Assembly Commission)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 28th March 2000 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) Section 55 of the Finance Act 1987 shall be amended as follows.
(2) In subsection (1)—
   (a) after “agreed to be made” there shall be inserted “(a)”; 
   (b) after “Minister of the Crown or” there shall be inserted “(b)”; and 
   (c) after “Treasury, or” there shall be inserted “(c)”.

(3) In subsection (1), after “National Assembly for Wales,” there shall be inserted “or 
   (d) to the Northern Ireland Assembly Commission.”.

(4) Paragraph (3) has effect in relation to instruments executed on or after 28th 
   March 2000.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution 
   should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.

62. Landfill tax (rate)
   The Question being put, That—
   (1) In section 42 of the Finance Act 1996, in subsections (1)(a) and (2) for “£10” there 
       shall be substituted “£11”. 
   (2) This Resolution has effect in relation to taxable disposals made, or treated as made, 
       on or after 1st April 2000.

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 Clive Betts, Mr Mike Hall: 334.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 136.

So the Question was agreed to.

63. Landfill tax (recovery)
   Resolved, That provision may be made about the recovery of landfill tax from persons 
   other than landfill site operators.

64. Relief from tax (incidental and consequential charges)
   Resolved, That it is expedient to authorise any incidental or consequential charges to 
   any duty or tax (including charges having retrospective effect) which may arise from 
   provisions designed in general to afford relief from taxation.

Procedure (Mutual Securing of Excise Duties),—Resolved, That, notwithstanding 
   anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to the matters that may be 
   included in Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may contain provision for 
   security for excise duties charged in other Member States of the European Community.

Procedure (Donations to Charity),—Resolved, That, notwithstanding anything to the 
   contrary in the practice of the House relating to the matters that may be included in 
   Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may contain provision for the 
   payment by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue of supplements on sums falling to be 
   paid to charities and other bodies in accordance with schemes approved under section 202 

Procedure (R&D Tax Credits),—Resolved, That, notwithstanding anything to the 
   contrary in the practice of the House relating to the matters that may be included in 
   Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may contain provision for allowing 
   R&D tax credits to be paid to companies.

Procedure (Mutual Exchange of Information),—Resolved, That, notwithstanding 
   anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to the matters that may be 
   included in Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may contain provision for 
   giving effect to arrangements made with the government of any territory outside the 
   United Kingdom with a view to the exchange of information necessary for carrying out—
   (a) the domestic laws of the United Kingdom concerning income tax, capital gains 
       tax, corporation tax in respect of income and chargeable gains and inheritance 
       tax; and 
   (b) the laws of the territory to which the arrangements relate concerning any taxes 
       imposed by the laws of that territory which are of a similar character to those 
       taxes, or are chargeable on or by reference to death or gifts inter vivos.
Procedure (Future Taxation).—Resolved. That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to the matters that may be included in Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may contain the following provisions taking effect in a future year—

(a) provision about air passenger duty;
(b) provision for charging climate change levy;
(c) provision about children’s tax credit;
(d) provision for corporation tax to be charged for the financial year 2001;
(e) provision about the income tax charge on cars available for private use;
(f) provision relating to profit sharing schemes approved under Schedule 9 to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, including provision relating to individuals to whom shares are appropriated under such schemes and provision about corporation tax relief for payments to trustees of such schemes;
(g) provision about relief under section 229 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992;
(h) provision relating to retirement benefits schemes, within the meaning of Chapter I of Part XIV of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988;
(i) provision relating to personal pension schemes, within the meaning of Chapter IV of Part XIV of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988;
(j) provision amending section 660A of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988; and
(k) provision about payments under deduction of tax and about returns and other information.

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

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

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums payable by the Secretary of State by virtue of provisions of that Act relating to vehicle excise and registration;
(b) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of such amounts as are required by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue to make payments under provisions of that Act relating to charities;
(c) the deduction of sums from the gross revenues of the department of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for the purpose of the payment of R&D tax credits; and
(d) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums payable by virtue of provisions of that Act relating to incentives to use electronic communications—

(i) for the purposes mentioned in section 132(1) of the Finance Act 1999, and
(ii) for any other communications with the tax authorities or in connection with taxation matters.

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 Prescott, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Byers, Mr Secretary Milburn, Mr Andrew Smith, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Stephen Timms and Miss Melanie Johnson do prepare and bring it in.

6 Finance Bill.—Mr Stephen Timms accordingly presented the 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 97].

7 Financial Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Official Listing of Securities (Change of Competent Authority) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope).—It was agreed to.

8 Industrial Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2000, which
was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope)—It was agreed to.

9 Contracting Out.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Contracting Out (Functions relating to Social Security) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope)—It was agreed to.

10 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Social Security (Work-focused Interviews) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope)—It was agreed to.

11 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 53) on rural bus subsidy grant for 2000–01 (House of Commons Paper No. 302), which was laid before this House on 3rd March, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope)—It was agreed to.

12 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 54) on Rural Bus Challenge 1999 (House of Commons Paper No. 303), which was laid before this House on 3rd March, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope)—It was agreed to.

13 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 55) on 1999–2000 Special Grant for Asylum Seekers’ Support (Adults and Families of Asylum Seekers) (House of Commons Paper No. 304), which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope);

The House proceeded to a Division.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Andrew Stunell: 44.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 55), on 1999–2000 Special Grant for Asylum Seekers’ Support (Adults and Families of Asylum Seekers) (House of Commons Paper No. 304), which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.37 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law.—Draft Youth Justice Board for England and Wales Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education.—(1) Action for Education and Employment South East Sheffield Education Action Zone Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 865), dated 22nd March 2000,

(2) Bristol Education Action Zone Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 865), dated 22nd March 2000,

(3) Derby North East Education Action Zone Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 864), dated 22nd March 2000,

(4) Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 868), dated 23rd March 2000,
(5) Great Yarmouth Achievement Education Action Zone Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 867), dated 22nd March 2000, and
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


4 National Health Service,—Health Service Medicines (Price Control Appeals) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 870), dated 24th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Savings Banks,—Draft National Savings Bank (Investment Deposits) (Limits) (Amendment) Order 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].


Other Papers:

7 Broadcasting,—Report and Financial Statements of the Independent Television Commission for 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

8 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
  (1) Inland Revenue/EDS Strategic Partnership: Award of New Work, and
  (2) Revenue from Gambling Duties
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 351 and 352] [Clerk of the House].

9 Treasure,—Report on the Operation of the Treasure Act for the year ended 23rd September 1998 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 274] [Mr Secretary Smith].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Science and Technology,—(1) Fourth Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Glaxo Wellcome and SmithKline Beecham], 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. 207]; and
  (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Glaxo Wellcome and SmithKline Beecham]
[Dr Michael Clark].

2 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The 2000 Budget]; to be printed [No. 379-i] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 72.]

Tuesday 28th March 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 4th April.

2 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 4th April.

3 Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr James Plaskitt reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills to which the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments thereunto;
and had agreed to a Report which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 28th March.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 382–I].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 382–II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 382–II].

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

Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the Census Act 1920 to enable particulars to be required in respect of religion, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th April and to be printed [Bill 100].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 100–EN].

6 Local Government (Access to Information).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision in respect of local government in England and Wales, for disclosure of information to the public and for convening meetings in public; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West), Mrs Betty Williams, Dr David Clark, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr David Drew, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Mr Huw Edwards and Mr John Smith do prepare and bring it in.

7 Local Government (Access to Information) Bill.—Mr Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West) accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision in respect of local government in England and Wales, for disclosure of information to the public and for convening meetings in public; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 99].

8 Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill.—The Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

9 Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill [Money]:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills). That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of:

(a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown by virtue of the Act;

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment.—(Mr Mike Hall).—It was agreed to.

10 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Water Undertakers (Rateable Values) (England) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 29th February, be approved.—(Mr Graham Allen).—It was agreed to.

11 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Railways (Rateable Values) (England) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 29th February, be approved.—(Mr Graham Allen).—It was agreed to.

12 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Chargeable Amounts) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 29th February, be approved.—(Mr Graham Allen).—It was agreed to.

13 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Gas Industry (Rateable Values) (England) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 29th February, be approved.—(Mr Graham Allen).—It was agreed to.

14 Rating and Valuation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Energy from Waste Plants (Rateable Values) (England) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 29th February, be approved.—(Mr Graham Allen).—It was agreed to.
15 Rating and Valuation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Docks and Harbours (Rateable Values) (England) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 29th February, be approved—(Mr Graham Allen).—It was agreed to.

16 Rating and Valuation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Electricity Supply Industry (Rateable Values) (England) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 2nd March, be approved—(Mr Graham Allen).—It was agreed to.

17 Telegraphy (S.I., 2000, No. 630).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying That the Wireless Telegraphy (Television Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 630), dated 6th March 2000, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th March, be annulled—(Mr John Greenway);

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. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union Documents).—It was negatived.

18 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Leighton Buzzard and Linslade for aid to be directed to education for child labourers was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

19 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Dowd);

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

20 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.23 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Charities,—Draft Charities (Bristol, Clifton and West of England Zoological Society) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (EC Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 869), dated 27th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

3 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 353] [Mr Secretary Straw].

4 Local Government (Scotland),—Accounts of the Scottish Children’s Reporter Administration for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 381] [Clerk of the House].


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Equality (Discability, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Jenny Jones from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution John Austin.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Planning Inspectorate and Public Inquiries]; to be printed [No. 364-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [The Intergovernmental Conference of the European Union]; to be printed [No. 384-i] [Mr Donald Anderson].

3 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [After Seattle—The World Trade Organisation and Developing Countries]; to be printed [No. 227-iv] [Mr Bowen Wells].

4 Statutory Instruments,—Fourteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xiv] [Mr David Tredinnick].

5 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [BMW, Rover and Longbridge]; to be printed [No. 383-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 72; WH, No. 42]

Tuesday 28th March 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);

And it being One o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till tommorrow.

[Adjourned at 1.00 p.m.]

[No. 73.]

Wednesday 29th March 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 5th April.

2 Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee C, 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 on Friday 19th May.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 387].

3 European Standing Committee A,—Mrs Ray Michie reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 12992/99, a draft Council Regulation on the reform of the flax and hemp support regime; and supports the Government’s aim of promoting reform of this sector, whilst ensuring that the changes to the regime do not prejudice the future viability of the UK industry.

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

4 Zoo Licensing (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 so as to make it unlawful to operate a circus except with the authority of a licence: And that Mr David Amess, Norman Baker, Jackie Ballard, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Ian Cawsey, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Tim Loughton, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Martin Salter and Mr Tim Yeo do prepare and bring it in.
5 Zoo Licensing (Amendment) Bill.—Mr David Amess accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Zoo Licensing Act 1981 so as to make it unlawful to operate a circus except with the authority of a licence. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th April and to be printed [Bill 101].

6 Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered. That the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely: New Clauses relating to Part I, amendments relating to Clause 1, Schedule 1, Clauses 2 to 6, Schedule 2, Clauses 7 to 15, Clauses 75 and 76, Schedule 8, Clauses 16 to 26, Schedule 3, Clauses 27 to 29, New Clauses relating to Part III, amendments relating to Clauses 57 to 62, Schedule 6, Clause 63, Schedule 7, Clauses 64 to 68, New Clauses relating to Part IV, amendments relating to Clauses 69 to 74, New Clauses relating to Chapter I of Part II, amendments relating to Clauses 30 and 31, Schedule 4, Clauses 32 to 39, New Clauses relating to Chapter II of Part II, amendments relating to Clauses 40 to 51, Schedule 5, New Clauses relating to Chapter III of Part II, amendments relating to Clauses 52 to 56, Remaining New Clauses, amendments relating to Clauses 77 and 78, Schedule 9, Clauses 79 and 80, New Schedules.—(Mr Jeff Rooker.)

A Clause (Priority collection and enforcement of child support maintenance)—(Mr Eric Pickles)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Child Support Agency: quality standard guarantee)—(Mr Eric Pickles)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 87) proposed to the Bill, in page 83, line 7, at the beginning to insert the words—

'( ) Where the amount of child support maintenance calculated exceeds such sum as may be prescribed (‘the maximum sum’), the maximum sum shall be payable by the non-resident parent.'—(Mr Eric Pickles.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 88) proposed to the Bill, in page 83, line 7, at the beginning to insert the words—

'( ) Where the amount of child support maintenance calculated exceeds such sum as may be prescribed (‘the maximum sum’), the maximum sum shall be payable by the non-resident parent.'—(Mr Eric Pickles.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Keith Simpson: 165.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mrs Anne McGuire: 271.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 83, line 35, to leave out sub-paragraph 4(1) and insert the words—

'4.—(1) Except in a case falling within sub-paragraph (2), a flat rate of £5 is payable if the nil rate does not apply and the non-resident parent’s net weekly income is £100 or less, instead thereof.—(Steve Webb.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Sir Robert Smith: 33.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mrs Anne McGuire: 269.
Amendment (No. 48) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 1, to leave out Clause 2.—(Mr Andrew George.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 36) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 79) proposed to the Bill, in page 88, line 16, to leave out subsection (4) and to insert the words—

‘(4) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (3)(b)—

(a) “illness” may have such meaning as may be prescribed; and

(b) “disability” shall have the same meaning as in section 1(1) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995; and

(c) the question whether an illness or disability is long-term shall be determined in accordance with regulations made by the Secretary of State.’.—(Mr Andrew George.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 37, 38, 42, 43, 82, 44, 53 to 57 and 39 to 41) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 81) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 7, at the end to insert the words—

‘(9A) Where the parent with care has complied with obligations imposed by section 6 of the 1991 Act, the Secretary of State shall be legally responsible for the confidentiality of information relating to the parent with care.’.—(Mr Andrew George.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 49 to 52) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Extension of invalid care allowance for bereaved carers)—(Mr Paul Burstow)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Manner of payment of benefit not restricted to automated credit transfer)—(Steve Webb)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;

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

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Kevin Hughes):—It was agreed to.


Question again proposed, That the Clause (No. 26) be read a second time:—Clause, be leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 26, 27, 15 to 25, 13 and 14) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 78) proposed to the Bill, in page 68, line 5, at the end to insert the words—

‘(2) Section 175 of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 shall be amended in accordance with Schedule (Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 1996).’.—(Mr Paul Burstow.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Foster, Mr Andrew George: 34.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Dowd, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 260.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr Greg Pope.)

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.
9 Terms and Conditions of Employment (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Public Finance and Accountability (Scotland) Act 2000 (Transfer of NAO Staff etc.) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 3rd March, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope).—It was agreed to.

10 International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Organisation for Joint Armament Cooperation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope).—It was agreed to.

11 Audit Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Code of Audit Practice for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales, which was laid before this House on 9th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope).—It was agreed to.

12 Environmental Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Air Quality (England) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 9th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope).—It was agreed to.

13 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 60) on 1999-2000 Special Grant for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (House of Commons Paper No. 330), which was laid before this House on 13th March, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope).—It was agreed to.

14 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
   (1) Pamela M. Combes against proposals for housing development in Hampshire,
   (2) farmers in the Midlands in support of the viable production of British food and maintenance of the countryside, and
   (3) residents of Brill in Buckinghamshire against the installation of antennae in densely populated areas of Brill
were 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 Greg Pope);

   Thursday 30th March 2000

   And the Question being put;

   Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

   [Adjourned at 12.08 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Disabled Persons.—Disability Rights Commission (Time Limits) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 879), dated 27th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Income Tax.—(1) Corporation Tax (Instalment Payments) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 892), and
   (2) Taxes (Interest Rate) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 893), dated 29th March 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

3 Air Force (Constitution).—Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

4 Government Annuities.—Account of Government Annuities and Insurances for 1999 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].
5 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Fifth to Seventh Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4688] [Mr Stephen Timms].

6 Teaching and Higher Education,—Report of the Scottish Fee Support Review [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


8 Treaty Series (No. 32, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 1st and 8th December 1997, amending the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Oil Pollution Compensation Fund [by Command] [Cm. 4653] [Mr Secretary Cook].

9 Treaty Series (No. 33, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 11th and 28th July 1997, amending the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts [by Command] [Cm. 4654] [Mr Secretary Cook].

10 Treaty Series (No. 34, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Washington on 18th September 1997 and 7th October 1997, amending the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and INTELSAT [by Command] [Cm. 4655] [Mr Secretary Cook].

11 Treaty Series (No. 88, 1999),—Fourth Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, Etc., for 1999 [by Command] [Cm. 4677] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Bill:

(a) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee C, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman; and

(b) The Committee of Selection has nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr David Amess, Mr Tony Baldry, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Roger Casale, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr David Chaytor, Mr David Drew, Mrs Linda Gilroy, Mr Damian Green, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Ms Jenny Jones, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr David Taylor, Joan Walley and Mr Mike Wood.

2 Criminal Justice and Courts Services Bill:

(a) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee G, and has appointed Mr John Maxton and Sir David Madel Chairmen; and

(b) The Committee of Selection has nominated twenty Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr David Amess, Mr Tony Baldry, Jackie Ballard, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr John Burnett, Mr John Cryer, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mrs Joan Humble, Jane Kennedy, Mr David Lidington, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Tony McWalter, Laura Moffatt, Dr Doug Naysmith, Bridget Prentice, Mr Marsha Singh, Angela Smith and Dr George Turner.

3 Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2000:

(a) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman; and

(b) The Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Clive Betts, Dr Peter Brand, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Ann Clwyd, Ms Beverley Hughes, Ms Fiona Jones, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Tim Loughton, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Dennis Skinner and Mr Phil Woolas.


(a) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Richard Allan, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Tony Colman, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Neil Gerrard, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr Keith Hill, Mr John McDonnell, Mr Stephen Pound, Joan Ruddock, Mr Robert Symms, Mr Michael Trend, Mr Peter Viggers and Mr Phil Woolas.

5 Draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Destination of Appeals) Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr John Butterfill Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Jackie Ballard, Mr Nigel Beard, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Paul Clark, Mr Frank Field, Mrs Eileen Gordon, Mr Win Griffiths, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Andrew Hunter, Glenda Jackson, Mr David Lock, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Stephen O’Brien and Dr Phyllis Starkey.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Special Grant Reports to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Tony Baldry, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Iain Coleman, Maria Eagle, Mr Clive Efford, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Andrew George, Mr Patrick Hall, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr John Hutton, Mr David Jamieson, Helen Jones, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr James Plaskitt, Ms Debra Shipley and Mr Keith Simpson.

7 Competition Act 1998 (Director’s rules) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 293):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Simon Burns, Dr Vincent Cable, Mrs Anne Campbell, Dr David Clark, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr Denzil Davies, Mr David Faber, Mr Michael Foster, Mr Nick Gibb, Dr Kim Howells, Mrs Eleanor Lang, Mr Greg Pope, Sir Raymond Powell, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Mr Brian White and Mr Mike Wood.

European Standing Committees

8 The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 13048/99 on the common organisation of the market in bananas.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Memoranda laid before the Agriculture Committee [Government Proposals for Organophosphate Sheep Dips; Implications for UK Agriculture and EU Agricultural Policy of Trade Liberalisation and the WTO Round; Rural Development Regulation] [Mr David Curry].

2 Defence,—Fifth Report from the Defence Committee [Defence Geographic and Imagery Intelligence 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. 100] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Early Years Education]; to be printed [No. 386-i] [Valerie Davey].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Second Special Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee: Potential Risk of Fire Spread in Buildings via External Cladding Systems]; to be printed [No. 389]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Proposed Urban White Paper]; to be printed [No. 185-v] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]. and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [The Road Haulage Industry]; to be printed [No. 296-iv] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Public Expenditure—Inward Investment in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 198-iv] [Mr Peter Brooke].


7 Public Accounts.—(1) Twelfth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The PFI Contract for the new Dartford and Gravesham Hospital]; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 131]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Inpatient Admissions and Bed Management in NHS Acute Hospitals]; to be printed [No. 391-i]

[Mr David Davis].

8 Public Administration.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Participation]; to be printed [No. 79-ix]; and

(2) Further Memorandum laid before the Committee [Making Government Work: Civil Service Reform]; to be printed [No. 236-v]

[Mr Brian White].

9 Science and Technology.—(1) Fifth Report from the Science and Technology Committee [The Government’s Expenditure on Research and Development: Forward Look 1999], 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. 196]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Government’s Expenditure on Research and Development: Forward Look 1999]

[Dr Michael Clark].

10 Scottish Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Poverty in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 59-x]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Work of the Scotland Office since Devolution]; to be printed [No. 390-i]

[Mr David Marshall].

11 Social Security.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Housing Benefit]; to be printed [No. 385-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

12 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [BMW, Rover and Longbridge]; to be printed [Nos. 383-ii and -iii] [Mr Martin O’Neill]

[No. 73; WH, No. 43]

Wednesday 29th March 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr David Clelland);

And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 2.00 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

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

2 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords];

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

3 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medway Council Bill [Lords];

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

4 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

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

5 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jim Cunningham reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Equality (Disability, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2000.

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

6 Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) Bill.—Mr Secretary Smith, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Reid, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Secretary Mandelson and Janet Anderson, presented a Bill to make provision about the disclosure of certain information for purposes connected with television licences: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 3rd April and to be printed [Bill 102].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) Bill be printed [Bill 102–EN].

7 Learning and Skills Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Learning and Skills 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 Learning and Skills Bill [Lords] because it increases bureaucracy and central control in the provision of education to young people over 16 and adults, diminishes the role of democratically elected local education authorities, poses a threat to school sixth forms and the independence of further education colleges, destroys the TEC network and weakens business involvement in education and training, creates an anomalous and incoherent inspection system, and would curtail funding for informal education for all young people through the statutory and voluntary youth service; and because it lacks strategic vision and continuity in the progression of young people from the years of compulsory schooling through the transition to further and higher education and thereby to working life and lifelong learning', instead thereof.—(Mrs Theresa May.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geo Vrey Clifton-Brown, Mr John Randall: 119.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Clive Betts: 280.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (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.

8 Learning and Skills Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Learning and Skills Bill [Lords] [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with
bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Learning and Skills Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
   (a) any expenditure of the Secretary of State incurred in consequence of the Act;
   (b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

9 Environmental Audit,—Ordered, That Dr Brian Iddon be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Mr David Chaytor to be added to the Committee.—(Mr Mike Hall)

10 European Scrutiny,—Ordered, That Mr Bill Rammell be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Mr Allan Rogers be added to the Committee.—(Mr Mike Hall)

11 Public Administration,—Ordered, That Dr George Turner be discharged from the Select Committee on Public Administration and Mr Anthony D. Wright (Great Yarmouth) be added to the Committee.—(Mr Mike Hall)

12 Liaison,—Ordered, That Mr Peter Luff be discharged from the Liaison Committee and Mr David Curry be added to the Committee.—(Mr Mike Hall)

13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Mike Hall)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till Monday 3rd April.

[Adjourned at 7.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Immigration,—Draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Teachers’ Pensions (Contributable Salary) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 907), dated 28th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 European Communities,—Structural Funds (National Assembly for Wales) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 906), dated 30th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

4 Local Government,—Local Government (Best Value) Performance Indicators Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 896), dated 29th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Charges to Overseas Visitors) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 909), dated 30th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 Police,—Police Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 843), dated 20th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Other Papers:

7 Animal Health,—Return of Expenditure Incurred and Prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981, and Incidences of Disease in Imported Animals for 1999 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

8 Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 30th March 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by the Civil Aviation Authority from the National Westminster Bank plc [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

9 Environmental Protection,—Local Enforcing Authorities Air Pollution Fees and Charges Scheme (England) 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

10 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the First Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1999-2000, on the Annual Report on Human Rights 1999 [by Command] [Cm. 4687] [Mr Secretary Cook].

11 Health,—Department of Health Minute, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for any legal action against members of an independent inquiry conducted by Miss Jean Ritchie QC into issues arising from the case of Rodney Ledward [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

12 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on:—
   (1) the Petitions [1st, 16th and 21st March] from residents of the constituency of Vale of York, residents of the Skipton and Ripon constituency and residents of Torbay calling
for a review of proposals to pay benefits directly into bank accounts instead of via post
offices, and
(2) the Petition [7th March] from residents of Cheshire for an increase in the state
pension
[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

13 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the:—
(1) Aston and Nechells Education Action Zone,
(2) Blackburn with Darwen Education Action Zone,
(3) East Basildon Education Action Zone, and
(4) Kitts Green and Shard End Education Action Zone
for 1998–99, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [Nos. 393, 395, 394 and 392] [Clerk of the House].

14 Teachers’ Pensions,—(1) Report by the Government Actuary on the Teachers’ Pension
Scheme (England and Wales) for 1st April 1991 to 31st March 1996, and
(2) Supplementary Report by the Government Actuary, specifying the rate at which
supplementary contributions shall be paid from 1st April 2002 so as to remove within the
period of 40 years beginning on 1st April 2000 the deficiency as at 31st March 1996
between assets and liabilities of the Teachers’ Pension Scheme (England and Wales)
[by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

15 Wildlife and Countryside,—Report and Accounts of the Countryside Commission for
1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to
be printed [No. 325] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment)
Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Clwyd from the
Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft
Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Dale Campbell-Savours.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 59) on Metropolitan
Railway Passenger Services Grant 2000–01 (House of Commons Paper No. 361),—The
Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tony Colman from the Third Standing
Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and
nominated in substitution Mr Brian White.

3 Competition Act 1998 (Director’s rules) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 293),—The Committee
of Selection has discharged Mr Brian White from the Sixth Standing Committee on
Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution
Mr Alan Simpson.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Provision of NHS Mental
Health Services]; to be printed [No. 373-ii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee
[Proposed Public Private Partnership for BNFL]; to be printed [No. 367-iii] [Mr Martin
O’Neill].

3 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The 2000 Budget]; to
be printed [No. 379-ii] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 74; WH, No. 44]

Thursday 30th March 2000.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].
The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Women and Development),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—
(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 4th April.

[Adjourned at 5.26 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 59) on Metropolitan Railway Passenger Services Grant 2000–01 (House of Commons Paper No. 361).

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

2 Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 62) proposed to the Bill, in page 68, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—

‘( ) Nothing in this section shall apply to any childcare provision by the employer, which shall be exempt from Class 1A National Insurance contributions.’—(Mr David Willetts.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luff: 143.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Don Touhig: 265.

Another Clause (Preservation of rights in respect of additional pensions)—(Mr Jeff Rooker)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Calculation of Category B retirement pension)—(Angela Eagle)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Widows’/widowers’ SERPS entitlements)—(Steve Webb)—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 Tom Brake, Mr David Heath: 26.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr David Jamieson: 273.

Another Clause (Age additions)—(Mr Paul Burstow)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Mr Andrew George: 39.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Greg Pope: 275.

Another Clause (Rate of introduction of state second pension)—(Steve Webb)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Sir Robert Smith: 36.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Pope, Mrs Anne McGuire: 282.

Another Clause (Date of payment of benefit)—(Steve Webb)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

And it being Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

3 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Kevin Hughes):—It was agreed to.
4 Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill.—The House again proceeded further to consider the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Concurrence of pensions, rebates and monies) — (Mrs Jacqui Lait) — 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 Randall, Mr Peter Luff: 151.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Dowd, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 283.

Another Clause (Annual increase in basic retirement pension) — (Mr John McDonnell) — brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Mr Kelvin Hopkins: 75.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Jim Dowd: 240.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, line 33, at the end, to insert the words—

‘and, for the purposes of calculating the pensioner’s earnings factor under this subsection, in addition to any earnings, the pensioner will be credited with earnings equal to the lower earnings limit then in force in respect of each week in which invalid care allowance was payable or would have been payable but for the fact that under regulations the amount payable to him was reduced to nil because of his receipt of other benefits.’—(Mr Paul Burstow.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 34, 35 and 28 to 32) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Restriction on index-linking where annuity tied to investments) — (Mr Jeff Rooker) — brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Jurisdiction of the Pensions Ombudsman) — (Mr Jeff Rooker) — brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Custodianship of investments) — (Mr John Butterfill) — brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;

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Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 70) proposed to the Bill, in page 35, line 25, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(za) The word “and” shall be omitted and after paragraph (a) there shall be inserted—

‘( ) that in the case of schemes which fall in a prescribed class, that such arrangements for the selection of persons nominated by pensioner members and deferred members of the scheme to be trustees of the scheme as are required by this section are made, and”,’—(Mr Andrew Miller.)

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

Another Clause (War widows' pensions—entitlement) — (Mr David Willetts) — 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 Luff, Mr John Randall: 141.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Graham Allen: 265.

Other Amendments (No. 58, 90, 60, 85, 84, 61, 97 and 45 to 47) made to the Bill.

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

Mr Jeff Rooker, 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.

5 Aid System for Flax and Hemp.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 12992/99, a draft Council Regulation on the reform of the flax and hemp support regime; and supports the Government’s aim of promoting reform of this sector, whilst ensuring that the changes to the regime do not prejudice the future viability of the UK industry—(Mr Tony McNulty).—It was agreed to.

6 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Ordered, That—

(1) the matter of the state of Northern Ireland agriculture, being a matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;
(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Thursday 13th April at 2.30 p.m.; and
(3) at that meeting—

(a) the Committee shall take questions for oral answer; and shall then consider the matter of the state of Northern Ireland agriculture, referred to it under paragraph (1) above;
(b) the Chairman shall interrupt proceedings at 5 p.m.; and
(c) at the conclusion of those proceedings a motion for the adjournment of the Committee may be moved by a Minister of the Crown pursuant to Standing Order No. 116(5) (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (sittings)).—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

7 Agriculture. —Ordered, That Ms Fiona Jones be discharged from the Agriculture Committee and Dr George Turner be added to the Committee.—(Mr Clive Betts, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Tony McWalter be discharged from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Mr Colin Burgon be added to the Committee.—(Mr Clive Betts, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past One o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.28 a.m.

APPENDIX I
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 31st March 2000 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O., No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [Cm. 4671] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Treaty Series (No. 24, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Sofia on 30th September and 14th October 1992, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria concerning certain Commercial Debts [Cm. 4642] [Mr Secretary Cook].

3 Treaty Series (No. 25, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Helsinki on 6th May and 5th July 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Finland concerning the Extension of the European Convention on Extradition to Certain Dependent Territories [Cm. 4643] [Mr Secretary Cook].

4 Treaty Series (No. 26, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Warsaw on 1st and 25th March 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Poland concerning the Extension of the European Convention on Extradition to Certain Dependent Territories [Cm. 4644] [Mr Secretary Cook].

5 Treaty Series (No. 27, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Berne on 20th June 1996 and Vaduz on 3rd July 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Principality of Liechtenstein concerning the extension of the European Convention on Extradition to certain Dependent Territories [Cm. 4645] [Mr Secretary Cook].
6 Treaty Series (No. 28, 2000).—Exchange of Notes, done at Berne on 9th and 26th January 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Swiss Federal Council concerning the Extension of the European Convention on Extradition to Certain Dependent Territories [Cm. 4646] [Mr Secretary Cook].


8 Treaty Series (No. 30, 2000).—Exchange of Notes, done at Oslo on 29th June and 7th July 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway concerning the Extension of the European Convention on Extradition to the British Dependent Territories [Cm. 4648] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 31st March 2000 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O., No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

9 Consumer Protection,—Control of Misleading Advertisements (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 914), dated 30th March 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

10 Education,—Education (Student Support) (European Institutions) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 925), dated 28th March 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


14 Road Traffic,—M11 Motorway (Junctions 5–4, Redbridge) (Speed Limit) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 854), dated 23rd March 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 3rd April 2000:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

15 Criminal Law,—Draft Youth Justice Board for England and Wales Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

16 Food,—Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) (Butchers’ Shops) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 930), dated 2nd April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


18 Libraries,—Public Lending Right Scheme 1982 (Commencement of Variations) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 933), dated 30th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].


20 Weights and Measures,—Weighing Equipment (Non-automatic Weighing Machines) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 932), dated 30th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:


22 National Health Service,—(1) Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 20th March 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by the following National Health Service Trusts—
(i) Doncaster and South Humber Healthcare,
(ii) Gloucestershire Royal,
(iii) North Hampshire Hospitals,
(iv) Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre,
(v) Severn, and
(vi) South Tees Acute Hospitals

[by Act][Mr Secretary Milburn];

(2) Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 22nd March 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by the following National Health Service Trusts—
(i) Isle of Wight Healthcare,
(ii) Priority Healthcare Wearside, and
(iii) The Whittington Hospital
[by Act][Mr Secretary Milburn];

(3) Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 27th March 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by Plymouth Community Services National Health Service Trust [by Act][Mr Secretary Milburn];

(4) Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 30th March 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by South Durham Healthcare National Health Service Trust [by Act][Mr Secretary Milburn]; and

(5) Summarised Accounts of Health Authorities, and NHS Trusts in England, of 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 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 356][Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Simpson from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Bill Michie.

Grand Committees

2 The Speaker has appointed Mrs Ray Michie an additional Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Wednesday 5th April.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Subcommittee of the Education and Employment Committee [Higher Education]; to be printed [No. 400-i][Mr Barry Sheerman].


   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme: The failure to inform the public of reduced pension rights for widows and widowers]; to be printed [No. 401-i]
[Mr David Davis].

3 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Proposed Public Private Partnership for BNFL]; to be printed [No. 307-iv][Mr Martin O’Neill].
Tuesday 4th April 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 11th April.

2 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 11th April.

3 Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr Barry Jones reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, that it had considered the matter of the Budget Statement and its implications for Wales, referred to it on 16th March 2000, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 117].

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2000.

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

5 European Standing Committee A.—Mr Eric Illsley reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 13048/99, a draft Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No. 404/93 on the common organisation of the market in bananas; and supports the Government’s objective of achieving a revised EU banana regime which will not be challenged in the World Trade Organisation and which will reflect EU commitments to Caribbean and African countries, particularly the UK’s traditional suppliers in the Caribbean.

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

6 Welfare of Racing Greyhounds Bill.—The Order for reading the Welfare of Racing Greyhounds Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th May.

7 Health Care Standards for Elderly Persons.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the National Health Service (Primary Care) Act 1997 to prohibit the refusal or delay of treatment or the provision of an inferior standard of care on the basis of age and to establish an inquiry into the extent of age discrimination in the provision of health services; and that Mr Paul Marsden, Mr David Amess, John Austin, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Paul Burstow, Dr Vincent Cable, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr David Hinchliffe, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Edward O’Hara, Ms Linda Perham and Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones do prepare and bring it in.

8 Health Care Standards for Elderly Persons.—Mr Paul Marsden accordingly presented a Bill to amend the National Health Service (Primary Care) Act 1997 to prohibit the refusal or delay of treatment or the provision of an inferior standard of care on the basis of age and to establish an inquiry into the extent of age discrimination in the provision of health services; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 103].

9 Freedom of Information Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Freedom of Information Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Freedom of Information Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, amendments relating to Clauses 1 and 2, Schedule 1, Clauses 3 to 16, Schedule 2, Clauses 17 to 54, Schedule 3, Clauses 55 to 60, Schedule 4, Clauses 61 to 66, Schedule 5, Clauses 67 to 72, Schedule 6, Clauses 73 to 84, Schedule 7, Clauses 85 and 86, new Clauses and new Schedules.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

Amendment (No. 100) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 7, at the end to insert the words—

‘—(A1) The purpose of this Act is to facilitate public access to information held by public authorities.’—(Mr David Lidington.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Peter Atkinson: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr David Clelland: 339.

Amendment (No. 44) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, to leave out lines 12 and 13.—(Mr David Heath.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Peter Atkinson: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr David Clelland: 339.

Another Amendment (No. 102) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 23, after the word 'subsection', to insert the words '(1A) or'—(Mr Nick Hawkins.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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

10 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Freedom of Information Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

11 Freedom of Information Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Freedom of Information Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That Amendment (No. 102) be made.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Peter Atkinson: 165.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Clive Betts: 347.

Another Amendment (No. 45) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 13, to leave out from the word ‘authority’ to the end of line 34 and insert the words ‘which is to any extent exempt or whose disclosure is not required by virtue of section 11.’ instead thereof.—(Dr Tony Wright.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 46) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

Bill to be further considered tomorrow.

12 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Equality (Disability, etc.) (Northern Ireland) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 16th March, be approved.—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

13 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 59) on Metropolitan Railway Passenger Services Grant 2000–2001 (House of Commons Paper No. 361), which was laid before this House on 21st March, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

14 Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Bill [Money]:

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses of the Secretary of State under the Act; and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable out of money so provided.—(Mr Mike Hall.)
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And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses of the Secretary of State under the Act; and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable out of money so provided.

15 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

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 being put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then one minute to One o’clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.59 a.m.

APPENDIX 1

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Charities,—Draft Charities (Royal Medical Foundation of Epsom College) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 County Courts,—County Court Fees (Amendment No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 939), dated 16th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

3 Inheritance Tax,—(1) Inheritance Tax (Delivery of Accounts) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 965),
(2) Inheritance Tax (Delivery of Accounts) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 967), and
(3) Inheritance Tax (Delivery of Accounts) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 966),
dated 3rd April 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

4 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—(1) Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 940), dated 1st April 2000,
(2) Civil Procedure (Modification of Enactments) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 941), dated 1st April 2000, and
(3) Supreme Court Fees (Amendment No. 2) Order 2000, (S.I., 2000, No. 937), dated 29th March 2000
[by Act] [Mr David Lock].

Other Papers

5 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed merger of News Communications & Media plc and Newsquest (Investments) Limited/Johnston Press plc/Trinity Mirror plc [by Command] [Cm. 4680] [Mr Secretary Byers].

6 Fair Trading,—Consent by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to the transfers of the newspapers of News Communications & Media plc to—
(1) Johnston Press plc,
(2) Newsquest (Investments) Limited, and
(3) Trinity Mirror plc
following a report from the Competition Commission [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

7 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Grants made by the National Lottery Charities Board [by Act]; to be printed [No. 378] [Clerk of the House]

8 National Health Service,—(1) Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 22nd March 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by the following National Health Service Trusts—
(i) Norfolk and Norwich Health Care, and
(ii) Swindon and Marlborough,
(2) Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 24th March 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by the following National Health Service Trusts—
(i) Leeds Teaching Hospitals, and
(ii) Lincolnshire Ambulance and Health Transport Service,
(3) Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 27th March 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by the following National Health Service Trusts—
(i) Avon and Western Wiltshire Mental Healthcare,
(ii) Northallerton Health Services, and
(iii) Wiltshire and Swindon Healthcare, and
(4) Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 30th March 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by the North Tees and Hartlepool National Health Service Trust
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

9 Reserve Forces,—Report, dated 31st March 2000, under Section 54(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the making of a call-out order under section 54(1) of that Act [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Competition Act 1998 (Director’s rules) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000, No. 293),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mohammad Sarwar from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Lindsay Hoyle.

2 Draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Destination of Appeals) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Glenda Jackson from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Mohammad Sarwar.


4 The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley an additional Chairman of the European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 13048/99 on the common organisation of the market in bananas.

Grand Committees

5 The Speaker has appointed Mrs Ray Michie an additional Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee for its meeting on Wednesday 5th April.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Early Years Education]; to be printed [No 386-ij] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environmental Audit,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Budget 2000]; to be printed [No. 404-i]; and
[Mr John Horam].

3 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Weapons of Mass Destruction]; to be printed [No. 407-i] [Mr Donald Anderson].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Current EU Justice and Home Affairs issues]; to be printed [No. 402-j] [Mr Robin Corbett].
5 Standards and Privileges. — Ninth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges
(Complaints against Members of Parliament: The Investigation Process), with an
Appendix, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to
the Report [No. 403] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

6 Statutory Instruments. — Fifteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory
Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be printed [No. 47-
v] [Mr David Tredinnick].

7 Treasury. — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The 2000 Budget]; to
be printed [No 379-iii] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 76; WH, No. 45.]
Tuesday 4th April 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].
The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

1 Adjournment. — Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Clelland.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.00 p.m.]

[No. 77.]
Wednesday 5th April 2000.

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further
consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman
of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 12th April.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation. — Mr Jim Cunningham reported from the
First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Report by the Secretary of State
for Social Security under Section 82 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 (House
of Commons Paper No. 270).

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

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation. — Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from
the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Competition Act 1998
(Director’s rules) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 293).

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

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

Care Standards Bill [Lords]. — The Lords have passed a Bill to establish a National Care
Standards Commission; to make provision for the registration and regulation of
children’s homes, independent hospitals, independent clinics, care homes, residential
family centres, independent medical agencies, domiciliary care agencies, fostering
agencies and voluntary adoption agencies; to make provision for the regulation and
inspection of local authority fostering and adoption services; to establish a General Social
Care Council and a Care Council for Wales and make provision for the registration,
regulation and training of social care workers; to make provision for the registration,
regulation and training of those providing child minding or day care; to make provision
for the protection of children and vulnerable adults; to amend the law about children
looked after in schools and colleges; to repeal the Nurses Agencies Act 1957; and for
connected purposes: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Care Standards Bill [Lords]. — The Care Standards Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and
ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 105].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Care Standards Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 105–EN].
6 Weights and Measures (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make the use of imperial weights and measures no longer subject to proceedings for a criminal offence: And that Mr David Lidington, Mr David Amess, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Nick St. Aubyn, Mr John Hayes and Mr Simon Burns do prepare and bring it in.

7 Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill.—Mr David Lidington accordingly presented a Bill to make the use of imperial weights and measures no longer subject to proceedings for a criminal offence: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th June and to be printed [Bill 104].

8 Freedom of Information Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Freedom of Information Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

   Another Amendment (No. 107) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 28, to leave out from 'e)' to the end of line 31 and to insert the words 'section 38(1)' instead thereof.—(Mr Harry Cohen.)

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

   Another Amendment (No. 47) made to the Bill.

   Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 8, to leave out subsection (6).—(Dr Tony Wright.)

   Question put, That the Amendment be made.

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Ronnie Campbell. 202.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Pope, Mrs Anne McGuire: 311.

   Other Amendments (Nos. 48 to 54) made to the Bill.

   Another Amendment (No. 110) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 22, to leave out Clause 16.—(Mr Nick Hawkins.)

   Question put, That the Amendment be made.

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr John Randall: 116.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Greg Pope: 373.

   Another Amendment (No. 177) proposed to the Bill, in page 58, line 42, to leave out paragraph 19.—(Mr Richard Shepherd.)

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

   Other Amendments (Nos. 55 to 59) made to the Bill.

   Another Amendment (No. 92) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 1, to leave out Clause 21.—(Mr Richard Shepherd.)

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

   Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 13, after the word 'to,' to insert the word 'substantially'.—(Mr David Heath.)

   Question put, That the Amendment be made.

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr John Burnett: 37.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Jim Dowd: 336.

   Another Amendment (No. 39) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 4, at the end, to insert the words 'and if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice any of those purposes':—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

   Question put, That the Amendment be made.

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Mr Brian Cotter: 61.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Jim Dowd: 321.

   Another Amendment (No. 60) made to the Bill.

   Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 18, line 32, at the end, to insert the words—
‘(1A) Information is not exempt by virtue of subsection (1) or section 34 insofar as it consists of factual information.’—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Tom Brake: 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Jim Dowd: 317.

And it being after 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. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Freedom of Information Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

10 Freedom of Information Bill.—The House again proceeded further to consider the Freedom of Information Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 19, line 12, to leave out from the word ‘if’ to the word ‘disclosure’ in line 13.—(Mr Robert Maclennan.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Ronnie Fearn: 55.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Clive Betts: 324.

Other Amendments (Nos. 61, 101 and 62) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 35) proposed to the Bill, in page 23, line 7, to leave out Clause 43.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Brian Cotter: 158.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Clive Betts: 325.

Another Amendment (No. 63) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 64) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, line 18, to leave out Clause 48.—(Mr Secretary Straw.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;—Thursday 6th April 2000

Question put and agreed to.

Other Amendments (Nos. 65 to 67, 6, 69 to 71, 89, 90 and 72 to 88) made to the Bill.

A Clause (Exception from duty to comply with decision notice or enforcement notice)—(Mr Mike Hall)—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 Touhig, Mr Clive Betts: 302.


Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Information already disclosed)—(Mr Richard Shepherd)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Duty to publish manuals etc.)—(Mr Richard Shepherd)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
11 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 20th March, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson)—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.24 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Gaming Clubs (Hours and Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 899), dated 28th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Food,—Tetrachloroethylene in Olive Oil (Revocation) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 960), dated 30th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

3 Savings Bank,—Draft National Savings Bank (Investment Deposits) (Limits) (Amendment) Order 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

Other Papers:

4 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 4670] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Departmental Report 2000: The Government’s Expenditure Plans for 2000–01 to 2001–02 for the Department of International Development [by Command] [Cm. 4610] [Secretary Clare Short].

6 National Health Service,—(1) Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 22nd March 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by the following National Health Service Trusts—

(i) Cornwall Healthcare,
(ii) Dewsbury Healthcare,
(iii) Havering Hospitals,
(iv) Nottingham City Hospital,
(v) Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals,
(vi) Pinderfields and Pontefract Hospitals, and
(vii) Royal Devon and Exeter Healthcare,

(2) Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 30th March 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by the Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals National Health Service Trust, and

(3) Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 3rd April 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by the University Hospitals of Leicester National Health Service Trust
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


8 Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 5th April 2000 in respect of temporary borrowing by the British Waterways Board from National Westminster Bank plc [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

9 Treaty Series (No. 36, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 10th and 28th July 1997, amending the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Lead and Zinc Study Group [by Command] [Cm. 4659] [Mr Secretary Cook].
10 Treaty Series (No. 37, 2000)—Exchange of Notes, done at Islamabad on 9th March and 11th October 1999, extending the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan for the Promotion and Protection of Investments signed at London on 30th November 1994 to the Isle of Man and the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey [by Command] [Cm. 4665] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Utilities Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Recycled Content of Newsprint Bill:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee C; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: John Austin, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Tom Brake, Mrs Helen Brinton, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr David Chaytor, Mr John Horam, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr David Lepper, Mr Chris Mullin, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mrs Diana Organ, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Andrew Stunell and Mr Robert Symns.

3 Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords]:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D (transferred from Standing Committee G), and has appointed Mr Edward O'Hara and Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairmen; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Karen Buck, Mr David Faber, Jane Griffiths, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Puara S. Khabra, Mr Andy King, Ms Oona King, Mr Tom Levitt, Mr David Lidington, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Mike O'Brien, Mr Andrew Rowe, Sir Robert Smith, Paddy Tipping, Mr Don Touhig and Mr Shaun Woodward.

4 Learning and Skills Bill [Lords]:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee F, and has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Hilary Benn, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Tom Boswell, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Peter Brooke, Mr David Chaytor, Mr James Clappison, Valerie Davey, Mr Michael Foster, Mr David Hanson, Mr John Hayes, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Chris Ruane, Dr Phyllis Starkey, Dr Alan Whitehead, Mr Malcolm Wicks, Mr Phil Willis and Mr Michael Wills.

5 Draft Youth Justice Board for England and Wales Order 2000:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr John Burnett, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Bill Etherington, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Doug Henderson, Glenda Jackson, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr David Lidington, Mr Peter Luff, Mr John McDonnell, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Lembit Opik and Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West).

6 Draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) Order 2000:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr David Clelland, Mr David Drew, Barbara Follett, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Tom Levitt, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Peter Luff, Judy Mallaber, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Andrew Reed, Mrs Barbara Roche, Miss Geraldine Smith, Mr Desmond Swayne, Dr Jenny Tonge and Sir Raymond Whitney.
7 Draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Destination of Appeals) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Simon Hughes and Dr Phyllis Starkey from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr John Burnett and Mr Gerald Bermingham.

Grand Committees

8 The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on 13th April.

European Standing Committees

9 European Union Documents Nos. 6230/00, relating to the White Paper on Environmental Liability, and 6629/00, relating to Agricultural Price Proposals for 2000–2001, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

10 European Union Documents Nos. COM(99) 644, relating to The Helsinki Report on Sport, and COM(99) 643, relating to Doping in Sport, have been referred to European Standing Committee C.

11 The Speaker has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document No. 5671/00 on Food Safety in the European Union.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Early Years Education]; to be printed [No. 386-iii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Planning Inspectorate and Public Inquiries]; to be printed [No. 364-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Funding of London Underground]; to be printed [No. 411-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

3 European Scrutiny,—Thirteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xiii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—First Report from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [Facilities for the Media]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 408] [Margaret Beckett].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Recent Political Developments in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 409-i] [Mr Peter Brooke].

6 Public Accounts,—(1) Fourteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Child Support Agency: Client Funds Accounts 1998–99]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 184];

   (2) Fifteenth Report from the Committee [The Procurement of Non-Combat Vehicles for the Royal Air Force]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 172]; and

   (3) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Private Finance Initiative: The Contract for the Defence Fixed Telecommunications System]; to be printed [No. 413-i] [Mr Alan Williams].

7 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [The Report of the Commissioner for Public Appointments on Public Appointments to NHS Trusts and Health Authorities]; to be printed [No. 410-i] [Mr Ronnie Campbell].

8 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Housing Benefit]; to be printed [No. 385-ii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].
9 Standards and Privileges.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on Standards and Privileges on 21st March [Complaint against Mr Tony Baldry]; to be printed [No. 369-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

10 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [BMW, Rover and Longbridge]; to be printed [No. 383-iv] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

11 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Government’s Cash and Debt Management], to be printed [No. 154-vi] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 77; WH, No. 46.]

Wednesday 5th April 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

1 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Robert Ainsworth);

And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2.00 p.m.

[No. 78.]

Thursday 6th April 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Romsey 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 Romsey, in the room of Michael Keith Beale Colvin, Esquire, deceased.—(Mr James Arbuthnot.)

2 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 13th April.

3 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th April.

4 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medway Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th April.

5 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 19th April at Seven o’clock.

6 Transport Bill.—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Transport Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 107].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 415].
7 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill.—Mrs Ray Michie reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 106].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 414].

8 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr John Butterfill reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Destination of Appeals) Order 2000.

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


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

Limited Liability Partnerships Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for Limited Liability Partnerships; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

11 Limited Liability Partnerships Bill [Lords].—The Limited Liability Partnerships Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 108].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Limited Liability Partnerships Bill [Lords] be printed [No. 108-EN].

12 Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords], as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, new Clauses; Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 10, Schedule No. 1, Clauses Nos. 11 to 13, Schedule No. 2, Clauses Nos. 14 to 25, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 26 and 27, Schedule No. 4 and Clause No. 28; and new Schedules.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 24, line 23, to leave out from the word ‘imprisonment’ to the word ‘or’ in line 24.—(Mr Crispin Blunt.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 29, line 24, at the end, to insert the words ‘or—

(c) they are a serving Officer in the Territorial Army or the Royal Auxiliary Air Force who also hold a current practising certificate, issued by the Bar Council, Law Society or Institute of Legal Executives, to practise as a Barrister, Solicitor or Fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives and who have at least two years post qualified experience’.—(Mr Robert Key.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 30, to leave out lines 22 to 24 and insert the words—

‘(3) An order under this section shall not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before, and approved by a resolution of, each House of Parliament’, instead thereof.—(Mr Robert Key.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 32, line 10, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) The Defence Council may by regulations make provision designating those persons who, either before or after the accused has elected for trial by court-martial, may counsel him on that decision’.—(Mr Robert Key.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 34, line 1, to leave out Clause No. 12.—(Mr Robert Key.)

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

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 301.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geo Vrey Clifton-Brown: 113.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

13 Opposition day [6th allotted day—second part].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the leader of the second largest opposition party in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Patten Commission Report on the Royal Ulster Constabulary.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the well-deserved award of the George Cross to the Royal Ulster Constabulary; condemns the Government’s decision to remove its Royal title; and calls for the postponement of the implementation of other controversial recommendations in the Patten Commission Report on Policing in Northern Ireland until the ‘new dispensation’ on which it was predicated has truly arrived—(Mr David Trimble);

An Amendment was proposed of the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the well-deserved award of the George Cross to the Royal Ulster Constabulary; notes that the award was made by Her Majesty in recognition of the service and sacrifices of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, which must never be forgotten; reiterates its commitment to maintaining an effective police service in Northern Ireland capable of protecting the public and maintaining law and order; and reaffirms the objective in the Good Friday Agreement of creating a new beginning to policing in Northern Ireland, with a police service capable of attracting and sustaining support from the community as a whole’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Mandelson.)

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

The Reverend Martin Smyth 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 Clive Ford Forsyth, the Reverend Martin Smyth: 118.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Don Touhig: 264.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (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 well-deserved award of the George Cross to the Royal Ulster Constabulary, notes that the award was made by Her Majesty in recognition of the service and sacrifices of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, which must never be forgotten; reiterates its commitment to maintaining an effective police service in Northern Ireland capable of protecting the public and maintaining law and order; and reaffirms the objective in the Good Friday Agreement of creating a new beginning to policing in Northern Ireland, with a police service capable of attracting and sustaining support from the community as a whole.
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 Armed Forces Discipline Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

Liaison Committee.—Ordered, That Dr Lewis Moonie be discharged from the Liaison Committee and Mr Stuart Bell be added to the Committee.—(Mr Keith Bradley.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from members of staff of pathology laboratories in Devon hospitals for recognition of the recruitment and retention problems of the pathology service was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.40 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. 61) on Special Grants for School Standards, Support of School Budgets and Costs of Transitional Funding [by Act]; to be printed [No. 399] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Channel Tunnel.—Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 913), dated 29th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Civil Aviation.—Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 895), dated 28th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Customs and Excise.—Dual-Use and Related Goods (Export Control) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 994), dated 5th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 Immigration.—Immigration (Passenger Information) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 912), dated 29th March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].


Other Papers:

7 Financial Reporting to Parliament.—Departmental Report 2000: The Government’s Expenditure Plans for 2000–2001 for the Department of Health [by Command] [Cm. 4603] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

8 France (No. 1, 2000).—Agreement, done at London on 25th November 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic concerning Mutual Logistic Support, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4640] [Mr Secretary Cook].

9 Health.—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Health Committee, Session 1998–99, on Procedures related to Adverse Clinical Incidents and Outcomes in Medical Care [by Command] [Cm. 4698] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

10 Miscellaneous (No. 10, 2000).—Agreement, done at Vienna on 12th November 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization on the conduct of activities, including post-certification activities, relating to International Monitoring Facilities for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4675] [Mr Secretary Cook].
11 Post Office.—Report and Accounts of the Post Office Users' National Council for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Lin Golding and Miss Geraldine Smith from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Stephen McCabe and Mr Alan Hurst.


APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Second Special Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Wembley National Stadium: Responses to the Fourth Report from the Committee]; to be printed [No. 412] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Provision of NHS Mental Health Services]; to be printed [No. 373-iii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

3 Home Affairs,—(1) Second Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Controls over Firearms], 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. 95]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Controls over Firearms]

[Mr Robin Corbett].

[No. 78; WH, No. 47.]

Thursday 6th April 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

1 Adjournment (Second Anniversary of NHS Direct).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned. — (Ms Gisela Stuart.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 11th April.

[Adjourned at 5.44 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 Government Powers (Limitations) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government Powers (Limitations) Bill,

   Mr Secretary Smith 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, had 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 a Motion being made, That the Bill be now read a second time;

   Mr Andrew Dismore moved, That the House sit in private.

   The Speaker put the Question forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 163 (Motions to sit in private).

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Ian Stewart: 0.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tom Levitt, Mrs Helen Brinton: 30.

   And it appearing on the report of the Division that fewer than forty Members had taken part in the Division, the Speaker declared that the Question was not decided, and the business under consideration stood over until the next sitting of the House.

2 Wild Mammals (Hunting with Dogs) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Wild Mammals (Hunting with Dogs) Bill;

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

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

   And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Stewart, David Taylor: 74.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Gray, Mr David Maclean: 0.

   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. 37 (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 14th April.

3 Export of Farm Animals Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Export of Farm Animals Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

4 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 21st July.

5 Fire Prevention Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fire Prevention Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th May.

6 Marine Wildlife Protection Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marine Wildlife Protection Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th April.

7 Retail Packaging Recycling Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Retail Packaging Recycling Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th April.
8 Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill [Lords]:  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th April.

9 Hare Coursing Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hare Coursing Bill,  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th April.

10 Road Traffic Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic Bill;  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th April.

11 Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords];  
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th May.

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Don Touhig.)  
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.  
[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1005), dated 31st March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:


3 Development of Tourism,—Statement of appointment and salary of Hilary Lade as a member of the British Tourist Authority [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

(1) Chancellor of the Exchequer’s Departments: HM Treasury, Government Actuary’s Department, National Investment and Loans Office, National Savings, Office for National Statistics, Registry of Friendly Societies and Financial Transactions with European Community Institutions [by Command] [Cm. 4615] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer]; and  
(2) Department for Education and Employment, with a Summary [by Command] [Cm. 4602] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Miscellaneous (No. 11, 2000),—New Annex V on the Protection and Conservation of the Ecosystems and Biological Diversity of the Maritime Area, and a related Appendix 3, adopted at Sintra (Portugal) on 22nd–23rd July 1998, to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic, 1992, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4678] [Mr Secretary Cook].

6 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petitions [22nd March] from residents of North Cornwall, Truro and St. Austell and St. Ives against the Government’s proposed changes to the method of benefit payments [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
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 Mr. Bernard Alexander Montgomery Grant, Member for Tottenham. I am sure that Members on all sides of the House will join me in mourning the loss of a colleague and in extending our sympathy to the honourable Member's family and friends.

2 Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords]:

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

Mr Thomas McAvoy rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put;

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 219.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Michael Fabricant: 13.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 215.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Michael Fabricant: 7.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

3 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day's sitting, the Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Jim Dowd);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 211.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Eric Forth: 8.

So the Question was agreed to.

4 Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) Bill;

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

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

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

5 Banana Imports,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 13048/99, a draft Council Regulation amending Council Regulation (EEC) No. 404/93 on the common organisation of the market in bananas; and supports the Government's objective of achieving a revised EU banana regime which will not be challenged in the World Trade Organisation and which will reflect EU commitments to Caribbean and African countries, particularly the UK's traditional suppliers in the Caribbean—(Mr Greg Pope):—It was agreed to.

6 Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West) be discharged from the Welsh Affairs Committee, and Mr John Smith be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
7 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of South Cumbria against reduction in police resources 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 Greg Pope.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past One o’clock, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.30 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

   (2) Teacher Training Agency (Additional Functions) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1000), dated 5th April 2000, and
   (3) Westminster Education Action Zone Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1022), dated 8th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Social Security,—Income-related Benefits and Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 979), dated 4th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

   (2) Wireless Telegraphy (Cordless Telephone Apparatus) (Restriction and Marking) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No.1014), and
   (3) Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No.1012),
   dated 6th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

4 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the supply of new motor cars within the UK [by Command] [Cm. 4660] [Mr Secretary Byers].

   (1) Cabinet Office, Central Office of Information, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioners, Privy Council Office, House of Lords, House of Commons, National Audit Office and Electoral Commission [by Command] [Cm. 4618] [Marjorie Mowlam];
   (2) Department for Culture, Media and Sport [by Command] [Cm. 4613] [Mr Secretary Smith];
   (3) Foreign and Commonwealth Office [by Command] [Cm. 4609] [Mr Secretary Cook];
   (4) Her Majesty’s Customs & Excise [by Command] [Cm. 4616] [Mr Andrew Smith];
   (5) Inland Revenue [by Command] [Cm. 4617] [Mr Andrew Smith]; and
   (6) Ministry of Defence [by Command] [Cm. 4608] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

6 Licensing,—Paper entitled, Time for Reform: Proposals for the Modernisation of our Licensing Laws [by Command] [Cm. 4698] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ensuring that Railtrack maintain and renew the railway network [by Act]; to be printed [No. 397] [Clerk of the House].

8 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 5th April 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by—
   (i) Mayday Healthcare National Health Service Trust, and
   (ii) Somerset Partnership NHS and Social Care Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

9 National Savings Bank,—Statements with respect to—
   (1) Investment deposits of National Savings, and
(2) Ordinary deposits and expenses of National Savings for 1st January 1998 to 31st March 1999, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 421 and 422] [Clerk of the House].

10 Public Petitions.—(1) Observations by the Economic Secretary at the Treasury on the Petition [14th March] from residents of Shropshire against the closure of the Lloyds TSB bank in Pontesbury, and

(2) Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the Petition [10th March] from residents of Bodicote in Oxfordshire calling for greater powers for local councils to control the number of new houses built [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

11 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the:—

(1) Barnsley Education Action Zone, and

(2) Halifax Education Action Zone for 1998–99, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 420 and 419] [Clerk of the House].

12 Treaty Series (No. 38, 2000).—Exchange of Notes, done at Tel Aviv on 14th February 1996 and Jerusalem on 9th June 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the State of Israel concerning the Extension of the European Convention on Extradition to Certain Dependent Territories [by Command] [Cm. 4668] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Countryside and Rights of Way Bill. —The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Learning and Skills Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock an additional Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Subcommittee of the Education and Employment Committee [Higher Education]; to be printed [No. 400-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [HM Customs and Excise: Revenue from Gambling Duties]; to be printed [No. 423-i] [Mr David Davis].

3 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Cancer Research—A Fresh Look]; to be printed [No. 332-ii] [Dr Ian Gibson].

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 18th April.

2 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 18th April.

3 Utilities Bill.—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Utilities Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows:

A Bill to provide for the establishment and functions of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, the Gas and Electricity Consumer Council, the Telecommunications Authority and the Telecommunications Consumer Council; to amend the legislation
regulating the telecommunications, gas and electricity industries; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 110].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 428].

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) Order 2000.

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

5 Organ Transplants (Presumed Consent).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a national register of people who have not given their consent to transplant of their organs after death; to lay down procedures to be followed before an organ transplant takes place; and for connected purposes—(Dr Nick Palmer).

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. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Nick Palmer, Ms Jenny Jones: 113.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Edward Leigh, Dr Julian Lewis: 23.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Vernon Coaker, Dr Evan Harris, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Michael Jabez Foster, Jane Griffiths, Ms Jenny Jones, and Dr Ian Gibson do prepare and bring in the Bill.

6 Organ Transplants (Presumed Consent) Bill.—Dr Nick Palmer accordingly presented a Bill to establish a national register of people who have not given their consent to the transplant of their organs after death; to lay down procedures to be followed before an organ transplant takes place; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 109].

7 Local Government Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government 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, in line 1, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Local Government Bill [Lords] because it is a centralising measure which will have the effect of undermining local democracy, because it will put pressure on local councils to introduce structures which may not suit local needs and circumstances, which will tend to encourage and facilitate a culture of secrecy and lack of consultation, engender corruption, diminish the role of ordinary councillors, encourage the growth of a class of professional local politicians with large salaries, pensions and other fringe benefits, and place officers in a position of potential conflict of interest, because the arrangements in the Bill for the conduct of local referenda in respect of elected mayors are inadequate, because the new power to promote economic, social and environmental well-being, while welcome in principle, is insufficiently defined and overly subject to ministerial interference, because the powers being taken relating to the frequency of elections are too centralising in their nature, and because, although containing welcome provisions relating to the protection of school children from the promotion of homosexuality in schools and from bullying, and the conduct of local councillors and officers, it fails to provide for open, accountable and empowered local government with councils adopting structures that best suit local needs, including modernised and streamlined versions of the committee system’, instead thereof.—(Mr Archie Norman.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Peter Atkinson: 130.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 342.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (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.

8 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Motion on Standing Committee on Regional Affairs may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Graham Allen)—It was agreed to.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Local Government Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State under the Act; and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr Graham Allen)—It was agreed to.

10 Welfare Reform and Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Report by the Secretary of State for Social Security under section 82 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999, stating the changes in the law which the Secretary of State is proposing in the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill by way of amendments to the Child Support Acts 1991 and 1995, the amount of the expenditure which the Secretary of State proposes to incur and the purposes for which he proposes to incur it (House of Commons Paper No. 270), which was laid before this House on 13th March, be approved—(Mr Graham Allen)—It was agreed to.

11 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 57) on the Promoting Independence: Prevention Grant for 2000/2001 (House of Commons Paper No. 338), which was laid before this House on 22nd March, be approved—(Mr Graham Allen)—It was agreed to.

12 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 56) on the Promoting Independence: Partnership Grant for 2000/2001 (House of Commons Paper No. 337), which was laid before this House on 23rd March, be approved—(Mr Graham Allen)—It was agreed to.

13 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 58) on the Promoting Independence: Carers Grant for 2000/2001 (House of Commons Paper No. 339), which was laid before this House on 23rd March, be approved—(Mr Graham Allen)—It was agreed to.

14 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 56) on the Promoting Independence: Partnership Grant for 2000/2001 (House of Commons Paper No. 337), which was laid before this House on 23rd March, be approved—(Mr Graham Allen)—It was agreed to.

15 Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Standing Order No. 117 shall be repealed, and that the following Standing Order shall be made:

117.—(1) There shall be a standing committee called the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, which shall consider any matter relating to regional affairs in England which may be referred to it.

(2) The Committee shall consist of thirteen Members representing English constituencies nominated by the Committee of Selection; and in nominating such Members, the Committee of Selection shall—

(a) have regard to the qualifications of the Members nominated and to the composition of the House; and

(b) have power to discharge Members from time to time, and to appoint others in substitution.

(3) Any Member of the House representing an English constituency, though not nominated to the Committee, may take part in its proceedings, but may not make any Motion, vote or be counted in the quorum; provided that a Minister of the Crown who
is a Member of this House but not nominated to the Committee may make a Motion as specified in paragraph (10) below.

(4) The quorum of the Committee shall be three.

(5) Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 88 (Meetings of standing committees) shall not apply to the Committee; except that the proviso to that paragraph shall apply to any sitting at Westminster.

(6) A Motion may be made in the House by a Minister of the Crown to specify (or to vary) any or all of the following:
   (a) the matter or matters to be referred to the Committee;
   (b) the period to be allotted to proceedings on such matters;
   (c) when and where (within England) the Committee shall meet;
   (d) the hours for the commencement and conclusion of any sitting;
   (e) any days when the Committee shall meet at Westminster at Ten o’clock;

and such Motion may be moved at any time; and the Question thereon shall be put forthwith and may be decided at any hour, though opposed.

(7) Where any order made under paragraph (6) above makes no provision for the period to be allotted to the proceedings on any matter or matters which have been referred to the Committee for consideration at a particular sitting, those proceedings shall be brought to a conclusion no later than three hours after their commencement.

(8) At the commencement of business at any sitting of the Committee, the Chairman may permit Ministers of the Crown, being Members of the House, to make statements on any matter or matters referred to the Committee for consideration at that sitting, and may then permit members of the Committee to ask questions thereon.

(9) No question on a statement by a Minister of the Crown shall be taken after the expiry of a period of one hour from the commencement of the first such statement, except that the Chairman may, at his discretion, allow such questions to be taken for a further period not exceeding half an hour.

(10) The Committee shall, following any such statements and questions, consider each matter referred to it on a motion ‘That the Committee has considered the matter’, the Chairman shall put the Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings on each matter at the time, or after the period, specified in accordance with paragraph (6) or paragraph (7) of this Order, and the Committee shall thereupon report to the House that it has considered the matter or matters without any further Question being put.

(11) Any period allocated to the consideration of any matter or matters shall include any time spent on statements by Ministers of the Crown and questions thereon, except when otherwise provided by any Order of the House made in accordance with paragraph (6) above—(Margaret Beckett);

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Question, in line 6, to leave out the word ‘thirteen’ and to insert the word ‘twenty-four’, instead thereof.—(Mr Paul Tyler.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

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Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (b) was proposed to the Question, in line 10, to leave out the words ‘composition of the House’ and insert the words ‘party representation of Members of the House sitting for English constituencies’, instead thereof.—(Mr Paul Tyler.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

    Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Don Foster: 130.
    Tellers for the Noes, Mr Don Touhig, Jim Dowd: 190.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

    Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Jim Dowd: 187.
    Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 130.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered. That Standing Order No. 117 shall be repealed, and that the following Standing Order shall be made:
117.—(1) There shall be a standing committee called the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, which shall consider any matter relating to regional affairs in England which may be referred to it.

(2) The Committee shall consist of thirteen Members representing English constituencies nominated by the Committee of Selection; and in nominating such Members, the Committee of Selection shall—

(a) have regard to the qualifications of the Members nominated and to the composition of the House; and

(b) have power to discharge Members from time to time, and to appoint others in substitution.

(3) Any Member of the House representing an English constituency, though not nominated to the Committee, may take part in its proceedings, but may not make any Motion, vote or be counted in the quorum; provided that a Minister of the Crown who is a Member of this House but not nominated to the Committee may make a Motion as specified in paragraph (10) below.

(4) The quorum of the Committee shall be three.

(5) Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 88 (Meetings of standing committees) shall not apply to the Committee; except that the proviso to that paragraph shall apply to any sitting at Westminster.

(6) A Motion may be made in the House by a Minister of the Crown to specify (or to vary) any or all of the following:

(a) the matter or matters to be referred to the Committee;

(b) the period to be allotted to proceedings on such matters;

(c) when and where (within England) the Committee shall meet;

(d) the hours for the commencement and conclusion of any sitting;

(e) any days when the Committee shall meet at Westminster at Ten o’clock;

and such Motion may be moved at any time, and the Question thereon shall be put forthwith and may be decided at any hour, though opposed.

(7) Where any order made under paragraph (6) above makes no provision for the period to be allotted to the proceedings on any matter or matters which have been referred to the Committee for consideration at a particular sitting, those proceedings shall be brought to a conclusion no later than three hours after their commencement.

(8) At the commencement of business at any sitting of the Committee, the Chairman may permit Ministers of the Crown, being Members of the House, to make statements on any matter or matters referred to the Committee for consideration at that sitting, and may then permit members of the Committee to ask questions thereon.

(9) No question on a statement by a Minister of the Crown shall be taken after the expiry of a period of one hour from the commencement of the first such statement, except that the Chairman may, at his discretion, allow such questions to be taken for a further period not exceeding half an hour.

(10) The Committee shall, following any such statements and questions, consider each matter referred to it on a motion ‘That the Committee has considered the matter’, the Chairman shall put the Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings on each matter at the time, or after the period, specified in accordance with paragraph (6) or paragraph (7) of this Order, and the Committee shall thereupon report to the House that it has considered the matter or matters without any further Question being put.

(11) Any period allocated to the consideration of any matter or matters shall include any time spent on statements by Ministers of the Crown and questions thereon, except when otherwise provided by any Order of the House made in accordance with paragraph (6) above.

16 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Norwich for aid to be directed to education for child labourers 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 David Jamieson);

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 five minutes to Two o’clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.55 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

1 Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 11th April 2000, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes specified in the Estimates for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Andrew Smith].

   (1) Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, Office of the Rail Regulator, Office of Water Services and Ordnance Survey [by Command] [Cm. 4604] [Mr Secretary Prescott];
   (2) Department of Social Security [by Command] [Cm. 4614] [Mr Secretary Darling];
   (3) Department of Trade and Industry, Export Credits Guarantee Department, Office of Fair Trading, Office of Telecommunications and Office of Gas and Electricity Markets [by Command] [Cm. 4611] [Mr Secretary Byers];
   (4) Home Office and the Charity Commission [by Command] [Cm. 4605] [Mr Secretary Straw];
   (5) Law Officers’ Departments [by Command] [Cm. 4607] [Mr Solicitor General];
   (6) Lord Chancellor’s Departments [by Command] [Cm. 4606] [Mr David Lock];
   (7) Northern Ireland Office [by Command] [Cm. 4621] [Mr Secretary Mandelson];
   (8) Scotland Office [by Command] [Cm. 4619] [Mr Secretary Reid]; and
   (9) Wales Office [by Command] [Cm. 4620] [Mr Secretary Murphy].


4 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Compensating Victims of Violent Crime [by Act]; to be printed [No. 398] [Clerk of the House].

5 National Lottery,—Accounts of the National Lottery Distribution Fund for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 427] [Clerk of the House].

6 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Fourth and Ninth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1999–2000 [Cm. 4695] [Mr Stephen Timms].

7 Public Expenditure,—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure: Statistical Analyses 2000–01 [by Command] [Cm. 4601] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

8 Supply Estimates, 2000–2001,—(1) Estimates (Classes I-XVIII) for 2000–2001 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 377] [Mr Stephen Timms];
   (2) Estimates (Class XVIII, A, House of Commons) for 2000–2001 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 374] [The Speaker];
   (3) Estimates (Class XVIII, B, Vote 1: National Audit Office) for 2000–2001 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 375] [Mr Robert Sheldon]; and
   (4) Estimates (Class XVIII, C, Vote 1: Electoral Commission) for 2000–2001 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 376] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Love from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Bill Etherington.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Third Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, on The Marketing of Milk], together with an Appendix; to be printed [No. 424];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Government Proposals for Organophosphate Sheep Dips]; to be printed [No. 425]; and
(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Government Proposals for Organophosphate Sheep Dips; Implications for UK Agriculture and EU Agricultural Policy of Trade Liberalisation and the WTO Round]

[Mr David Curry].

2 Education and Employment,—(1) Fourth Report from the Education and Employment Committee [Employability and Jobs: Is there a Jobs Gap?], 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. 60]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Employability and Jobs: Is there a Jobs Gap?]

[Mr Derek Foster].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Planning Inspectorate and Public Inquiries]; to be printed [No. 364-iii]

[Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Weapons of Mass Destruction]; to be printed [No. 407-ii] [Mr Donald Anderson].

5 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Work of the Criminal Cases Review Commission]; to be printed [No. 429-ii] [Mr Robin Corbett].

6 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [After Seattle—The World Trade Organisation and Developing Countries]; to be printed [No. 227-v] [Ann Clwyd].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Sixteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xvi] [Mr David Tredinnick].

8 Trade and Industry,—(1) Eighth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [BMW, Rover and Longbridge], together with Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 383]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [UK Space Policy]; to be printed [No. 335-ii]

[Mr Martin O’Neill].

9 Treasury,—Fifth Report from the Treasury Committee [The 2000 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. 379] [Mr Giles Radice].

10 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Third Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Responses of the Government, the National Assembly for Wales and the Audit Commission to the Sixth Report of the Committee, Session 1998-99, on Denbighshire County Council’s Funding Legacy]; to be printed [No. 426]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Social Exclusion in Wales]; to be printed [No. 365-ii]

[Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 81; WH, No. 48.]

Tuesday 11th April 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Clelland.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.57 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 19th April.

2 Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Bill.—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows: A Bill to require the Secretary of State to publish and implement a strategy for reducing fuel poverty; to require the setting of targets for the implementation of that strategy; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 9th June; and to be printed [Bill 112].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 432].

3 European Standing Committee C.—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 5761/00, a White Paper on Food Safety in the European Union, and supports the Government’s view that consumer concerns and the complexity of current arrangements demand urgent action to develop a coherent EU policy for the foodstuffs sector: to this end, welcomes the establishment of a European Food Authority; and notes the Government’s commitment to identifying the most appropriate terms and structure for such an Authority with the objective of improving and enhancing food and safety and associated EU regulatory process.

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

4 Registered Fair Rents.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Rent Act 1977 to limit the maximum fair rent registrable in respect of regulated tenancies: And that Mr Adrian Sanders, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Michael Portillo, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Andrew Love, Dr Jenny Tonge and Dr Vincent Cable do prepare and bring it in.

5 Registered Fair Rents Bill.—Mr Adrian Sanders accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Rent Act 1977 to limit the maximum fair rent registrable in respect of regulated tenancies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th April and to be printed [Bill 111].

6 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. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Future of Sub-Post Offices.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government’s failure to provide a coherent strategy for the future of sub-post offices; expresses concern that nearly a year has elapsed without any solutions to the problems created by the arbitrary announcement to withdraw income from community post offices in return for the payment of benefits; believes that the acceleration of post office closures in 1999–2000 will continue as a result of the Government’s policies; applauds the determination of the last Conservative Government to maintain a national network of post offices; supports the computerisation project started by the last Conservative Government to tackle fraud and improve technology available in post offices without cutting their income; calls upon the Government to recognise the social value of post offices to local communities; and now requires the Government, as a matter of urgency, to identify new income streams for sub-post offices in the future and to end the confusion for benefits recipients about the future payment arrangements at local level—(Mrs Angela Browning);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the fact that the Government is committed to a national post office network and is taking steps to secure this; welcomes the Government’s moves to plan the introduction of automated credit transfer; welcomes the Postal Services Bill which will enable the Post Office to modernise, so building up new business for the network; welcomes the investment of £500 million to ensure the network is computerised, so enabling a successful and modern network to
emerge; welcomes the Government’s introduction for the first time of criteria for access to Post Office services; welcomes the commitment to give benefit recipients the choice of having benefits paid in cash via a post office even after the switch to automated credit transfer is complete in 2005; and applauds the work of the sub-postmasters and postmistresses and condemns those who make their lives harder by talking down the network’. instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Byers.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Keith Simpson: 139.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Clive Betts: 364.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Greg Pope: 310.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Keith Simpson: 167.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the fact that the Government is committed to a national post office network and is taking steps to secure this; welcomes the Government’s moves to plan the introduction of automated credit transfer; welcomes the Postal Services Bill which will enable the Post Office to modernise, so building up new business for the network, welcomes the investment of £500 million to ensure the network is computerised, so enabling a successful and modern network to emerge; welcomes the Government’s introduction for the first time of criteria for access to Post Office services; welcomes the commitment to give benefit recipients the choice of having benefits paid in cash via a post office even after the switch to automated credit transfer is complete in 2005; and applauds the work of the sub-postmasters and postmistresses and condemns those who make their lives harder by talking down the network.

Asylum Seekers.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that the United Kingdom should continue to offer a safe haven to genuine refugees in fear of persecution; is concerned that the right to claim asylum in the United Kingdom is at present subject to widespread abuse; believes that the large proportion of unfounded asylum claims harms the interests of genuine refugees who are fleeing from persecution; notes that in 1999 there were over 71,000 claims for asylum in the United Kingdom, compared with fewer than 30,000 in 1996; further notes that the backlog of unprocessed applications stands at over 103,000, double the levels of 1997; further notes that the vast majority of asylum applicants are refused and are neither granted asylum nor exceptional leave to remain; further notes that fewer than 8,000 failed asylum seekers leave the United Kingdom annually as a result of Government action; deplores the ‘soft touch’ message sent out by the Government and condemns the Government for its failure to address the root causes of the present crisis; supports the abolition of cash benefits for asylum seekers but deplores the Government’s incoherent and ineffective attempts to implement new arrangements for their support and the continued burden on local authorities, and calls on the Government to implement common sense solutions, including the increased use of detention and more removals of failed asylum seekers, to discourage bogus applications and address the current crisis, which is causing great concern to the people of the United Kingdom—(Mr David Lidington);

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 ‘approves the Government’s comprehensive, integrated strategy to modernise the immigration and asylum system to make it fairer, faster and firmer; welcomes the provisions of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 which will overhaul the inadequate legislative framework created by the previous Government and will replace the chaotic asylum support arrangements introduced in 1996 which have imposed an intolerable burden on local authorities; is astonished that the Official Opposition voted in the other place to restore cash benefits to asylum seekers at a cost of £500 million per year; approves the measures being taken to tackle the smugglers and traffickers who profit from illegal immigration; approves the new civil penalty for drivers and others who bring illegal immigrants to this country concealed in their vehicles; welcomes the substantial additional investment that the Government is making to increase the volume and speed of asylum decisions; congratulates the staff of the Immigration and Nationality Directorate on achieving record numbers of asylum decisions; and supports the Government’s commitment to protecting genuine refugees
while dealing firmly with those who seek to evade the control’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Straw.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mrs Eleanor Laing: 134.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 351.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 312.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Keith Simpson: 169.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House approves the Government’s comprehensive, integrated strategy to modernise the immigration and asylum system to make it fairer, faster and firmer; welcomes the provisions of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 which will overhaul the inadequate legislative framework created by the previous Government and will replace the chaotic asylum support arrangements introduced in 1996 which have imposed an intolerable burden on local authorities; is astonished that the Official Opposition voted in the other place to restore cash benefits to asylum seekers at a cost of £500 million per year; approves the measures being taken to tackle the smugglers and traffickers who profit from illegal immigration; approves the new civil penalty for drivers and others who bring illegal immigrants to this country concealed in their vehicles; welcomes the substantial additional investment that the Government is making to increase the volume and speed of asylum decisions; congratulates the staff of the Immigration and Nationality Directorate on achieving record numbers of asylum decisions; and supports the Government’s commitment to protecting genuine refugees while dealing firmly with those who seek to evade the control.

7 Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 30th March, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Graham Allen: 323.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Keith Simpson: 125.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Immigration (Leave to Enter and Remain) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 30th March, be approved.

8 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Mrs Thelma Budd and other members of Teignmouth Townswomen’s Guild against the Government’s plans for automated credit transfer at village post offices was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Allen.)

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 Affirmative Resolution:

1. Countryside Agency,—Draft Development Commission (Dissolution) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:


3. Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the British Potato Council for the year ended 30th June 1999 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

4. Miscellaneous (No. 8, 2000),—Amendment, adopted at Geneva on 24th September 1999, to Article 9(3) of the Convention establishing the World Intellectual Property Organization, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4669] [Mr Secretary Cook].

5. Miscellaneous (No. 9, 2000),—Joint Convention, adopted at Vienna on 5th September 1997, on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4672] [Mr Secretary Cook].

6. Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the Petition [9th February] from residents of Hardwicke and Haresfield against the building of new houses on agricultural land at Colethrop Farm, Haresfield [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

7. Treaty Series (No. 39, 2000),—Second Optional Protocol, adopted at New York on 15th December 1989, to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the abolition of the Death Penalty [by Command] [Cm. 4676] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords]:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Mrs Marion Roe and Mr Bill Olner Chairmen; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Tony Colman, Mrs Linda Giltroy, Dr Kim Howells, Helen Jones, Mr Paul Keetch, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Richard Page, Mr Owen Paterson, Ms Linda Perham, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Alan Simpson, Miss Geraldine Smith, Mr Andrew Stunell and Mr Brian White.

2. Recycled Content of Newsprint Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

3. Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) Bill:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E, and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Janet Anderson, Norman Baker, Mr Kevin Barron, Miss Anne Beeg, Mr Russell Brown, Mr Harry Cohen, Jim Dowd, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Andrew George, Mr John Greenway, Mr John Grogan, Dr Brian Iddon, Shona McIsaac, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr John Randall, Mr David Tredinnick, Mr Robert N. Wearing and Mr David Winnick.

4. Draft Youth Justice Board for England and Wales Order 2000:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr John Burnett, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Tony Clarke, Ann Clwyd, Mr Jim Dobbin, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Tom Levitt, Mr David Lidington, Mr George Mudie, Mr Lembit Opik, Mr Phil Sawford and Mr David Wilshire.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bowen Wells Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Mr Clive Betts, Mr James Clappison, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Keith Darvill, Mr Jeff Ennis, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Ivan Henderson, Glenda Jackson, Ms Jenny Jones, Estelle Morris, Mr Lawrie Quinn, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr David Ruffley, Mr John Townend and Ms Claire Ward.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Lessons of Kosovo]; to be printed [No. 347-iii] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Higher Education]; to be printed [No. 400-iii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Proposed Urban White Paper]; to be printed [No. 185-vi] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Funding of London Underground]; to be printed [No. 411-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

4 European Scrutiny,—Fourteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xiv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Public Expenditure—Inward Investment in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 198-v] [Mr Peter Brooke].

6 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Inland Revenue/EDS Strategic Partnership: Award of New Work]; to be printed [No. 431-i] [Mr David Davis].

7 Public Administration,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Participation]; to be printed [No. 79-x]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Inherited SERPS and the Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration]; to be printed [No. 433-i] [Dr Tony Wright].

8 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Cancer Research—A Fresh Look]; to be printed [No. 332-iii] [Dr Lynne Jones].

9 Social Security,—(1) Third Report from the Social Security Committee [Medical Services], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 183];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Housing Benefit]; to be printed [No. 385-iii]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Medical Services] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 82; WH, No. 49.]

Wednesday 12th April 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Jamieson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.52 p.m.]
Thursday 13th April 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 4th May.

2 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 4th May.

3 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medway Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 4th May.

4 Liaison,—Mr Robert Sheldon reported, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee), That the Liaison Committee had directed him to report that it had chosen the Fourth Report of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 1999–2000, on the Work of the Health and Safety Executive (House of Commons Paper No. 31–I), and the first Report from the Health Committee, Session 1999–2000, on the Cost and Availability of Generic Drugs to the NHS (House of Commons Paper No. 105), to be debated on Wednesday 17th May, pursuant to Standing Order No. 10 (Wednesday sittings), and the Order of 24th May 1999, in the last Session of Parliament, relating to sittings in Westminster Hall.

5 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of the state of agriculture in Northern Ireland, referred to it on 3rd April, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 324].

6 Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill,—The Order for reading the Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill a second time on Friday 5th May was read and discharged.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th May.

7 Licensing (Cannabis) Bill,—Paul Flynn presented a Bill to allow the supply and consumption of cannabis and cannabis resin on licensed premises: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th June and to be printed [Bill 113].

8 Adjournment (Armed Forces Personnel),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr David Clelland);

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

9 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Prestonville Community Association for the protection of allotment land and wildlife areas in urban environments 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 Graham Allen.)

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 Negative Resolution:

1 Environmental Protection,—Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1043), dated 12th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Youth Justice Board for England and Wales Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tony Clarke and Mr Jim Dobbin from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Frank Field and Mr Gwyn Prosser.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Cultural Property: Return and Illicit Trade]; to be printed [No. 371-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Provision of NHS Mental Health Services]; to be printed [No. 373-iv] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

[No. 83; WH, No. 50.]

Thursday 13th April 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Opportunities for Disabled People).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Graham Allen.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 17th April.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Freedom of Religious Worship (Armed Forces) Bill,—The Order for reading the Freedom of Religious Worship (Armed Forces) Bill a second time on Friday 5th May was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

2 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Janet, Gordon and William Holley in support of a mandatory 30 m.p.h. speed limit in villages was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

3 Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions)—(Mr Andrew Dismore)—brought up, and read the first time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;

Mrs Ann Winterton rose in her place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Edward Leigh, The Reverend Martin Smyth: 96.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Joe Ashton, Dr Jenny Tonge: 10.

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. 37 (Majority for closure or for proposal of question).

Question again proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;

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

Debate to be resumed on Friday 5th May.

4 Public House Names Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public House Names Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th May.

5 Scottish Adjacent Waters Boundaries (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scottish Adjacent Waters Boundaries (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

6 Control of Hedgerows in Residential Areas Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Control of Hedgerows in Residential Areas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th May.

7 Zoo Licensing (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Zoo Licensing (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th May.

8 Retail Packaging Recycling Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Retail Packaging Recycling Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

9 Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

10 Road Traffic Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 5th May.
Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Mr Richard Page be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr Edward Leigh be added to the Committee.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 17th April.

[Adjourned at 3.01 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Health and Safety.—Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1059), dated 13th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

2 London Government,—(1) GLA Roads (Supplementary Provisions) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1064), dated 14th April 2000, and


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

3 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Report by the Secretary of State for Health on Research and Development Work on Equipment for Disabled People, 1998 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 Treaty Series (No. 40, 2000),—Agreement, done at London on 11th February 1997, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Colombia concerning Mutual Assistance in Relation to Criminal Matters [by Command] [Cm. 4682] [Mr Secretary Cook].

5 Treaty Series (No. 41, 2000),—Agreement, done at Singapore on 12th February 1997, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Singapore for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and Capital Gains, with Exchange of Notes [by Command] [Cm. 4683] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Youth Justice Board for England and Wales Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Phil Sawford from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Allan Rogers.
PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jimmy Hood reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Youth Justice Board for England and Wales Order 2000.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bowen Wells reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 61) on Special Grants for School Standards, Support of School Budgets and Costs of Transitional Funding (House of Commons Paper No. 399).

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

3 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 its 558 pages impose more complex regulations, introduce further taxes and fail to reverse the increasing burdens of taxation on families, on homeowners, on motorists, on consumers, on savers and on businesses’, instead thereof.—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Atkinson: 136.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Jamieson: 342.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (Amendment on second or third reading):— It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Ordered, That—

(1) Clauses Nos. 1, 12, 30, 31, 59, 102 and 113 be committed to a Committee of the whole House;

(2) The remainder of the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee;

(3) When the provisions of the Bill considered, respectively, by the Committee of the whole House and by the Standing Committee have been reported to the House, the Bill be proceeded with as if the Bill had been reported as a whole to the House from the Standing Committee—(Dawn Primarolo)—It was agreed to.

Committee to-morrow.

4 White Paper on Food Safety,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 5761/00, a White Paper on Food Safety in the European Union, and supports the Government’s view that consumer concerns and the complexity of current arrangements demand urgent action to develop a coherent EU policy for the foodstuffs sector; to this end, welcomes the establishment of a European Food Authority; and notes the Government’s commitment to identifying the most appropriate terms and structure for such an Authority with the objective of improving and enhancing food safety and the associated EU regulatory process—(Jim Dowd); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Jamieson: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Atkinson: 170.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 5761/00, a White Paper on Food Safety in the European Union; and supports the Government’s view that consumer concerns and the complexity of current arrangements demand urgent action to develop a coherent EU policy for the foodstuffs sector; to this end, welcomes the establishment of a European Food Authority; and notes the Government’s commitment to identifying the most appropriate terms and structure for such an Authority with the objective of improving and enhancing food safety and the associated EU regulatory process.

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.55 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Local Government,—(1) Local Authorities (Capital Finance, Approved Investments and Contracts) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1033), and
(2) Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1027), dated 10th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 London Government,—(1) Greater London Authority (Limitation of Salaries) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1032), dated 10th April 2000, and
(2) Transport for London (Preliminary Arrangements) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1045), dated 13th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Medicines,—Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1070), dated 14th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 Osteopaths,—General Osteopathic Council (Restoration to the Register of Conditionally Registered Osteopaths) Rules Order of Council 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1037), dated 13th April 2000 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

5 Taxes,—Petroleum Revenue Tax (Nomination Scheme for Disposals and Appropriations) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1072), dated 14th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

Other Papers:

6 Culture, Media and Sport,—Department of Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 17th April 2000, concerning the proposed gifting of the freeholds of 24 Brooklands Avenue, Cambridge and Shelley House, Acomb Road, York to the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (English Heritage) [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

7 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Hip replacements: Getting it right first time [by Act]; to be printed [No. 417] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 61) on Special Grants for School Standards, Support of School Budgets and Costs of Transitional Funding (House of Commons Paper No. 399).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Geoffrey Robinson from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report), and nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Dismore.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Higher Education]; to be printed [No. 400-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman].
2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Funding of London Underground]; to be printed [No. 411-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

3 Public Accounts,—(1) Sixteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Vehicle Emissions Testing]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 189]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Courts Funds Office—Funds in Court: Unclaimed Balances: Public Trust Office Accounts 1998-99]; to be printed [No. 439-i]
   [Mr David Davis].

4 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Social Exclusion in Wales]; to be printed [No. 365-iii] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 86.]

Tuesday 18th April 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 2nd May.

2 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill,
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 2nd May.

3 Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords].—Mrs Marion Roe reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords], and directed her 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. 446]

4 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to consolidate certain enactments relating to the powers of courts to deal with offenders and defaulters and to the treatment of such persons, with amendments to give effect to recommendations of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Bill [Lords].—The Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 115].

6 Halogen Lamp Regulation (Motor Vehicles) Bill,—The Order for reading the Halogen Lamp Regulation (Motor Vehicles) Bill a second time on Friday 12th May was read and discharged.

7 Marine Wildlife Protection Bill,—Ordered, That the Marine Wildlife Protection Bill be read a second time on Friday 9th June.

8 Corporate Homicide,—Ordered, That leave to given to bring in a Bill to create a new offence of corporate killing to replace the offence of manslaughter in certain cases where death is caused without the intention of causing death or serious injury: And that Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Matin Salter, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Michael Clapham, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Lawrie Quinn, Ms Claire Ward, Mr Iain Coleman, Mr Stephen Pound and Siobhain McDonagh do prepare and bring it in.

9 Corporate Homicide Bill,—Mr Andrew Dismore accordingly presented a Bill to create a new offence of corporate killing to replace the offence of manslaughter in certain cases where death is caused without the intention of causing death or serious injury: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 5th May and to be printed [Bill 114].
Postal Services Bill [Money] (No. 2),—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Postal Services Bill [Money] (No. 2):

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Postal Services Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred in consequence of the Act by the body to be known as the Postal Services Commission.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

Postal Services Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Postal Services Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Subsidy for public post offices)—(Mr Secretary Byers)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Recovery of costs of the Council etc.)—(Mr Alan Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Application of customs and excise enactments to certain postal packets)—(Mr Alan Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to detain postal packets containing contraband)—(Mr Secretary Byers)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 60) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 36, to leave out ‘£1’ and to insert ‘50p’.—(Mr Richard Page.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 30 to 33, 1 to 9, 34, 10, 11, 35, 12 to 18, 79 to 81, 36 to 38 and 19 to 22) made to the Bill.

And it being Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Postal Services Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Clive Betts):—It was agreed to.

Postal Services Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Postal Services Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 75) proposed to the Bill, in page 62, line 16, at the end to insert the words ‘and—

(c) make provision for any person to seek and secure any reasonable correction in their details.’—(Mr Richard Page.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 39 to 42, 82, and 44 to 47) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Transfer to the Post Office Company: Tax)—(Mr Clive Betts)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 48, 83, 84, 23 to 28, 85, 49, 29, 50 to 53, 86, 87, 54 and 88) made to the Bill.

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

Mr Secretary Byers, 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.

Criminal Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Youth Justice Board for England and Wales Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 3rd April, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts):—It was agreed to.

Local Government Finance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 61) on Special Grants for School Standards, Support of School Budgets and Costs of Transitional
Funding (House of Commons Paper No. 399), which was laid before this House on 6th April, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts)—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table.

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Clean Air,—Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000, No. 1077), dated 17th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Education,—(1) Education (School Performance Information) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1089), and

(2) Financing of Maintained Schools (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1090),

dated 17th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers

3 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Grants Paid to Irish Sport Horse Genetic Testing Unit Ltd; Road Service: Bridge Assessment and Strengthening Programme—A Progress Report; and Health and Personal Social Services: Executive Directors’ and Senior Managers’ Pay [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 396] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

4 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the merger situation between Vivendi SA and British Sky Broadcasting Group plc [by Command] [Cm. 4691] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 Development of Tourism,—Statement of the salaries payable to the Chairman and members of the Board of the British Tourist Authority [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

6 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Buying Agency for 1999, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 405] [Clerk of the House].

7 Modernising Government,—Paper, entitled Modernising Government in Action: Realising the Benefits of Y2K [by Command] [Cm. 4703] [Margaret Beckett].

8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [10th January] from Simon Dolby of the East Kent Gazette and Irene Stock calling for greater protection for the elderly from untrained or unsuitable care workers [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9 Regulatory Reform,—Paper, entitled Publication of the draft Regulatory Reform Bill, with the Government’s response to the consultation exercise on proposed amendments to section 5 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 4713] [Marjorie Mowlam].

10 Treasury Executive Agencies,—National Savings Product Accounts for 1998–99, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 418] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Cultural Property: Return and Illicit Trade]; to be printed [No. 371-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Travelling Fairs; The Planning Inspectorate and Public Inquiries]; to be printed [Nos. 284-iii and 364-iv]; and
Tuesday 18th April 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.59 p.m.]

Wednesday 19th April 2000.

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 3rd May.

2 Recycled Content of Newsprint Bill.—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Recycled Content of Newsprint Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered upon Friday 5th May; and to be printed [Bill 118].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 448].
3 School Admissions (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Paul Burstow, supported by Mr Tom Brake, Mr Edward Davey, Dr Jenny Tonge, Mr Simon Hughes and Dr Vincent Cable presented a Bill to amend the law relating to school admission arrangements for maintained schools to allow admission authorities to give precedence to pupils seeking admission who live within the area of the local education authority; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 5th May and to be printed [Bill 116].

4 Concessionary Parking Scheme (Extension).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require local authorities to extend concessionary parking arrangements available to disabled people to health and social services professionals on duty: And that Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Ian Taylor, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Howard Flight, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr David Prior, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Mr Desmond Swayne, Dr Julian Lewis and Mr John Bercow do prepare and bring it in.

5 Concessionary Parking Scheme (Extension) Bill.—Mr Christopher Fraser accordingly presented a Bill to require local authorities to extend concessionary parking arrangements available to disabled people to health and social services professionals on duty: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 117].

6 Utilities Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Utilities Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be re-committed to the former Committee—(Mrs Angela Browning).

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. 74 (Re-commital of bill).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Keith Simpson: 137.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 282.

So the Question was negatived.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the Bill.

A Clause (Interpretation)—(Mrs Helen Liddell)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Sources of electricity generation)—(Mr Nick Gibb)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 22) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 15, to leave out the words 'wherever appropriate'.—(Mr Nick Gibb.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 2, after the word 'Parliament', to insert the words 'together with an impact assessment of the extent to which any additional costs incurred by the Authority, Council or licence holders consequent on implementing the guidance will be passed on to consumers', instead thereof.—(Mr Nick Gibb.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 28) proposed to the Bill, in page 48, line 36, at the end, to insert the words—
“(c) to facilitate the development of embedded generation;

(d) to support the achievement of the Government’s national renewable energy targets by facilitating small-scale renewable generation through net metering.”—(Mr Andrew Stunell)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Heath, Dr Jenny Tonge: 31.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Tony McNulty: 261.

Another Amendment (No. 26) proposed to the Bill, in page 54, line 46, at the end, to insert the words—

“(9) No penalty fixed by the Authority under this section may exceed 5 per cent. of the turnover of the licence holder (determined in accordance with such provisions as may be specified in an order made by the Secretary of State).”—(Mr Nick Gibb.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 60, to leave out lines 37 to 40.—(Mr Greg Pope.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mrs Anne McGuire: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr David Heath: 30.

Another Amendment (No. 4) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Clause No. 107 be transferred to the end of line 29 on page 76.—(Mr Greg Pope.)

Another Amendment (No. 6) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Clause No. 108 be transferred to the end of line 7 on page 36.—(Mr Greg Pope.)

Other Amendments (Nos. 8 to 10) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 39) proposed to the Bill, in page 117, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—

“(2A) The Council shall maintain staff in each region for which there is a Government Office for the Regions.”—(Mr Jim Cousins.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 11 to 21) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to provide for the establishment and functions of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, and the Gas and Electricity Consumer Council; to amend the legislation regulating the gas and electricity industries; and for connected purposes.

The Bill was read the third time and passed.

7 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Shropshire and Mid Wales for fair and equitable access to infertility treatment was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

8 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

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 Affirmative Resolution:

1 London Government,—Draft Greater London Authority (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—(1) Education (Student Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1120), and (2) Education (Student Support) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1121), dated 18th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Family Law,—Divorce etc. (Pensions) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1123), dated 14th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Blunkett].


6 Legal Profession,—European Communities (Lawyer’s Practice) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1119), dated 5th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Blunkett].

7 London Government,—(1) Greater London Authority Act 1999 (Commencement No. 6 and Preliminary Arrangements for the Metropolitan Police Authority) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1095), dated 16th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw]; and (2) Woolwich Ferry Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1044), dated 12th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


9 Sea Fisheries,—Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Conservation Measures) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1081), dated 14th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

10 Social Security,—(1) Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No.1091), and (2) Social Security (National Insurance Number Information: Exemption) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1082), dated 17th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

11 Cabinet Office Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of— (1) The Occupational Health and Safety Agency for 1st April–18th September 1996, and
(2) Recruitment and Assessment Services for 1st April–30th September 1996 with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 249 and 250] [Marjorie Mowlam].

12 Environment, Transport and the Regions.—Government Response to the Third Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee on The Proposed Public-Private Partnership for National Air Traffic Services Limited [by Command] [Cm. 4702] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

13 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Financial Management of the European Union, and
   (2) Managing reductions in the number of vacant family quarters [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 437 and 435] [Clerk of the House].

14 Ombudsman (Northern Ireland).—Report of the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints for 1999–2000 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 436] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Local Government Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Mrs Ray Michie and Mr Bill O’Brien Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Hilary Armstrong, Mr Peter Atkinson, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr David Curry, Mrs Janet Dean, Mr Don Foster, Mr Patrick Hall, Mr David Hanson, Ms Beverley Hughes, Mr Brian Jenkins, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Tim Loughton, Ms Margaret Moran, Ms Julie Morgan, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Phil Sawford, Mr Neil Turner, Mr Stephen Twigg and Mr Nigel Waterson.

2 Finance Bill (except Clauses 1, 12, 30, 31, 59, 102 and 113):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee H, and has appointed Mr Frank Cook and Dr Michael Clark Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated thirty-eight Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Norman Baker, Mr Harold Best, Mr John Burnett, Mr Roger Casale, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Tony Colman, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr David Faber, Mr Howard Flight, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr John Healey, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, Mr Michael Jack, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Mr Christopher Leslie, Mr Oliver Letwin, Judy Mallaber, Kali Mountford, Mr Richard Ottaway, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Bill Rammell, Joan Ryan, Mr Nick St. Aubyn, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Bill Tynan, Mr Andrew Tyrie and Ms Rosie Winterton.

3 Draft Development Commission (Dissolution) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr John Burnett, Mr Denzil Davies, Mr Damian Green, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Mr John McDonnell, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Lembit Opik, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr John Smith, Mr Peter Snape, Dr Gavin Strang and Mr David Wilshire.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—(1) Sixth Report from the Defence Committee [The MoD Chief Scientific Adviser], 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. 318];
   (2) Seventh Report from the Committee [Gulf Veterans’ Illnesses], 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. 125];
   (3) Eighth Report from the Committee [European Security and Defence], 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. 264].

(5) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Iraqi No Fly Zones]; to be printed [No. 453-i]; and 

(6) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 29th March [Lessons of Kosovo]; to be printed [No. 347-iii] 

[Mr Bruce George].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Proposed Urban White Paper]; to be printed [No. 185-vii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; and 

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Road Safety]; to be printed [No. 449-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

3 European Scrutiny,—Fifteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 International Development,—Fifth Report from the International Development Committee [Mozambique], 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. 326] [Mr Bowen Wells].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Third Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Northern Ireland Office 2000 Departmental Report]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 450]; and 

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Public Expenditure—Inward Investment in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 198-vi] 

[Mr Peter Brooke].

6 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [The Report of the Commissioner for Public Appointments on Public Appointments to NHS Trusts and Health Authorities]; to be printed [No. 410-ii] [Dr Tony Wright].

7 Science and Technology,—First Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee on Engineering and Physical Sciences Based Innovation]; to be printed [No. 451] [Dr Michael Clark].

[No. 87; WH, No. 52.]

Wednesday 19th April 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 2nd May.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 88.]

Thursday 20th April 2000.

The House met at half-past Nine o’clock, pursuant to Order [23rd March].

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—Ordered, That the Mersey Tunnels Bill be read a second time on Thursday 4th May.

2 Contingencies Fund 1998–99,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 1998–99, showing—

(1) the receipts and payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 1999.

(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 Don Touhig.)
3 School Crossings (Amendment) Bill.—Ordered, That the School Crossings (Amendment) Bill be read a second time on Friday 9th June.

4 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, pursuant to Order [23rd March], That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Don Touhig);
   And the Question being proposed;
   And it being Eleven o’clock, the Speaker interrupted the proceedings to permit a Ministerial statement to be made;
   And the Question being again proposed;
   And it being half-past Twelve o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

5 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from people in London for aid to be directed to education for child labourers was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

6 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Tony McNulty);
   And it being One o’clock, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, till Tuesday 2nd May, pursuant to Orders [1st and 23rd March].
   [Adjourned at 1 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation.—Air Navigation (Cosmic Radiation) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1104), dated 19th April 2000 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

2 Education.—Education (National Curriculum) (Exceptions at Key Stage 4) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1140), dated 19th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

3 Contingencies Fund, 1998–99.—Accounts of the Contingencies Fund for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 438] [Mr Stephen Timms].

4 Treaty Series (No. 42, 2000).—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 31st January 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Italian Republic extending the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters to the Isle of Man [by Command] [Cm. 4684] [Mr Secretary Cook].

5 Treaty Series (No. 43, 2000).—Partnership and Co-operation Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 22nd April 1996, between the European Communities and their Member States of the one part, and Georgia of the other part, with Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 4685] [Mr Secretary Cook].

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 Mr Clifford Forsythe, Member for South Antrim. I am sure that Members on all sides of the House will join me in mourning the loss of a colleague and in extending our sympathy to the honourable Member’s family and friends.

2 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords]:
   Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 9th May.

3 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 9th May.

4 Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments therunto.
   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 121].
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 460].

5 Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) Bill.—Mr Eric Illsley reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) 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. 459].

6 Welsh Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales)), That the matter of the Welsh Economy be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration—(Mr Graham Allen)—It was agreed to.

7 Renewable Energy.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Government to draw up a strategy for promoting non-convergent renewable energy technologies: And that Joan Walley, Frank Cook, Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West), Mr Tony Colman, Mrs Helen Brinton and Valerie Davey do prepare and bring it in.

8 Renewable Energy Bill.—Joan Walley accordingly presented a Bill to require the Government to draw up a strategy for promoting non-convergent renewable energy technologies: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 120].

9 Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 1, 12, 30, 31, 59, 102 and 113).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 1, 12, 30, 31, 59, 102 and 113).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Rate of duty on beer).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 19, at the end, to add the words ‘but shall cease to have effect on 1st August 2000 unless the Treasury has published an independent report setting out the effect of the present alcohol liquor duties on smuggling.’—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Atkinson: 113.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mrs Anne McGuire: 309.
The Chairman, being of the opinion that the principle of the Clause and any matters arising thereon had been adequately discussed in the course of debate on the Amendment proposed thereto, put forthwith the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 68 (Debate on clause or schedule standing part), That the Clause stand part of the Bill.—It was agreed to.

Clause No. 12 agreed to.
Clause No. 30 (Climate change levy).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Dowd, Mr Mike Hall: 309.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Atkinson: 122.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mrs Anne McGuire reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that she was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.

10 Welsh Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 108 (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings)), That the Welsh Grand Committee shall meet on Tuesday 16th May at half past Ten o’clock and between Four o’clock and Six o’clock at Westminster to take questions under Standing Order No. 103 (Welsh Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)), and to consider the Welsh Economy, under Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales))—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—It was agreed to.

11 Adjournment (Whitsun).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Thursday 25th May, do adjourn till Monday 5th June 2000—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—It was agreed to.

12 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 25th May, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until she shall have notified the Royal Assent to Acts agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

13 Business of the House.—Ordered, That on Thursday 25th May there shall be no sitting in Westminster Hall.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

14 National Health Service.—Ordered, That the National Health Service (Pension Scheme and Compensation for Premature Retirement) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

15 County Courts.—Ordered, That the County Court Fees (Amendment No. 2) Order 2000 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

16 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mrs Anne McGuire);

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

[Adjourned at 10.47 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

Wednesday 26th April 2000

1 Treaty Series (No. 44, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Copenhagen on 15th December 1999 and 25th February 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Denmark extending the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters to the Isle of Man [Cm. 4689] [Mr Secretary Cook].

2 Treaty Series (No. 45, 2000),—Protocol done at Montreal on 30th September 1977, on the Authentic Quadrilingual Text of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago) 1944 [Cm. 4692] [Mr Secretary Cook].
Thursday 27th April 2000

3 Treaty Series (No. 46, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Kiev on 28th and 29th July 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ukraine concerning the bilateral treaties which were in force between the United Kingdom and the USSR to which the Ukraine has succeeded [Cm. 4694] [Mr Secretary Cook].

4 Treaty Series (No. 47, 2000),—Partnership and Co-operation Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 22nd April 1996, between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Armenia, of the other part with Final Act [Cm. 4697] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Friday 28th April 2000

5 Transport Series (No. 20, 2000),—Amendments to Articles 5, 10 and Annex 1 of the Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP) 1970 [Cm. 4716] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 Treaty Series (No. 89, 1999),—Index to Treaty Series 1999 [Cm. 4690] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Wednesday 26th April 2000


8 Income Tax,—(1) Income Tax (Employments) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1152), and


Thursday 27th April 2000

11 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Greater London Authority etc.) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1164), dated 26th April 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 2nd May 2000:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


14 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statutes:—

   (1) dated 4th November 1999,

   (2) dated 18th November 1999, and

   (3) dated 1st December 1999,

   made by the University of Oxford, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

15 Ancient Monuments,—Report of the Ancient Monuments Board for Scotland for 1999 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 430] [Mr Secretary Reid].
16 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions Minute dated 2nd May 2000 concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for legal action in relation to a non-statutory public inquiry into the identification of victims in the Marchioness disaster conducted by the Rt Hon Lord Justice Clarke [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

17 Health,—Department of Health Minutes concerning contingent liabilities consequent upon indemnification for any legal action against members of independent inquiries conducted by:—
(1) Lord Laming of Tewin into issues arising from the case of Harold Shipman, and
(2) Mr Michael Redfern QC into issues arising from the case of the Royal Liverpool Children’s Hospital (Alder Hey)
[by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

18 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Managing Finances in English Further Education Colleges [by Act]; to be printed [No. 454] [Clerk of the House].

19 National Lottery,—Film Council Lottery Strategic Plan 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Development Commission (Dissolution) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter Snape from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Stewart.

[No. 89; WH, No. 53.]

Tuesday 2nd May 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr David Jamieson);

And it being One o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 1 p.m.]

[No. 90.]

Wednesday 3rd May 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 10th May.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Development Commission (Dissolution) Order 2000.

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

3 Children’s Rights Commissioner,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment of a children’s rights commissioner to promote the rights and interests of children in England; to make provision for the powers and duties of the commissioner; and for related purposes: And that Mr Hilton Dawson, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr David Drew, Mr Paul Burstow, Angela Smith, Mrs Betty Williams, Mr Mark Todd, Mr Ian Stewart, Mr Russell Brown, Ms Julie Morgan and Charlotte Atkins do prepare and bring it in.
4 Children’s Rights Commissioner Bill.—Mr Hilton Dawson accordingly presented the Bill to provide for the establishment of a children’s rights commissioner to promote the rights and interests of children in England; to make provision for the powers and duties of the commissioner; and for related purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th June and to be printed [Bill 119].

5 Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 1, 12, 30, 31, 59, 102 and 113).—The House, according to order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 1, 12, 30, 31, 59, 102 and 113).

(In the Committee)
Clause No. 31 (Charge and rates for 2000–01).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Mike Hall: 267.
Clause No. 59 (Provision of services through intermediary).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Don Touhig: 252.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Peter Luff: 147.
Clause No. 102 (Double taxation relief).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Graham Allen: 254.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Peter Luff: 123.
Clause No. 113 (Rates: conveyance or transfer on sale).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Clelland, Jim Dowd: 242.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Peter Luff: 50.
Bill (Clauses Nos. 1, 12, 30, 31, 59, 102 and 113) to be reported.
The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Graham Allen reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses Nos. 1, 12, 30, 31, 59, 102 and 113) and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
Ordered, That the Bill (Clauses Nos. 1, 12, 30, 31, 59, 102 and 113) do lie upon the Table.

6 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Allen.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes to Twelve o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 11.53 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:
1 Companies,—Draft Companies Act 1985 (Audit Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].
2 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
4 Patents,—Patents (Convention Countries) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1114), dated 19th April 2000 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

5 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events,—(1) Football Spectators (Corresponding Offences in Belgium) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1108), and
   (2) Football Spectators (Corresponding Offences in the Netherlands) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1109), dated 19th April 2000 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

6 Telecommunications,—Conditional Access (Unauthorised Decoders) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1175), dated 27th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

7 National Loans,—Accounts relating to issues from the National Loans Fund for 1998-99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 461] [Clerk of the House].

8 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 1999–2000, on the Scientific Advisory System: Diabetes and Driving Licences [by Command] [Cm. 4723] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 National Health Service (Pension Scheme and Compensation for Premature Retirement) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 605):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Dr Ashok Kumar Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Dr Peter Brand, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Iain Coleman, Mr David Crausby, Mr John Denham, Mr Paul Goggins, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr David Jameson, Ms Oona King, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Bill Mica, Mr Owen Paterson, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Shaun Woodward and Mr Jimmy Wray.

2 County Court Fees (Amendment No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 939):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Andrew Welsh Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr John Burnett, Mr Paul Clark, Lorna Fitzsimons, Mrs Linda Gilroy, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Piara S. Khubra, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr David Lock, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Lembit Opik, Miss Geraldine Smith and Mr David Taylor.

3 Draft Development Commission (Dissolution) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Terry Rooney from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Phil Hope.

Grand Committees

4 The Speaker has appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meetings on Tuesday 16th May.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Food From Britain]; to be printed [No. 464];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Implications for UK Agriculture and EU Agricultural Policy of Trade Liberalisation and the WTO Round]; to be printed [No. 246-iv]; and
   (3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Food From Britain; Government Proposals for Organophosphate Sheep Dips; Regional Service Centres]
   [Mr David Curry].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Defence Evaluation and Research Agency]; to be printed [No. 462-i] [Mr Bruce George].
3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—(1) Sixth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Environment Agency], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34-I & -II]; and
   (2) Seventh Report from the Committee [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 [Nos. 32 and 32-vi] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Parades Commission]; to be printed [No. 463-i] [Mr Peter Brooke].

5 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Inherited SERPS and the Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration]; to be printed [No. 433-ii] [Dr Tony Wright].

6 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Cancer Research—A Fresh Look], to be printed [No. 332-iv] [Dr Michael Clark].

[No. 90; WH, No. 54.]

Wednesday 3rd May 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].
The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Clelland)
   And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.
   [Adjourned at 1.58 p.m.]

[No. 91.]

Thursday 4th May 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;
   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 11th May.

2 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 11th May.

3 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medway Council Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 11th May.

4 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 11th May.

5 Adjournment (Defence in the World),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Clive Betts);
   And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the Adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs Anne McGuire)
   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 Defence.—Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

2 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Draft National Minimum Wage (Increase in Development Rate for Young Workers) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Education.—Education (Induction Arrangements for School Teachers) (Amendment No. 2) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1177), dated 4th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

4 London Government.—(1) Railways (Alternative Closure Procedure) (Croydon Tramlink) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1144), and
   (2) Transport for London (Reserved Services) (Croydon Tramlink and Docklands Light Railway) Exception Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1143), dated 20th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Police.—National Police Records (Recordable Offences) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1139), dated 17th April 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Transport.—Railways (Inverness Station) (Exemptions) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1178), dated 3rd May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

7 Disability Discrimination.—Report of the National Disability Council for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 434] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 Environment, Transport and the Regions.—Government Response to the Report from the Standing Advisory Committee on Trunk Road Assessment (SACTRA), on Transport and the Economy [by Command] [Cm. 4711] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

9 Foreign Affairs.—Government Response to the Third Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Relations with the Russian Federation [by Command] [Cm. 4715] [Mr Secretary Cook].

10 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the Petition [29th March] from residents of Brill in Buckinghamshire against the installation of antennae in densely populated areas of Brill [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

11 School Standards and Framework.—Account of the Newham Education Action Zone for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 468] [Clerk of the House].

12 Treaty Series (No. 48, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Lomé on 27th April and 2nd November 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Togo concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Togo Debt Agreement No. 10 (1995) Amendment) [by Command] [Cm. 4700] [Mr Secretary Cook].

13 Treaty Series (No. 49, 2000),—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. 4701] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees, meeting concurrently pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 152 (Select Committees related to government departments) [Committees’ Inquiry into the Annual Reports on Strategic Export Controls]; to be printed [No. 467-i] [Mr Ted Rowlands; Ann Clwyd; Mr Martin O’Neill].
Thursday 4th May 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (A sporting future for all),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 9th May.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]

Friday 5th May 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Carers and Disabled Children Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Carers and Disabled Children Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Assessments: parents of disabled children)—(Mr John Hutton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Carers’ plan)—(Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West))—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 5, to leave out ‘16’ and to insert ‘14’.—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 11, after the word ‘assessment’ to insert the words ‘within 42 days’.—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

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

Amendment (No. 38) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 2, at the end to add the words ‘and “volunteer” means somebody who may receive out of pocket expenses but not paid remuneration in relation to caring responsibilities.’—(Mrs Sylvia Heal.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 39, 36, 29 to 34, and 40 to 47) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 27) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 45, to leave out Clause 7.—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 35) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 28) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 41, to leave out subsections (2) to (6).—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 Recycled Content of Newsprint Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Recycled Content of Newsprint Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Friday 12th May.
3 Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 14th April, on consideration of the Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions) be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 12th May.

4 Organic Food and Farming Targets Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Organic Food and Farming Targets Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

5 Public House Names Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public House Names Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th May.

6 Zoo Licensing (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Zoo Licensing (Amendment) Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th May.

7 Road Traffic Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th May.

8 Corporate Homicide Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Corporate Homicide Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th May.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 8th May.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Home Office,—Paper, entitled Inquiry into the Machinery for Determining Firefighters’ Conditions of Service [by Command] [Cm. 4699] [Mr Secretary Straw].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Dr Ashok Kumar reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the National Health Service (Pension Scheme and Compensation for Premature Retirement) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 605).

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

2 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill.—The House, according to order, proceeded to consider the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Delegation of Commissioners’ functions)—(Jane Kennedy)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

A Clause (Offences)—(Mr Oliver Heald)—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 Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr John Randall: 136.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Greg Pope: 317.

Another Clause (Technical approval board)—(Mr Oliver Heald)—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 Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 156.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Tony McNulty: 296.

Another Clause (Failure to comply with a notice to disclose a key to protected information)—(Mr Simon Hughes)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.


Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr David Jamieson: 293.

Amendment (No. 21) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 60) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 26, to leave out the words ‘the Secretary of State’ and to insert the words ‘a judge’, instead thereof.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 64, 22 to 25, 49 and 36) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 23, line 45, to leave out from the word ‘health’ to the end of line 3 on page 24.—(Mr Oliver Heald.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 59) proposed to the Bill, in page 31, line 39, to leave out subsection (4) and to insert the words—

'(4) In subsection (1) “relevant public authority” means any of the organisations listed in Schedule (Relevant public authorities).

(4A) The Secretary of State may by order add any other public authority to Schedule (Relevant public authorities).’—(Mr David Maclean.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 29 to 32, 40, 41, 65, 45 to 47, 66, 39, 67, 26, 37, 38, 68 to 83, 50, 84 to 86, 51, 52, 87, 53, 42, 43, 88, 54, 27, 28, 48, 44, 89, 90, 33, 35, 91 to 93, 34 and 35) 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.

3 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Clive Bettes)—It was agreed to.

4 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill,—The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill be now read the third time;
And the Question being again proposed;
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 agreeing with the Government’s intention to provide and regulate investigatory powers, declines to give a Third Reading to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill, because it fails to give crimefighters the powers they need, imposes unspecified and potentially costly burdens on Internet service providers without adequate protection against over-regulation and creates an offence repugnant to justice’, instead thereof.—(Mr Oliver Heald.)
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.
Tellors for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luff: 139.
Tellors for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mrs Anne McGuire: 330.
So the Question was negatived.

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

5 Countryside Agency,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Development Commission (Dissolution) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 12th April, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.

6 Education and Employment,—Ordered, That Mr John Hayes be discharged from the Education and Employment Committee, and Mr Patrick Nicholls be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

APPENDIX I
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—(1) Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Functions) Order 2000, and
(2) draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2000
[by Act [Mr Secretary Reid].

2 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Draft Code of Practice: Access to Workers During Recognition and Derecognition Ballots [by Act [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Agriculture,—Animal Feedingstuffs from Belgium (Control) (Revocation) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1233), dated 7th May 2000 [by Act [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 Food,—(1) Food (Animal Products from Belgium) (Emergency Control) (Revocation) (England and Wales) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1232), dated 7th May 2000, and
(2) Dairy Products (Hygiene) (Charges) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000
(S.I., 2000, No. 1209), dated 4th May 2000
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Insurance,—Insurance Companies (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1231),
dated 5th May 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

Other Papers:

6 Education and Employment,—Department of Education and Employment Minute, dated 8th
May 2000, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for costs
incurred to voluntary organisations unsuccessful in their application for funding from the
European Social Fund programme for 2000-06 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

7 Health,—Department of Health Minute concerning a contingent liability consequent upon
indemnification for any legal action against the chairman and members of the public
inquiry into the British Royal Infirmary [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Parole [by Act]; to be
printed [No. 456] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

National Health Service (Pension Scheme and Compensation for Premature Retirement)
Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 605),—The Committee of Selection has
discharged Ms Oona King and Mr Shaun Woodward from the First Standing Committee
on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in
substitution Mr Ian Pearson and Mr Peter Temple-Morris.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts
[Home Office: Compensating Victims of Violent Crime]; to be printed [No. 472-i] [Mr
David Davis].

2 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology
Committee [Cancer Research—A Fresh Look]; to be printed [No. 332-v] [Dr Michael
Clark].

3 Welsh Affairs.—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Responses of
the Government and the National Assembly for Wales to the First Report of the
Committee, Session 1999-2000, on European Structural Funds]; to be printed [No.
470]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Social Exclusion in Wales]; to
be printed [No. 365-iv] [Mr Martyn Jones].

Tuesday 9th May 2000.

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Third
Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 16th May.

2 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 16th May.

3 Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill,—Mr John Maxton reported from Standing
Committee G, That it had gone through the Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill, and
made Amendments thereunto.
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 123].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 478].

4 New Member Sworn,—Sandra Julia Gidley, Member for Romsey, was sworn.

5 Ethical Trading,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require retailers to apply the same standards when purchasing from other countries as they apply when purchasing within the United Kingdom: And that Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr James Gray and Mr David Prior do prepare and bring it in.

6 Ethical Trading Bill.—Mr Andrew Rowe accordingly presented a Bill to require retailers to apply the same standards when purchasing from other countries as they apply when purchasing within the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 122].

7 Transport Bill [Ways and Means] [No. 2].—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Transport Bill, it is expedient to authorise the imposition of charges to corporation tax by provisions relating to transfers connected with railways.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

8 Transport Bill (Programme).—Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to remaining proceedings on the Transport Bill:

**Timetable**

1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed in two allotted days.

2.—(1) Subject to the Speaker’s power to select the amendments, New Clauses or New Schedules to be proposed, proceedings on Consideration shall be taken in the following order: New Clauses 35, 36, 37, 26, 5 and 27; other New Clauses relating to Part I; amendments relating to Part I; New Clauses 6 and 14; other New Clauses relating to Part II; amendments relating to Part II; New Clauses 28 and 30; other New Clauses relating to Part III; amendments relating to Part IV; other amendments relating to Part IV; amendments relating to Clauses 227 to 229 and Schedule 26; New Clause 3; Remaining New Clauses; New Schedules; amendments relating to Clauses 230 to 237 and Schedule 27.

(2) Each part of proceedings on Consideration shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the case of that part in the following Table.

| TABLE |
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| **Procedures**      | **Time for conclusion of proceedings** |
| First allotted day  |                                      |
| New Clauses 35, 36, 37 and 26. | Four hours after commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order. |
| New Clauses 5 and 27; other New Clauses relating to Part I; amendments relating to Part I. | Five and a half hours after commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order. |
| New Clause 6. | Six and a half hours after commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order. |
| New Clause 14; other New Clauses relating to Part II; amendments up to the end of Clause 123. | Seven and a half hours after commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order. |
| Remaining Amendments to Part II. | Eight hours after commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order. |
| Second allotted day |                                      |
| New Clause 28. | One and a half hours after commencement of proceedings on the Bill. |
| New Clause 30; other New Clauses relating to Part III; amendments relating to Part III. | Three hours after commencement of proceedings on the Bill. |
| Amendment 420. | Four hours after commencement of proceedings on the Bill. |
| Amendment 412; New Clauses relating to Part IV; other amendments relating to Part IV; amendments relating to Clauses 227 to 229 and Schedule 26. | Five hours after commencement of proceedings on the Bill. |
New Clause 3; Remaining New Clauses; New Schedules; amendments relating to Clauses 230 to 237 and Schedule 27.

3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the second allotted day.

Questions to be put

4.—(1) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with the preceding provisions the 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.

(2) On a Motion for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(3) If two or more Questions would otherwise fall to be put under sub-paragraph (1)(c) on amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.

Miscellaneous

5. Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings to which this Order applies.

6.—(1) If at this day’s sitting—
   (a) a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) stands over to 7.00 p.m.; and
   (b) proceedings on the Motion for this Order have begun before that time, the Motion for the Adjournment shall stand over until the adjournment of proceedings on the Bill at this day’s sitting.

(2) If on the second allotted day a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 stands over to 7.00 p.m. or from an earlier day, the Motion shall stand over until the conclusion of proceedings on the Bill.

7. No Motion shall be made, except by a Minister of the Crown, to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken or to recommit the Bill (whether as a whole or otherwise); and the Speaker shall put forthwith any Question necessary to dispose of any such Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, including the Question on any amendment.

8. No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to the Bill except by a Minister of the Crown; and the Question on any such Motion made by a Minister of the Crown shall be put forthwith.

9. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to sittings of the House.

10. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply to the Bill.

Supplemental orders

11. If any Motion is made by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order, proceedings on the Motion shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after they have commenced, and Standing Order No. 15(1) shall apply to those proceedings.

12. If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended—
   (a) at this day’s sitting, before the adjournment of proceedings on the Bill, or
   (b) on the second allotted day, before the conclusion of proceedings on the Bill, 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.

Interpretation

13. In this Order—
   “allotted day” means this day and any day on which the Bill is put down on the main business as first Government Order of the Day; and
   “the Bill” means the Transport Bill.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)
9 Transport Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Transport Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Transfer to be to company owned by Crown)—(Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody)—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 Bill Michie, Mr Mike Wood: 99.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr David Clelland: 307.

Another Clause (Transfer to be to not for profit company)—(Dr Gavin Strang)—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 Bill Michie, Mr Mike Wood: 248.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr David Clelland: 308.

Another Clause (Parliamentary approval of transfer scheme)—(Mr Tam Dalyell)—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 Bill Michie, Mr Mike Wood: 244.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Don Touhig: 310.

Another Clause (Orders for possession of aerodromes, etc)—(Mr Nick Raynsford)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and agreed to.

Amendment ((a)) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 15, at the end to insert the words ‘including any duty arising under or by virtue of the European Communities Act 1972 (as amended)’.—(Mr Bernard Jenkin.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Peter Atkinson: 136.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Don Touhig: 405.

And it being more than five and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Transport Bill (Programme), the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour, pursuant to Order [this day].

Clause added to the Bill.

Other Clauses (Exceptions), (Directions relating to the environment), (CAA’s 1973 Act functions), (CAA’s 1998 Act functions), (Commission’s power to give direction), (Position where Commission gives direction), (Directions further provision), (Information for purposes of Chapter III), (General duty) and (Interpretation) brought up, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 12 to 19, 374, 73 to 377, 30, 29, 20 to 23, 336 to 340, 24 to 26, 31 to 62, 1, 2, 63 to 70, 368, 71, 72, 125, 126, 78, 79, 89 to 93, 10, 94, 96 to 99, 95, 86, 81, 82, 77, 54 to 55, 100 to 103, 83 to 85, 375 to 379, 127, 380, 128, 381, 341 to 366, 287, 134, 129, 135 to 138, 87, 139, 88, 140, 141, 367, 104, 142, 11, 369, 370, 3 to 9, 371, 372, 105, 124, 106 to 121 and 130 to 133) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Clause No. 40 be divided into two Clauses, the first consisting of subsections (1) to (4) (Meaning of transfer scheme) and the second of subsections (5) to (9) (Transfer schemes: supplementary).

Another Clause (Air Quality)—(Mr Don Foster)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Andrew Stunell: 47.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 342.

Another Clause (Competition test for exercise of bus functions)—(Mr Keith Hill)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Powers to obtain information about local service)—(Mr Keith Hill)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

And it being seven and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Transport Bill (Programme), the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour, pursuant to Order [this day].

Other Clauses (Variations: supplementary) and (Plans and strategies: supplementary) brought up, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 149 to 160, 301, 161 to 185, 302, 303 and 186) made to the Bill.

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Another Amendment (No. 300) proposed to the Bill, in page 72, line 33, at the end to insert the words 'or that he will receive discretionary travel concessions which are at least equivalent to the concessions provided for under subsection (1).'—(Mr Bernard Jenkin.)

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

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

Bill to be further considered this day.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 National Health Service,—(1) County Durham Health Authority (Change of Name) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1241), and
   (2) East Riding Health Authority (Change of Name) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1240), dated 8th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

2 Coal Industry,—Report on the transitional funding of the Big Pit Mining Museum, the National Coal Mining Museum for England and the Scottish Mining Museum for 1995–98 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

3 Customs and Excise,—Paper, comprising the Export of Goods (Control) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1239), dated 8th May 2000 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Byers].

4 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Access to properties grant-aided by English Heritage [by Act]; to be printed [No. 457] [Clerk of the House].

5 National Health Service (Scotland),—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Hospital Endowments Research Trust for 1st August 1998 to 31st July 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

County Court Fees (Amendment No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 939),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Linda Gilroy from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Doug Henderson.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [The Committee’s Work, Session 1998-99], together with an Appendix; to be printed [No. 480];

(2) Fifth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, on The Segregation of Genetically Modified Foods], together with an Appendix; to be printed [No. 481], and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Government Proposals for Organophosphate Sheep Dips; Horticulture Research International, Regional Service Centres]

[Mr David Curry].

2 Education and Employment,—(1) Fifth Report from the Education and Employment Committee [Work Permits for Overseas Footballers], 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. 218];

(2) Sixth Report from the Committee [Standards and Quality in Education: the Annual Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools 1998-99], 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. 345];

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee.

[Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Departmental Annual Report 2000 and Expenditure Plans 2000-01 to 2001-02]; to be printed [No. 471-i][Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Work of the Crown Prosecution Service], together with memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 476-i][Mr Robin Corbett].

5 International Development,—(1) Second Special Report from the International Development Committee [Government Observations on the Second Report from the Committee, on The Future of Sanctions]; to be printed [No. 473];

(2) Third Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Fourth Report from the Committee, on Debt Relief—Further Developments]; to be printed [No. 474];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Department for International Development: 2000 Departmental Report]; to be printed [No. 475-i]; and

(4) Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 1st February [The Export Credits Guarantee Department, Developmental Issues and the Ilisu Dam]; to be printed [No. 211-ii]

[Mr Bowen Wells].

6 Standards and Privileges,—Tenth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr John Major], with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 479] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Eighteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xviii][Mr David Tredinnick].

8 Trade and Industry,—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Observations on the Sixth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, on Application for Support from ECGD on UK Participation in the Ilisu Dam Project]; to be printed [No. 482];

(2) Sixth Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Fifth Report from the Committee, on Dounreay: Progress Report]; to be printed [No. 483]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [UK Space Policy]; to be printed [No. 335-iii]

[Mr Martin O’Neill].
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The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

And it being One o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 1 p.m.

Wednesday 10th May 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Monday 15th May at Seven o’clock.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Andrew Welsh reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the County Court Fees (Amendment No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 939).

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

3 Transport Bill [2nd allotted day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Transport Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Use of receipts from charging schemes)—(Mr Robert Syms)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mrs Eleanor Laing: 129.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Clive Betts: 376.

Another Clause (Use of receipts from licensing schemes)—(Mr Robert Syms)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Stephen Day: 132.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr David Clelland: 371.

And it being more than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour, pursuant to Order [yesterday].

Other Amendments (Nos. 214 to 223 and 225 to 254) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Clause No. 152 be divided into two Clauses, the first consisting of subsections (1) to (2D) (Examination, entry, search and seizure) and the second of subsections (3) to (4) (Immobilisation etc.).

Another Amendment (No. 420) proposed to the Bill, in page 102, line 23, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(d) to identify unmet needs for railway services;

(e) to expand the railway network where appropriate.’.—(Mr Michael Moore.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And it being four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Tom Brake: 44.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr David Clelland: 321.

Another Amendment (No. 412) proposed to the Bill, in page 113, line 4, to leave out
Clause No. 200.—(Mr Bernard Jenkin.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;
And it being five hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Deputy
Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of the
business to be concluded at that hour.

Other Clauses (Review of access charges by Regulator), (Licence modifications
following Competition Commission report), (Authority’s duty to continue Board’s
practice of indexation), (Amendments of pension protection provisions) and (Taxation
of transfers) brought up, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280 to 284, 285, 286, 287, 288
and 289) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That Clause No. 220 be transferred to the end of line 4 on page 133.

Another Clause (Road traffic reduction strategy)—(Mr Don Foster)—brought up and
read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Tom Brake: 37.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Don Touhig: 319.

And it being more than five and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings
on the Bill, the Deputy Speaker put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of the
business to be concluded at that hour.

Other Clauses (Vehicles subject to regulation as private hire vehicles) and (School
crossing patrols) and Schedules (Competition test for exercise of bus functions), (Review
of access charges by Regulator) and (Transfers: Tax) brought up, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 330, 331, 122, 418, 332, 280 to 284, 333, 285, 334, 335, 286
and 123) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time:
Mr Secretary Prescott, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her
Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, so far as Her
Majesty's prerogative and interest are concerned, That the House may do therein as it
shall think fit.

Question put, That the Bill be now read the third time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 304.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Day, Mrs Eleanor Laing: 159.

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

4 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from users of the A249 Queenborough junction and local
residents against the Highways Agency’s proposals for the replacement of the junction
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 Clive Betts);
And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without
Question put.

6 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Clive Betts.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-three minutes past Ten
o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.23 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) (No. 2) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

2. Social Security,—Draft Social Security and Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3. Sea Fisheries,—(1) Crab Claws (Prohibition of Landing) (Revocation) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1235), and
   (2) Undersized Whiting (Revocation) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1234), dated 5th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].


Other Papers:

5. Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Horticultural Development Council for the year ended 30th September 1998 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].


7. National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 9th May 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by the Essex Ambulance Service National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

8. Treaty Series (No. 50, 2000),—Agreement, done at Belfast on 10th April 1998, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland [by Command] [Cm. 4705] [Mr Secretary Cook].

9. Treaty Series (No. 51, 2000),—Agreement, done at Dublin on 8th March 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland establishing Implementation Bodies [by Command] [Cm. 4706] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D, and has appointed Mr John Maxton and Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Jackie Ballard, Ms Hazel Blears, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Simon Hughes, Mrs Joan Humble, Helen Jones, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr David Lock, Mr Peter Luff, Sir Nicholas Lyell, Shona McIsaac, Bridget Prentice, Mr David Taylor, Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West) and Dr George Turner.

2. Draft Greater London Authority (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr William Cash, Mr John Cryer, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Alan Keen, Ms Oona King, Mr Martin Linton, Siobhain McDonagh, Dr Rudi Vis and Mr Phil Woolas.

3. Draft Companies Act 1985 (Audit Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr John Butterfill Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Norman Baker, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr Jim Dobbin, Mr Nick Gibb, Mrs Linda Gilroy, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Andy King, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Peter Snape, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Derek Twigg and Mr Peter Viggers.

4 Draft Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Dr Ashok Kumar Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mrs Angela Browning, Mr Colin Burgon, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Ben Chapman, Mr Andrew George, Mr Alan Johnson, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Peter Lilley, Alice Mahon, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Andrew Miller, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Martin Salter and Mr David Winnick.

5 Draft Army, Air Force and Navy Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr David Clelland, Mr Geo Vrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr Robert Jackson, Mr Paul Keetch, Mr Robert Key, Mr Paul Marsden, Dan Norris, Mr John Spellar, Mr Dave Watts, Sir Raymond Whitney, Mr Anthony D. Wright and Derek Wyatt.

6 Draft National Minimum Wage (Increase in Development Rate for Young Workers) Regulations 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mrs Liz Blackman, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Dr Vincent Clifton-Brown, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Robert Jackson, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Richard Page, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Jonathan R. Shaw and Mr Ian Taylor.

7 County Court Fees (Amendment No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 939),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Paul Clark from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Syd Rapson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Horticulture Research International]; to be printed [No. 484-i] [Mr David Curry].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Cultural Property: Return and Illicit Trade]; to be printed [No. 371-x] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Lessons of Kosovo]; to be printed [Nos. 347-x & -xv] [Mr Bruce George].

4 Deregulation,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Deregulation Committee on 9th May [Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the Regulatory Reform Bill] [No. 488-x] [Mr Peter L. Pike].

5 European Scrutiny,—(1) Sixteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xvi]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Europe Initiative]; to be printed [No. 489] [Mr Roger Casale].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 9th May [Public Expenditure—Inward Investment in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 198-vii] [Mr Peter Brooke].

7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Grants made by the National Lottery Charities Board]; to be printed [No. 490-x] [Mr David Davis].
8 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Are We Realising Our Potential?]; to be printed [No. 466-i] [Dr Michael Clark].

9 Scottish Affairs,—Second Special Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 1998–99, on Tourism in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 486] [Mr David Marshall].

10 Social Security,—(1) Fourth Report from the Social Security Committee [Social Security and Child Support Commissioners], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 263]; and


11 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Spending Review 2000]; to be printed [No. 485-i] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 95; WH, No. 57.]

Wednesday 10th May 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.58 p.m.]

[No. 96.]

Thursday 11th May 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 18th May.

2 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 17th May at Seven o’clock.

3 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medway Council Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 17th May at Seven o’clock.

4 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 18th May.

5 Common Agricultural Policy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 6629/00, a Commission proposal on the prices for agricultural products (2000–01); supports the Government’s intention to negotiate an outcome which takes account of the interest of UK producers, consumers and tax-payers alike; and also takes note and approves of the action which the Government has taken in partnership with the industry to launch the new Action Plan for Farming to ensure that British agriculture is more sustainable, dynamic and diverse, and more consumer- and market-orientated.—(Mr Nicholas Brown);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from ‘(2000–01);’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘deplores the failure of the Prime Minister...
and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food either to secure meaningful CAP reform on behalf of consumers, taxpayers, farmers and the environment, or to defend Britain’s interests in other EU negotiations; condemns the false claims made about the value to farmers of the Action Plan for Farmers; notes the dramatic and continuing fall in agricultural employment and farm incomes; and calls on the Government to address with urgency the crisis in Britain’s countryside, instead thereof.—(Mr Tim Yeo.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr John Randall: 123.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Tony McNulty: 257.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 6629/00, a Commission proposal on the prices for agricultural products (2000–01); supports the Government’s intention to negotiate an outcome which takes account of the interest of UK producers, consumers and tax-payers alike; and also takes note and approves of the action which the Government has taken in partnership with the industry to launch the new Action Plan for Farming to ensure that British agriculture is more sustainable, dynamic and diverse, and more consumer- and market-orientated.

6 Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993,—Ordered, That, for the purposes of their approval under section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993, the Financial Statement and Budget Report 2000–01 and the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2000–01 shall be treated as if they were instruments subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation).—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

7 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Ordered, That, for the purposes of its approval under section 204 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, the draft Code of Practice on Access to Workers during Recognition and Derecognition Ballots shall be treated as if it was an instrument subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation).—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

8 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from citizens of the United Kingdom for the award of a medal to every conscripted National Serviceman and the erection of a national monument to peace was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter to Eight o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Energy Conservation,—Home Energy Efficiency Scheme (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1280), dated 10th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

2 Air Force (Constitution).—Regulations of the Defence Council relating to the Royal Air Force Aeromedical Evacuation Service: Air Publication 3394 (Third Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

3 Culture, Media and Sport,—Department of Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 11th May 2000, concerning the proposed gifting of the National Museum of Science and Industry, South Kensington, to the Board of Trustees of the National Museum of Science and Industry [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

4 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Environmental Impact of Supermarket Competition [by Command] [Cm. 4722] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
5 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Accounts of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, the Certification Officer and the Central Arbitration Committee for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 491] [Clerk of the House].

6 Treaty Series (No. 52, 2000),—Exchange of Letters, done at Dublin and London on 18th June 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland concerning the interpretation of certain terms in the Agreement establishing Implementation Bodies [by Command] [Cm. 4707] [Mr Secretary Cook].

7 Treaty Series (No. 53, 2000),—Agreement, done at Dublin on 8th March 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland establishing a North/South Ministerial Council [by Command] [Cm. 4708] [Mr Secretary Cook].

8 Treaty Series (No. 54, 2000),—Agreement, done at Dublin on 8th March 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland establishing a British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference [by Command] [Cm. 4709] [Mr Secretary Cook].

9 Treaty Series (No. 55, 2000),—Agreement, done at Dublin on 8th March 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland establishing a British-Irish Council [by Command] [Cm. 4710] [Mr Secretary Cook].

10 Water,—Report of the Director General of Water Services for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 455] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Greater London Authority (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tony Banks from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution John Austin.

2 Draft Companies Act 1985 (Audit Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter Snape from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Brian Sedgemore.

3 Draft Part-Time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Winnick from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Harry Barnes.

4 Draft Army, Air Force and Navy Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dan Norris and Derek Wyatt from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Mike Gapes and Dr Howard Stoate.

5 Draft National Minimum Wage (Increase in Development Rate for Young Workers) Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ben Bradshaw from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Tony McWalter.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Provision of NHS Mental Health Services]; to be printed [No. 373-v] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-committee of the Treasury Committee [HM Treasury]; to be printed [No. 492-i] [Mr Giles Radice].
Adjournment (Engineering and Physical Science Based Innovation),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Clelland.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 16th May.

[Adjourned at 5.20 p.m.]

[No. 97.]

Friday 12th May 2000.
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Licensing (Young Persons) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Licensing (Young Persons) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
   Amendment (No. 20) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, after the word ‘in’, to insert the words ‘or from’.—(Mr Barry Gardiner.)
   Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
   Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, to leave out lines 11 to 14.—(Maria Eagle.)
   Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
   Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Friday 9th June.

2 Recycled Content of Newsprint Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Recycled Content of Newsprint Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;
   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Friday 19th May.

3 Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 14th April, on consideration of the Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions) be read a second time;
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 9th June.

4 Property Transactions Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Property Transactions Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 9th June.

5 Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

6 Public House Names Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public House Names Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 9th June.

7 Zoo Licensing (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Zoo Licensing (Amendment) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th May.

8 Road Traffic Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th May.
9 Education,—Ordered, That the Education (Student Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 and the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2000 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till four minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 15th May.

[Adjourned at 2.56 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Companies,—(1) Draft Local Authority (Stocks and Bonds) (Amendment) Regulations 2000, and (2) draft Uncertificated Securities (Amendment) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

6 Railways,—Minute from the Chief Executive of the Shadow Strategic Rail Authority concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnification of Connex Rail for the procurement of rolling stock [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Butterfill reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Companies Act 1985 (Audit Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations 2000.

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

2 Recycled Content of Newsprint Bill.—The Order for considering the Recycled Content of Newsprint Bill on Friday 19th May was read and discharged.

Bill to be considered on Friday 9th June.

3 Control of Hedgerows in Residential Areas Bill,—Ordered, That the Control of Hedgerows in Residential Areas Bill be read a second time on Friday 9th June.

4 Fur Farming Prohibition Bill,—The Fur Farming Prohibition Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

5 Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill [Money]. A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown in consequence of any compensation scheme made under the Act—(Mr Don Touhig)—It was agreed to.

6 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 10, to leave out from the word ‘there’ to the end of line 19.—(Mr John McDonnell.)

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

And it being Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday.

7 Science and Technology Committee,—Ordered, That Mr Nigel Jones be discharged from the Science and Technology Committee and Mr Paddy Ashdown be added to the Committee.—(Mr Patrick McLoughlin, 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 David Clelland).

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 Northern Ireland.—Draft Flags (Northern Ireland) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—(1) Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1212),

(2) Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1213),

(3) Gaming (Bingo) Act (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1211), and
(4) Lotteries (Gaming Board Fees) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1210), dated 4th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Constitutional Law,—Food Protection (Emergency Prohibitions) (Oil and Chemical Pollution of Fish) (No. 2) Order 1993 (Revocation) (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1314), dated 12th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 Consumer Protection,—In Vitro Diagnostic Medical Devices Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1315), dated 11th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


6 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1317), dated 12th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

7 Water Industry,—Drinking Water (Undertakings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1297), dated 11th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Risk of Fraud in Property Management [by Act]; to be printed [No. 469] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Spellar from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Mr Geoffrey Hoon.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 European Scrutiny,—Seventeenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee [The Forthcoming Inter-Governmental Conference]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xvi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Seventeenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Irregularities in Accounting for Visa Fees in Calcutta]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 226] [Mr David Davis].

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Protecting the Consumer from Unfair Trading Practices]; to be printed [No. 501-i] [Mr David Davis].

3 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Responses of the Government and the National Assembly for Wales to the Second Report of the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on the Transport Bill and its Impact on Wales]; to be printed [No. 497]; and
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

The minutes of evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Social Exclusion in Wales]; to be printed [No. 365-v]

[Mr Martyn Jones.

No. 99.

Tuesday 16th May 2000.

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords];
   Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 23rd May.

2 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 23rd May.

3 Railtrack (Waverley Station) Order Confirmation Bill.—Mr Secretary Reid presented a Bill to confirm a Provisional Order under section 8 of the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, relating to Railtrack (Waverley Station): And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday 24th May and to be printed [Bill 124].

4 Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr Barry Jones reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of the Welsh economy, referred to it on 2nd May, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 117].

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr John Cummings reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2000.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft National Minimum Wage (Increase in Development Rate for Young Workers) Regulations 2000.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill.—Mr Secretary Mandelson, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Secretary Straw and Mr Secretary Cook, presented a Bill to make provision about policing 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 125].
   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill be printed [Bill 125–EN].

8 Juvenile Justice.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that a young person indicted for a serious criminal offence shall be brought to trial within a period of 110 days; and for connected purposes: And that Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr James Gray, Mr Martin Bell, Mr Paul Keetch, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr John Bercow, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Desmond Swayne and Mr Christopher Fraser do prepare and bring it in.

9 Juvenile Justice Bill.—Miss Anne McIntosh accordingly presented a Bill to provide that a young person indicted for a serious criminal offence shall be brought to trial within a period of 110 days; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 126].

10 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. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.
   UK Manufacturing and Enterprise.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government for failing to encourage an enterprise economy, for reducing the UK’s competitiveness and burdening all sectors of business with extra regulatory costs and taxation and for adding to the pressure on
manufacturing, resulting in many sectors relocating outside the UK; demands that the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry outlines the Government’s strategy for manufacturing as a matter of urgency, so that industry can plan for the future; and calls upon the Government to commit itself to reduce the overall cost of tax and regulation to business without delay, allowing UK firms to compete in the global market place and to retain a UK manufacturing base—(Mrs Angela Browning).

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 industry does not want a return of the boom and bust policies of the previous Government, with interest rates of 15 per cent., inflatiion above 10 per cent. and soaring budget deficits; welcomes the Government’s decisive action in taking politics out of interest rate decisions; notes that employment is currently 880,000 higher than it was when the Government came into office, and that long-term interest rates over the past year have been at their lowest for 35 years; welcomes the measures that the Government has taken to encourage enterprise, investment and innovation which particularly help manufacturing businesses; welcomes the Government’s view that where firms are in difficulty the Government has a role in helping people through change as opposed to the previous Government’s laissez-faire approach; and condemns the Opposition for its record in government, when manufacturing employment declined by 2½ million’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Byers.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Peter Atkinson: 173.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Greg Pope: 337.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (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 industry does not want a return of the boom and bust policies of the previous Government, with interest rates of 15 per cent., inflation above 10 per cent. and soaring budget deficits; welcomes the Government’s decisive action in taking politics out of interest rate decisions; notes that employment is currently 880,000 higher than it was when the Government came into office, and that long-term interest rates over the past year have been at their lowest for 35 years; welcomes the measures that the Government has taken to encourage enterprise, investment and innovation which particularly help manufacturing businesses; welcomes the Government’s view that where firms are in difficulty the Government has a role in helping people through change as opposed to the previous Government’s laissez-faire approach; and condemns the Opposition for its record in government, when manufacturing employment declined by 2½ million.

Future of the Teaching Profession.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the failure of the Government to meet its target for recruitment into initial teacher training and the failure of Government schemes to encourage maths and science graduates into the teaching profession; views with concern the recent poll which showed that over half the profession expects to leave in the next decade and the fact that more teachers are leaving the profession than joining; deplores the Government’s failure to deal with the bureaucratic workload faced by teachers, despite teachers’ concerns and evidence that this is one of the key factors causing teachers to leave; recognises that this leads to children suffering in the quality of their education; and calls upon the Government to take urgent action to reduce the bureaucratic workload on teachers, to trust the professionals and to let teachers teach—(Mrs Theresa May)

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 steps taken by the Government to improve teaching and the rewards for teaching, which include the introduction of a General Teaching Council, the development of better pay for good teaching, the introduction of training salaries to improve teacher recruitment, new measures to improve the training of headteachers, the Better Regulation Task Force Report on ‘Red Tape Affecting Headteachers’, administrative support for schools, more classroom assistants, lower infant and junior class sizes, reform of induction and teacher training, and significant improvements in funding for school budgets and school modernisation; and notes that these measures have already reversed a legacy of budget cuts, rising class sizes and inadequate training inherited from the previous administration’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Blunkett.)
And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Stephen Day: 170.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 313.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 309.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Stephen Day: 158.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the substantial steps taken by the Government to improve teaching and the rewards for teaching, which include the introduction of a General Teaching Council, the development of better pay for good teaching, the introduction of training salaries to improve teacher recruitment, new measures to improve the training of headteachers, the Better Regulation Task Force Report on ‘Red Tape Affecting Headteachers’, administrative support for schools, more classroom assistants, lower infant and junior class sizes, reform of induction and teacher training, and significant improvements in funding for school budgets and school modernisation; and notes that these measures have already reversed a legacy of budget cuts, rising class sizes and inadequate training inherited from the previous administration.

11 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Flags (Northern Ireland) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 15th May, be approved—(Mr Secretary Mandelson);

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 240.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Flags (Northern Ireland) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 15th May, be approved.

12 Northern Ireland,—Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) (No. 2) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 10th May, be approved.—(Mr Adam Ingram.)

13 Companies,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Companies Act 1985 (Audit Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 3rd May, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall).—It was agreed to.

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Two o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.59 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 499] [Clerk of the House].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Social Security,—Tax Credits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1324), dated 16th May 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].
3 Social Security (Northern Ireland).—Tax Credits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1325), dated 16th May 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

4 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee on the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 500] [Clerk of the House].

5 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Response by the Government and the Health and Safety Commission and Executive to the Fourth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 1999–2000, on the Work of the Health and Safety Executive [by Command] [Cm. 4741] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 Port of London.—Report and Accounts of the Port of London Authority for 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft National Minimum Wage (Increase in Development Rate for Young Workers) Regulations 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jim Murphy and Mr Jonathan R. Shaw from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations), and nominated in substitution Mr Joe Ashton and Ms Dari Taylor.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation.—Second Special Report from the Deregulation Committee [Pre-Legislative Scrutiny of the draft Regulatory Reform Bill], together with Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 9th May; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Special Report [No. 488] [Mr Peter L. Pike].

2 Education and Employment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Employment Committee [DfEE Funding]; to be printed [No. 502-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [UK Biodiversity]; to be printed [No. 441-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Departmental Report: The Government’s Expenditure Plans 2000–01 to 2001–02]; to be printed [No. 507-i] [Mr Donald Anderson].

5 Home Affairs.—(1) Third Special Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Government Reply to the First Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Managing Dangerous People with Severe Personality Disorder]; to be printed [No. 505]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Drugs and Prisons]; together with memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 506-i]

[Mr Robin Corbett].

6 Standards and Privileges.—(1) Eleventh Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr Fabian Hamilton], with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 503]; and

(2) Twelfth Report from the Committee [Complaints against Mr John Prescott], with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 504]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

7 Statutory Instruments.—Nineteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xx] [Mr David Tredinnick].
Tuesday 16th May 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Jamieson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.58 p.m.]

Wednesday 17th May 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 24th May.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Greater London Authority (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2000.

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

3 Newspaper and Magazine Recycling Bill,—The Order for reading the Newspaper and Magazine Recycling Bill a second time on Friday 9th June was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

4 Armed Forces (Minimum Age of Recruitment),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the recruitment of persons under the age of eighteen into the regular forces, the regular air forces and the Royal Navy; to prohibit the calling up of members of the reserve forces who are under eighteen years of age; and for connected purposes—(Mr Paul Stinchcombe);

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. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Julia Drown, Mr Marsha Singh: 110.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Maclean, Mr Edward Leigh: 69.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Mr Marsha Singh, Paul Flynn, Mr Kerry Pollard, Mr Michael Jabez Foster (Hastings and Rye), Mr Fraser Kemp, Ms Oona King, Ms Julie Morgan, Lynne Jones, Valerie Davey, Julia Drown and Dr Brian Iddon do prepare and bring in the Bill.

5 Armed Forces (Minimum Age of Recruitment) Bill,—Mr Paul Stinchcombe accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the recruitment of persons under the age of eighteen into the regular forces, the regular air forces and the Royal Navy; to prohibit the calling up of members of the reserve forces who are under eighteen years of age; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 127].

6 Royal Parks (Trading) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Royal Parks (Trading) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 13, to leave out the word “level”, and to insert the words “for the first offence level 2 on the standard scale, and for any subsequent offence level”.—(Mr Eric Forth.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 16, after the word ‘the’, to insert the word ‘knowledge’. — (Mr Eric Forth.)

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

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. 20 (Time for taking private business), further proceedings stood postponed.

7 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Kent County Council Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

8 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Medway Council Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

9 Royal Parks (Trading) Bill.—The House resumed the postponed proceedings on consideration of the Royal Parks (Trading) Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 4, to leave out Clauses 4 and 5.—(Mr David Maclean.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

10 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Dowd);

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 Negative Resolution:

1 Children and Young Persons.—Children (Protection at Work) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1333), dated 17th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Other Papers:

3 Broadcasting.—Report and Financial Statements of the Channel Four Television Corporation for 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

4 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the Eighth and Eleventh Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4732] [Mr Stephen Timms].

5 Treaty Series (No. 56, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Ulaanbaatar on 1st and 30th September 1999, extending the agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Mongolia for the Promotion and Protection of Investments signed at Ulaanbaatar on 4th October 1991 to the Isle of Man and the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey [by Command] [Cm. 4714] [Mr Secretary Cook].

6 Treaty Series (No. 57, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at The Hague on 16th December 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands extending the duration of the Agreement of 18th September 1998 concerning a Scottish Trial in the Netherlands [by Command] [Cm. 4717] [Mr Secretary Cook].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E, and has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Norman Baker, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Tony Clarke, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Maria Eagle, Mr Ivan Henderson, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mrs Diana Organ, Mr Owen Paterson, Angela Smith, Mr Mike Wood and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

2 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Functions) Order 2000, and the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jim Cunningham Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Douglas Alexander, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Russell Brown, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr George Galloway, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Michael Moore, Ms Sandra Osborne, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Brian Wilson and Mr Tony Worthington.

3 Draft Code of Practice: Access to Workers during Recognition and Derecognition Ballots:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Code to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Ben Chapman, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Stephen Hesford, Mr Alan Johnson, Mrs Eleanor Lang, Mr Richard Page, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Dennis Skinner, Miss Geraldine Smith, Joan Walley, Mr David Winnick and Derek Wyatt.

4 The Government’s assessment as set out in the Financial Statement and Budget Report 2000–01, and the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2000–01, for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Reports to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Sir David Madel Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Peter Bradley, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Howard Flight, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr John Owen Jones, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Paul Truswell and Mrs Betty Williams.

5 Draft Social Security and Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Burden, Angela Eagle, Mr Andrew George, Mr Kevin Hughes, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Laura Moffatt, Mrs Diana Organ, Mr Tom Pendry, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr John Randall, Mr Richard Shepherd, Helen Southworth, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr Jon Trickett, Steve Webb and Mr Shaun Woodward.

6 Draft Local Authority (Stocks and Bonds) (Amendment) Regulations 2000, and the draft Uncertified Securities (Amendment) Regulations 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Howard Flight, Mr Gerald Howarth, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Chris Pond, Mr John Redwood, Mr Ted Rowlands, Christine Russell, Mr Jonathan R. Shaw, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Llew Smith, Mr Peter Snape and Mr Matthew Taylor.

7 Education (Student Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1120), and the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1121):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Clive Betts, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr Colin Burgon, Mr James Clappison, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Geraint Davies, Mr John Grogan, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Andrew Love, Mr David Maclean, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Dan Norris, Dr Alan Whitehead, Mr Malcolm Wicks and Mr Phil Willis.

8 Learning and Skills Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Butterfill and Mr John Maxton additional Chairmen of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill.

9 Draft Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Colin Burgon from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Tony Clarke.

European Standing Committees

10 The following documents have been referred to European Standing Committee B:

No. COM(00) 34, European Commission’s Opinion on Adapting the Institutions to make a success of Enlargement;

No. COM(00) 109, Additional Commission contribution to the Inter-Governmental Conference on institutional reform: reform of the Community Courts; and

No. COM (00) 114, Supplementary contribution of the Commission to the Inter-Governmental Conference on institutional reform: Qualified majority voting for single market aspects in the taxation and social security fields.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture.—(1) Fifth Report from the Agriculture Committee [The Government’s Proposals for Organophosphate Sheep Dips], 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. 425];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Regional Service Centres]; to be printed [No. 509-i]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Regional Service Centres]

[Mr David Curry].

2 Culture, Media and Sport.—(1) Sixth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Public Libraries], 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. 241]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Public Libraries]

[Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [New Deal: Two Years On]; to be printed [No. 510-i] [Mr Derek Foster].

4 European Scrutiny,—Eighteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xvii] [Mr Jim Marshall].

5 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Departmental Annual Report 2000 and Expenditure Plans 2000–01 to 2001–02]; to be printed [No. 471-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

6 Home Affairs,—(1) Third Report from the Home Affairs Committee [The Double Jeopardy Rule], 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. 190]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Double Jeopardy Rule]

[Mr Robin Corbett].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Northern Ireland Railways]; to be printed [No. 512-i] [Mr Peter Brooke].
8 Public Accounts.—(1) Eighteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Industrial Development Board for Northern Ireland: Inward Investment]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 66];
   (2) Nineteenth Report from the Committee [The Newcastle Estate Development Project]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 104]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Hip Replacements: Getting It Right First Time]; to be printed [No. 513-i]
   [Mr David Davis].

9 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [The Government Information and Communication Service]; to be printed [No. 511-i] [Dr Tony Wright].

10 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Cancer Research—A Fresh Look]; to be printed [No. 332-v] [Dr Michael Clark].

11 Social Security.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Housing Benefit]; to be printed [No. 385-iv] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

12 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The London Stock Exchange]; to be printed [No. 508-i] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 100; WH, No. 60.]

Wednesday 17th May 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999.
The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Greg Pope.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

[No. 101.]

Thursday 18th May 2000.
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;
   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 25th May.

2 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 25th May.

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Dr Ashok Kumar reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Police Bill,—Mr Andrew Mackinlay presented a Bill to make provision to regulate the use of the term ‘police’ and related terms; to amend the law relating to the powers of certain constables; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th June and to be printed [Bill 128].

5 Pardon for Soldiers of the Great War Bill,—Mr Andrew Mackinlay, supported by Mr Syd Rapson, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Phil Sawford, Mr Tony Benn, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr John Cryer and Mrs Llin Golding, presented a Bill to provide for the granting of pardons to soldiers of the British Empire Forces executed during the Great War of 1914 to 1919 following
conviction for offences of cowardice, desertion or attempted desertion, disobedience, quitting post, violence, sleeping at post, throwing away arms or striking a superior officer; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th June and to be printed [Bill 129].

6 Care Standards Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Care Standards 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, whilst supporting the principles of improved quality of delivery of social care, and in particular greater protection to the most vulnerable, declines to give a Second Reading to the Care Standards Bill [Lords] because its approach is unnecessarily bureaucratic and intrusive, it fails to extend proper regulatory protection to all patients in acute hospitals, it makes insufficient progress towards improving adoption procedures, it will impose substantial additional cost burdens on some care providers at a time when the quality of care provision is being eroded by inadequate funding, without putting in place mechanisms to balance the obligations of higher quality with a guarantee of proper levels of payment, and it depends excessively on regulations which renders proper scrutiny of the Bill impossible’, instead thereof.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 120.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr David Jamieson: 274.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (Amendment on second or third reading):—It was agreed to.

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

7 Care Standards Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Care Standards Bill [Lords] [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Care Standards Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown under the Act; and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr Clive Betts):—It was agreed to.

8 Business of the House. —Ordered, That, at the sitting on 23rd May, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings on the Motions in the name of Margaret Beckett relating to insurance for Members and payment of legal expenses to the honourable Member for Mid-Worcestershire not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of the proceedings on the first such Motion, and such Questions shall include the Questions on any amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

9 Scottish Grand Committee.—Ordered, That the Scottish Grand Committee shall meet at Westminster on Monday 12th June at half-past Four o’clock to consider a substantive Motion for the adjournment of the Committee, the proceedings to be interrupted at Seven o’clock.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.38 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Industrial Organisation and Development.—Draft Horticultural Development Council (Amendment) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Land Registration.—Land Registry (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.R. (N.I.), 2000, No. 167), dated 12th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

4 Local Government.—Local Government (General Grant) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.R. (N.I.), 2000, No. 160), dated 9th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

   (2) GLA Side Roads (London Borough of Enfield) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1287),
   (3) GLA Side Roads (London Borough of Greenwich) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1288),
   (4) GLA Side Roads (London Borough of Hackney) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1289),
   (6) GLA Side Roads (London Borough of Haringey) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1291),
   (7) GLA Side Roads (London Borough of Havering) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1292),
   (8) GLA Side Roads (London Borough of Hillingdon) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1293),
   dated 11th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 Merchant Shipping.—(1) Merchant Shipping (Load Line) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1335), and
   (2) The Merchant Shipping (Survey and Certification) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1334),
   dated 16th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

7 Broadcasting.—Report and Financial Statements of the Radio Authority for 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

8 Education (Northern Ireland).—Department of Education (Northern Ireland) Minute, dated 15th May 2000, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnification of the trustees of St. Genevieve’s High School, Belfast, for potential cost commitments arising from a private finance initiative contract [by Command] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

9 Liaison.—Government Response to the First Report from the Liaison Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Shifting the Balance: Select Committees and the Executive [by Command] [Cm. 4737] [Margaret Beckett].

10 Public Processions (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of the Parades Commission for Northern Ireland for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 515] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Functions) Order 2000, and the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tony Worthington from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Maria Fyfe.
2 Draft Code of Practice: Access to Workers during Recognition and Derecognition Ballots,—
The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Page from the Second Standing
Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Code); and
nominated in substitution Mr Nick Gibb.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport
Committee [Cultural Property: Return and Illicit Trade]; to be printed [No. 371-vi] [Mr
Gerald Kaufman].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee on 17th May [Lessons
of Kosovo]; to be printed [No. 347-vii] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Provision of NHS Mental
Health Services]; to be printed [No. 373-vi] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

4 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International
Development Committee [After Seattle—The World Trade Organisation and
Developing Countries]; to be printed [No. 227-vii] [Mr Bowen Wells].

5 Trade and Industry,—(1) Ninth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Proposed
Public Private Partnership for BNFL], together with Appendices to the Minutes of
Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the
Report [No. 307]; and

(2) Seventh Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the
Seventh Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, Session 1999–2000, on
Business, Enterprise and the Budget]; to be printed [No. 514] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 101; WH, No. 61.]

Thursday 18th May 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].
The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Future of the construction industry).—A Motion was made, and the Question
being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Clelland.)

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question
put, till Tuesday 23rd May.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.

[No. 102.]

Friday 19th May 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

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

2 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
The Lords have agreed to the Financial Services and Markets Bill, with Amendments;
to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Financial Services and Markets Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Financial Services and
Markets Bill to be considered on Monday 22nd May and to be printed [Bill 130].

4 School Crossing Patrols (Amendment) Bill,—The Order for reading the School Crossing
Patrols (Amendment) Bill a second time on Friday 9th June was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.
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 (Time limit on making of complaints (No. 2))—(Mr Eric Forth)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

A Clause (Requirements to be complied with)—(Ms Gisela Stuart)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Transitional provision)—(Ms Gisela Stuart)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

An Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 20, at the end to insert the words—

‘(4) In section 3 (general remit of Commissioners)—

(a) at the end of subsection (1) insert “or, in the event that the person the subject of the complaint has retired or resigned from the National Health Service, refer the complaint to the professional body of the registered medical practitioner, dentist or nurse who is the subject of the complaint;”

(b) at the end of subsection (1A) insert “or, in the event that the person the subject of the complaint has retired or resigned from the National Health Service, refer the complaint to the professional body of the registered medical practitioner, dentist or nurse who is the subject of the complaint;”

(c) at the end of subsection (1C) insert “or, in the event that the person the subject of the complaint has retired or resigned from the National Health Service, refer the complaint to the professional body of the registered medical practitioner, dentist or nurse who is the subject of the complaint.”—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

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

Amendment (No. 11) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in the Title, at the end to add the words ‘to extend the provisions of the Act to persons who have retired or resigned from the National Health Service; and for related purposes.’—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

6 Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 28th January, That the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill 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.

7 Building Societies (Transfer Resolutions) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Building Societies (Transfer Resolutions) Bill,

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 21st July.

8 Urban Regeneration and Countryside Protection Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 24th March, That the Urban Regeneration and Countryside Protection Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 9th June.

9 Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 9th June.
10 Corporate Homicide Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Corporate Homicide Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 9th June.

11 Zoo Licensing (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Zoo Licensing (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 9th June.

12 Road Traffic Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Traffic Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 9th June.

13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 22nd May.

[Adjourned at 3 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. 62) on Private Finance Initiative [by Act]; to be printed [No. 458] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Disabled Persons,—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (The Chiltern Railway Company Limited Class 168/1 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1349), dated 18th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


(2) GLA Side Roads (London Borough of Lambeth) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1312),

(3) GLA Side Roads (London Borough of Lewisham) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1310),

(4) GLA Side Roads (London Borough of Merton) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1313),


(6) GLA Side Roads (Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1309), and

(7) GLA Side Roads (Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1308),
dated 12th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Medicines,—Medicines (Aristolochia and Mu Tong etc.) (Temporary Prohibition) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1368), dated 18th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 Road Traffic (Northern Ireland),—Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1369), dated 18th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
PRAYERS.

1 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Code of Practice: Access to Workers during Recognition and Derecognition Ballots. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows: The Lords have agreed to the Electronic Communications Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Electronic Communications Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Electronic Communications Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 131].

4 Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords] and Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill (Allocation of Time),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords] and the Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill—

Timetable

1.—(1) Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords] shall be completed at today's sitting and brought to a conclusion (if not previously concluded) four hours after the commencement of proceedings on this Motion.

(2) Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill shall be completed at today's sitting and brought to a conclusion (if not previously concluded) five hours after the commencement of proceedings on this Motion.

Questions to be put

2.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on either Bill to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1.

(2) The 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.

(3) On a Motion made for a new Clause or Schedule, the Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(4) If two or more Questions would otherwise fall to be put under sub-paragraph (2)(c) on amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.

Miscellaneous

3. Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to today's sitting to proceedings to which this Order applies.

4. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

5. No Motion shall be made to alter the order in which proceedings on either Bill are taken or to recommit either Bill.

6. No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to either Bill except by a Minister of the Crown, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.
7. If at today’s sitting—
   (a) a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24
       (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent
       consideration) has been stood over to Seven o’clock; but
   (b) proceedings to which this Order applies have begun before then,
       proceedings on that Motion shall stand postponed until the conclusion of
       those proceedings.

8. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply to either Bill.

Supplemental orders

9. The proceedings on any motion made by a Minister for 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 Standing Order No. 15(1)
   shall apply to those proceedings.

10. If at today’s sitting the House is adjourned, or 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—(Paddy Tipping).

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion,
the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83 (Allocation
of time to bills).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Mike Hall: 294.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Keith Simpson: 140.

So the Question was agreed to.

5 Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider
the Nuclear Safeguards Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

And it being four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Allocation of
Time Motion, the Deputy Speaker proceeded to put the Question necessary to dispose of
the business to be concluded at that hour, pursuant to Order [this day].

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Don Touhig: 310.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Edward Leigh: 2.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

6 Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider
the Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

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

And it being five hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Allocation of
Time Motion, the Deputy Speaker proceeded to put the Question necessary to dispose of
the business to be concluded at that hour, pursuant to Order [this day].

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Tony McNulty: 313.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr David Maclean: 1.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

7 Royal Parks (Trading) Bill and Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) Bill
(Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the
following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Royal Parks
(Trading) Bill and the Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) Bill—
Timetable

1.—(1) Remaining proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Royal Parks (Trading) Bill shall be completed at today’s sitting and brought to a conclusion (if not previously concluded) four hours after the commencement of proceedings on this Motion.

(2) Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) Bill shall be completed at today’s sitting and brought to a conclusion (if not previously concluded) five hours after the commencement of proceedings on this Motion.

Questions to be put

2.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on either Bill to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1.

(2) The 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.

(3) On a Motion made for a new Clause or Schedule, the Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(4) If two or more Questions would otherwise fall to be put under sub-paragraph (2)(c) on amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.

Miscellaneous

3. Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply at today’s sitting to proceedings to which this Order applies.

4. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

5. No Motion shall be made to alter the order in which proceedings on either Bill are taken or to recommit either Bill.

6. No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to either Bill except by a Minister of the Crown; and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

7. If at today’s sitting—

(a) a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) has been stood over to Seven o’clock; but
(b) proceedings to which this Order applies have begun before then, proceedings on that Motion shall stand postponed until the conclusion of those proceedings.

8. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply to either Bill.

Supplemental orders

9. 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 Standing Order No. 15(1) shall apply to those proceedings.

10. If at today’s sitting the House is adjourned, or 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—(Janet Anderson); And it being Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

8 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business). That, at this day’s sitting, the Motion on Royal Parks (Trading) Bill and Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) Bill (Allocation of Time) may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Jim Dowd):—It was agreed to.
9 Royal Parks (Trading) Bill and Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) Bill
(Allocation of Time).—The Question being again proposed, the House resumed the
adjourned Debate;

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Allocation
of Time Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83
(Allocation of time to bills).

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 109.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 Royal Parks (Trading) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned
Debate on the Amendment (No. 6) proposed on 17th May, on consideration of the Royal
Parks (Trading) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

Which Amendment was, in page 2, line 4, to leave out Clauses Nos. 4 and 5.

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

And it being four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Allocation of
Time Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair,
pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr David Maclean: 6.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Dowd, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 227.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question necessary to dispose of the
business to be concluded at that hour.

Question, That the Bill be now read the third time, put and agreed to.

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

11 Television Licences (Disclosure of Information Bill).—The House, according to Order,
proceeded to consider the Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) Bill, not
amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Liability of directors etc.)—(Janet Anderson)—brought up, and read the
first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being five hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Allocation of
Time Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair,
pursuant to Order [this day].

Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker proceeded to put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of the
business to be concluded at that hour.

Clause added to the Bill.

Question, That the Bill be now read the third time, put and agreed to.

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 2.24 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Northern Ireland.—Draft Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism Provisions) (Continuance) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2. Social Security.—Jobseeker’s Allowance (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1370), dated 17th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

3. Currency.—Treasury Minute, dated 22nd May 2000, directing a lowering of the limit on the amount of the Bank of England’s fiduciary note issue [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

4. National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Public-Private Partnership with Siemens Business Services [by Act]; to be printed [No. 493] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Countryside and Rights of Way Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2. Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Anthony D. Wright from the Committee (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Martin Caton.

   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings an additional Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Sandra Osborne from the Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Frank Roy.

4. The Government’s Assessment as set out in the Financial Statement and Budget Report 2000-01, and the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2000-01, for the purposes of Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Burden from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Reports); and nominated in substitution Mr Nigel Beard and Ms Debra Shipley.

5. Draft Social Security and Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Burden from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Ann Coffey.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Sierra Leone; Zimbabwe]; to be printed [Nos. 519-i and 447-ii] [Mr Donald Anderson].

2. Public Accounts.—(1) Twentieth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Management of Medical Equipment in NHS Acute Hospital Trusts in England]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 173].
   (2) Twenty-first Report from the Committee [Government on the Web], 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. 331]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Central Government Administered Social Security Benefits and Other Payments]; to be printed [No. 521-i] [Mr David Davis].

3 Treasury,—(1) Sixth Report from the Treasury Committee [Government’s Cash and Debt Management], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 154];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England: Confirmation Hearings]; to be printed [No. 520]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The London Stock Exchange] [Mr Giles Radice].

4 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Social Exclusion in Wales]; to be printed [No 365–vi] [Mr Martyn Jones].

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 6th June.

2 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 6th June.

3 Countryside and Rights of Way Bill,—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 133].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 529].

4 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Functions) Order 2000, and the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2000.

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:

Children (Leaving Care) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about children and young persons who are being, or have been, looked after by a local authority; to replace section 24 of the Children Act 1989; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Children (Leaving Care) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 134–EN].

6 Children (Leaving Care) Bill [Lords].—The Children (Leaving Care) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 134].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Children (Leaving Care) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 134–EN].

7 School Admissions (Amendment) Bill,—Ordered, That the School Admissions (Amendment) Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

8 Genetic Testing (Consent and Confidentiality),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require that genetic testing and genetic test results and other information derived from such tests may be used only for medical and clinical purposes, after informed consent of the patient has been given; to prohibit the giving of such information to other parties; and to prohibit insurance companies, banks, mortgage providers and employers from requiring genetic tests to be taken or insisting on disclosure of the results or of
information derived from such tests: And that Mr Nick Harvey, Dr Peter Brand, Mr John Grogan, Mr Martin Bell, Mr Simon Burns and Dr Evan Harris do prepare and bring it in.

9 Genetic Testing (Consent and Confidentiality) Bill.—Mr Nick Harvey accordingly presented a Bill to require that genetic testing and genetic test results and other information derived from such tests may be used only for medical and clinical purposes, after informed consent of the patient has been given; to prohibit the giving of such information to other parties, and to prohibit insurance companies, banks, mortgage providers and employers from requiring genetic tests to be taken or insisting on disclosure of the results or of information derived from such tests; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 132].

10 Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate Bill [Lords].—The Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate Bill [Lords] was, according to order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

11 Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate Bill [Lords] [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(1) sums in respect of salary, pension, allowances and compensation for Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of the Crown Prosecution Service; and

(2) expenditure incurred by the Chief Inspector in the discharge of his functions under the Act.—(Jim Dowd).—It was agreed to.

12 Limited Liability Partnerships Bill [Lords].—The Limited Liability Partnerships Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

13 Limited Liability Partnerships Bill [Lords] [Ways and Means].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Limited Liability Partnerships Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the making of provision about the taxation of limited liability partnerships and their members, and

(b) the imposition by regulations under the Act of fees payable into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr Greg Pope).—It was agreed to.

14 Defence.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Army, Air Force and Navy Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 4th May, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope).—It was agreed to.

15 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft National Minimum Wage (Increase in Development Rate for Young Workers) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 8th May, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope).—It was agreed to.

16 Trade Union and Labour Relations.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [11th May] and Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Code of Practice: Access to Workers During Recognition and Derecognition Ballots, which was laid before this House on 8th May, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope).—It was agreed to.

17 Insurance for Members.—Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House,—

(1) provision should be made for the insurance of Members of this House in relation to the performance of their duties as Members under arrangements (including financial limits to the cover provided) made from time to time with the approval of the Leader of this House and the Speaker;

(2) subject to the terms and conditions of any policy effected under the approved arrangements, the insurance for which provision is made under paragraph (1) of this Resolution may cover the following—

(a) travel;

(b) personal accident;
(c) personal accident in respect of employees of Members;  
(d) employers’ liability and public liability;  
(e) the cost of defending a civil claim for defamation and of payment in respect of any award made by a court in such a claim, where the act complained of was not covered by parliamentary privilege but arose from a Member’s duty as a Member; and  
(3) arrangements made for insurance of the type mentioned under paragraph (2)(a) and (b) above may provide for the spouses of Members to be covered as well as Members themselves.—(Paddy Tipping.)

18 Legal Costs Incurred by the Honourable Member for Mid Worcestershire,—Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, provision should be made to reimburse Mr Peter Luff, honourable Member for Mid Worcestershire, for legal costs incurred in respect of his duties as a Member of this House in defence of an action for libel in the High Court of Justice (Queen’s Bench Division) which was dismissed and the Plaintiff’s statement of claim struck out by Order dated 16th April 1999.—(Paddy Tipping.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 8.59 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation,—Air Navigation (Cosmic Radiation) (Keeping of Records) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1380), dated 18th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

2 Customs and Excise,—Paper, comprising the Export of Goods (Control) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1396), dated 22nd May 2000 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Byers].

3 Development of Tourism,—Statement of salaries of the Chairman and members of the Board of the English Tourism Council [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

4 House of Commons Members’ Fund,—Accounts of the House of Commons Members’ Fund for 1st October 1998 to 30th September 1999, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 527] [Clerk of the House].

5 Miscellaneous (No. 12, 2000),—Agreement, done at Seattle on 30th November 1999, establishing the Advisory Centre on WTO Law, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4721] [Mr Secretary Cook].

6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Emergency Aid: The Kosovo Crisis [by Act]; to be printed [No. 495] [Clerk of the House].

7 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Land Purchase Account of the Supreme Court of Judicature, Northern Ireland, for 1998-99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 526] [Clerk of the House].

8 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Report of the Certification Officer for 1st January 1999 to 31st March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

9 Treaty Series (No. 58, 2000),—Agreement, done at Suva on 4th December 1998, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of the Fiji Islands concerning Air Services [by Command] [Cm. 4718] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

The Government’s assessment as set out in the Financial Statement and Budget Report 2000-01, and the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2000-01, for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Vernon Coaker and Mr Howard Flight from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Reports); and nominated in substitution Mr John Healey and Mr Richard Ottaway.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Action Plan for Farming]; to be printed [No. 525-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Food From Britain; Regional Service Centres]
      [Mr David Curry].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Cultural Property: Return and Illicit Trade]; to be printed [No. 371-vi] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Annual Major Procurement Projects]; to be printed [No. 528-ii] [Mr Bruce George].

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [DfEE Funding]; to be printed [No. 502-ii]
      [Mr Derek Foster].

5 Environmental Audit,—Memorandum laid before the Environmental Audit Committee [Government Observations on the Fourth Report from the Committee—The Pre-Budget Report 1999: pesticides, aggregates and the Climate Change Levy] [Mr John Horam].

6 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [UK Biodiversity]; to be printed [No. 441-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

7 Foreign Affairs,—Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Kosovo], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 28] [Mr Donald Anderson].

8 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [After Seattle—The World Trade Organisation and Developing Countries]; to be printed [No. 227-vii] [Mr Bowen Wells].

9 Standards and Privileges,—Thirteenth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Sir Michael Spicer], with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 524][Mr Robert Sheldon].

10 Statutory Instruments,—Twentieth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xx] [Mr David Tredinnick].

11 Treasury,—(1) Seventh Report from the Treasury Committee [The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England: Confirmation Hearings]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 520]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 16th and 23rd May [The Bank of England May Inflation Report]; to be printed [Nos. 523-i and -ii]
      [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 104; WH, No. 62.]

Tuesday 23rd May 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means; 

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 7th June.

2 Railtrack (Waverley Station) Order Confirmation Bill.—The Railtrack (Waverley Station) Order Confirmation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time; and ordered to be considered.

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir David Madel reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Government’s Assessment as set out in the Financial Statement and Budget Report 2000–01, and the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2000–01, for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.

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

4 Strategic Export Controls (Breach of Embargo),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the involvement of British subjects and companies and other persons under United Kingdom jurisdiction in the supply of armaments and associated items to countries to which arms embargoes apply: And that Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Harry Barnes, Ann Chwyd, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Jim Cousins, Ms Jenny Jones, Laura Moffatt, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Mr Alan Simpson and Dr Phyllis Starkey do prepare and bring it in.

5 Strategic Export Controls (Breach of Embargo) Bill,—Mr Harry Cohen accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the involvement of British subjects and companies and other persons under United Kingdom jurisdiction in the supply of armaments and associated items to countries to which arms embargoes apply: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th June and to be printed [Bill 135].

6 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. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Government Policies on Tackling Crime,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets that police strength in England and Wales has fallen by more than 2,300 since the Government came to power, that crime is now rising, and that the Government has released early from prison thousands of drug dealers, sex offenders, burglars and violent criminals; notes the criticism of the Government’s crime reduction targets, and further that police officers are unable to devote much of their time to fighting crime because of unnecessary bureaucracy; notes with surprise that none of the Government’s local child curfews have been issued and that anti-social behaviour orders have been issued at the rate of less than one per week since they became available; further notes that, in contrast to the Government’s failure to tackle crime, the Opposition propose to reverse the decline in police numbers that has occurred since the Government came to power, to provide effective and appropriate punishment and rehabilitation for offenders and to put the interests of victims at the heart of the criminal justice system; calls on the Home Secretary to reconsider his proposed changes to Immigration Rule 320(18) that would remove the prohibition on foreign sex offenders and drug traffickers entering the United Kingdom; and calls on the Government to work to restore public confidence in the criminal justice system and the police, to restore police morale, and to implement effective policies to tackle rising crime—(Miss Ann Widdecombe);

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 recorded crime has fallen by 7 per cent. since March 1997, with domestic burglary down by 20 per cent. and vehicle crime down by 14 per cent.; applauds the Government’s investment to boost police recruitment; supports the Government’s strategy for tackling crime and the causes of crime through better prevention, improving the performance of crime and disorder partnerships, the police and the criminal justice system, more effective punishment of offenders and securing greater support and protection for victims and witnesses; backs the radical reforms of the youth justice system, including swifter punishment for persistent offenders, and notes that all this is in sharp contrast to the record of the previous administration when crime doubled and the number of offenders convicted fell by a third’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Straw.)
And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Peter Luff: 138.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Jamieson: 358.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (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 recorded crime has fallen by 7 per cent. since March 1997, with domestic burglary down by 20 per cent. and vehicle crime down by 14 per cent.; applauds the Government’s investment to boost police recruitment; supports the Government’s strategy for tackling crime and the causes of crime through better prevention, improving the performance of crime and disorder partnerships, the police and the criminal justice system, more effective punishment of offenders and securing greater support and protection for victims and witnesses; backs the radical reforms of the youth justice system, including swifter punishment for persistent offenders; and notes that all this is in sharp contrast to the record of the previous administration when crime doubled and the number of offenders convicted fell by a third.

Transport Taxation, Spending and Investment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that, while government spending on transport has fallen in comparison with the period before the 1997 General Election, taxation on the motorist has been raised to record levels, so that £1 in every £7 now spent by the Government is raised from the motorist; condemns the Government for presiding over ever-worsening congestion without any policies to deal with continuing road traffic growth; welcomes the increasing investment in transport industries that were privatised during the previous administration; laments the failure of the Government to build on these achievements and that total public and private investment levels in transport are still well below what is required by people, business and industry; and condemns ministers for failing to secure increased funding for anything except for the growing costs of running the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions which is the Government’s largest and least effective Department of State—(Mr Bernard Jenkin);—It was forsooth.

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the fact that the Government has substantially increased spending on transport from the levels planned by the previous Government; notes that this Government ended the automatic fuel duty escalator begun by the previous Government; deplores the previous Government’s record of under-investment in transport, which left an investment backlog in important areas like road maintenance, rail and London Underground; notes that under the last Government the number of cars per mile of road went up from 70 to 100, that yearly carbon dioxide emissions from road transport increased by 25 per cent. and that by May 1997 Railtrack was £700 million behind on its rail investment and maintenance programme; and welcomes the Government’s approach on an integrated transport strategy which will be delivered by an integrated Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, and its plans to increase spending and modernise the transport system further through its Ten Year Plan for transport investment’, instead thereof.—(Mr Nick Raynsford.)—It was agreed to.

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

Mr James Arbuthnot 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 Randall, Mrs Eleanor Laing: 130.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 349.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments),—It was agreed to.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 308.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 163.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the fact that the Government has substantially increased spending on transport from the levels planned by the previous Government; notes that this Government ended the automatic fuel duty escalator begun by the previous Government; depletes the previous Government’s record of under-investment in transport, which left an investment backlog in important areas like road maintenance, rail and London Underground; notes that under the last Government the number of cars per mile of road went up from 70 to 100, that yearly carbon dioxide emissions from road transport increased by 26 per cent. and that by May 1997 Railtrack was £700 million behind on its rail investment and maintenance programme; and welcomes the Government’s approach on an integrated transport strategy which will be delivered by an integrated Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, and its plans to increase spending and modernise the transport system further through its Ten Year Plan for transport investment.

7 Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Bill [Lords]; And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58 (Consolidation of bills), That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Mike Hall: 325.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Edward Leigh: 6.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be not committed—(Mr David Clelland):—It was agreed to.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

8 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 3rd May, be approved—(Mr David Clelland):—It was agreed to.

9 London Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Greater London Authority (Miscellaneous Amendments) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 19th April, be approved—(Mr David Clelland):—It was agreed to.

10 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Functions) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 8th May, be approved—(Mr David Clelland):—It was agreed to.

11 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 8th May, be approved—(Mr David Clelland):—It was agreed to.

12 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) post office users in North-West Leicestershire against closures of sub-post offices; and

(2) residents of Liverpool calling for stricter regulation of swimming pools 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 David Clelland.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.10 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Customs and Excise,—Burma (Sale, Supply and Export of Goods) (Penalties) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1408), dated 24th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Education,—The College of Guidance Studies Higher Education Corporation (Dissolution) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1383), dated 19th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Horse Racing and Betting,—Horse Racing (Charges on Bookmakers) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.R. (N.I.), 2000, No. 184), dated 22nd May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

4 Immigration,—Immigration (Transit Visa) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1381), dated 19th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

   (2) GLA Side Roads (London Borough of Redbridge) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1372),
   (3) GLA Side Roads (London Borough of Richmond upon Thames) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1373),
   (4) GLA Side Roads (London Borough of Southwark) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1374),
   (6) GLA Side Roads (London Borough of Tower Hamlets) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1376),
   (7) GLA Side Roads (London Borough of Waltham Forest) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1377),
   (8) GLA Side Roads (London Borough of Wandsworth) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1378), and
   (9) GLA Side Roads (City of Westminster) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1379),
   dated 18th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1366), and
   (2) Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1365), dated 18th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:


9 Gas and Electricity,—Report of the Director General for Gas and Electricity Supply: Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (OFGEM) for 1999 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 477] [Mr Secretary Byers].


11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on—
   (1) the Petition [2nd February] from the Suffolk Pensioners’ Association calling for the reduction of the TV licence fee for pensioners who will not be eligible for a free licence, and
   (2) the Petition [20th March] from residents of the constituency of Harwich calling for free television licences for all persons over the retirement age [by Standing Order] [Clerk of the House].

12 Video Recordings,—Report and Accounts of the British Board of Film Classification for 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman, and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Nigel Beard, Mr John Burnett, Christine Butler, Mr Ben Chapman, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Solicitor General, Mr James Cran, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Ellyn Llwyd, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr Kerry Pollard, Mr Andrew Reed and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

2 Care Standards Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee G, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mr Eric Illsley Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr David Amess, Dr Peter Brand, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Hilton Dawson, Maria Eagle, Caroline Flint, Mr Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr David Hanson, Ms Margaret Hodge, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr John Hutton, Mr David Jameson, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Stephen McCabe, Mr Jonathan R. Shaw, Mr John Smith, Mrs Caroline Spelman and Ms Gisela Stuart.

3 Draft Social Security and Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000,— The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

4 Draft Local Authority (Stocks and Bonds) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 and the draft Uncertified Securities (Amendment) Regulations 2000,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Andrew Welsh Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

5 Education (Student Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 and the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2000,—The Speaker has appointed Sir David Madel Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

6 Draft Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism Provisions) (Continuance) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr George Stevenson Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr David Borrow, Mr Desmond Browne, Ms Karen Buck, Mr James Cran, Jim Dowd, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Ken Maginnis, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Lembit Opik, Joan Ruddock, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West) and Mr Mark Todd.

7 Draft Local Authority (Stocks and Bonds) (Amendment) Regulations 2000, and the draft Uncertified Securities (Amendment) Regulations 2000,— The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ted Rowlands from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Kelvin Hopkins.

Grand Committees

8 The Speaker has appointed Mr John Maxton Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on 12th June.

European Standing Committees

9 European Union Document No. 7828/00, relating to Broad Economic Policy Guidelines, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Annual Major Procurement Projects]; to be printed [No. 528-ii] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Employment,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Early Years Education]; to be printed [No. 386-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Committee [Recruiting Unemployed People]; to be printed [No. 533-i] [Mr Derek Foster].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—(1) Eighth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Light Rapid Transport Systems], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 153];

(2) Ninth Report from the Committee [Travelling Fairs], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [Nos. 284-I and -III]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Air Service Agreements between the United Kingdom and the United States]; to be printed [No. 532-i]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

4 European Scrutiny.—Nineteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-six] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Provision of NHS Mental Health Services]; to be printed [No. 373-vii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Second Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, Session 1999-2000, on Current Problems relating to the Livestock Industry in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 535]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Northern Ireland Railways]; to be printed [No. 512-ii].

[Mr Peter Brooke].

7 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Highways Agency: Getting Best Value from the Disposal of Property]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 231];

(2) Twenty-third Report from the Committee [English Partnerships: Assisting Local Regeneration]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 283]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Ensuring that Railtrack Maintain and Renew the Railway Network]; to be printed [No. 536-i]

[Mr David Davis].

8 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Making Government Work]; to be printed [No. 238-iii] [Dr Tony Wright].

9 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Proposed New Synchrotron Facility]; to be printed [No. 82-iii] [Dr Michael Clark].

10 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Housing Benefit]; to be printed [No. 385-v] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

11 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Vehicle Manufacturing in the UK]; to be printed [No. 534-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 105; WH, No. 63.]

Wednesday 24th May 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999.

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 6th June, pursuant to Order [2nd May].

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Tottenham Writ,—Ordered, That the Speaker do issue her Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Tottenham, in the room of Bernard Alexander Montgomery Grant Esquire, deceased.—(Mrs Ann Taylor.)

2 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

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

3 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 8th June.

4 Liaison,—Mr Robert Sheldon reported, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee), That the Liaison Committee had directed him to report that it had chosen the Second Report of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 1999-2000, on Environmental Impact of Supermarket Competition (House of Commons Paper No. 120), and the First Report of the Welsh Affairs Committee, Session 1999-2000, on European Structural Funds (House of Commons Paper No. 46), to be debated on Wednesday 21st June pursuant to Standing Order No. 10 (Wednesday sittings), and the Order of 24th May 1999, in the last Session of Parliament, relating to sittings in Westminster Hall.

5 Standing Orders,—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business, as amended, be printed [No. 518].

6 Electronic Communications Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Electronic Communications Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 22 were agreed to.

7 Adjournment (Matters to be considered before the forthcoming adjournment),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Greg Pope);

8 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:

   Armed Forces Discipline Act 2000
   Nuclear Safeguards Act 2000
   Powers of Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000
   Electronic Communications Act 2000.

9 Adjournment (Matters to be considered before the forthcoming adjournment),—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn,

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

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes to Six o'clock, adjourned till Monday 5th June, pursuant to Order [2nd May].

[Adjourned at 5.46 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 4) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture,—Home-Grown Cereals Authority (Rate of Levy) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1404), dated 24th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

3 Caribbean and North Atlantic Territories,—(1) Montserrat Constitution (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1339), and (2) Virgin Islands (Constitution) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1343), dated 17th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Cook].

4 Pensions,—Stakeholder Pension Schemes Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1403), dated 24th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Pitcairn Islands,—(1) Pitcairn (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1340), and (2) Pitcairn Court of Appeal Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1341), dated 17th May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Cook].

6 Social Security,—(1) Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1402), and (2) Social Security (Attendance Allowance and Disability Living Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1401), dated 22nd May 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 20th January 2000, made by the University of Oxford, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

8 Bank of England,—Notice given by the Treasury to the Bank of England specifying for the purposes of Section 11 of the Bank of England Act 1998 what price stability is taken to consist of and what the economic policy of Her Majesty’s Government is to be taken to be [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

9 Metropolitan Police,—Account of the Metropolitan Police Fund for 1997–98, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 4734] [Mr Secretary Straw].

10 Sustainable Development,—Paper, entitled Waste Strategy 2000: England and Wales (Parts 1 and 2) [by Command] [Cm. 4693-1 and -2] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


APPENDIX II

Draft Local Authority (Stocks and Bonds) (Amendment) Regulations 2000, and the draft Uncertified Securities (Amendment) Regulations 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter Snape from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Kevin Barron.
[No. 107.]

Monday 5th June 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Financial Services and Markets Bill (Supplemental Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order of the House [9th February] be supplemented as follows:

Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed at today's sitting and, if not previously concluded, shall be brought to a conclusion at Eleven o'clock.

2.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has already been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

(3) If that Question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment, the Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) the Question on any further Amendment of the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in the Amendment or (as the case may be) in the Amendment as amended.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) the Question on any Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in the Amendment or (as the case may be) in the Amendment as amended.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, that this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

(7) 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 single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent Stages

3.—(1) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the consideration forthwith of any further Message from the Lords on the Bill.

(2) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

(3) Sub-paragraphs (4) to (7) apply for the purpose of bringing those proceedings to a conclusion.

(4) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has already been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

(5) The Speaker 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.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any item.

(7) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

Reasons Committee

4. The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the appointment of its Chairman.
5.—(1) A Committee appointed to draw up Reasons shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.

(2) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.

(3) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) the Chairman shall—

(a) first put forthwith any Question which has already been proposed from the Chair and has not yet been decided; and

(b) then put forthwith successively Questions on motions which may be made by a Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in any of their Amendments.

(4) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question being put.

Miscellaneous

6. If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the expiry of the period at the end of 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.

7.—(1) In this paragraph “the proceedings” means proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments, on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill, on the appointment and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the Report of such a Committee.

(2) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

(3) The proceedings shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(4) No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a Minister of the Crown, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

8. If proceedings on a Motion for the Adjournment of the House would, by virtue of Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration), commence at a time when proceedings to which paragraph 7 applies are in progress, proceedings on the Motion shall be postponed to the conclusion of those proceedings—(Miss Melanie Johnson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Kevin Hughes: 244.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 126.

So the Question was agreed to.

2 Financial Services and Markets Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Financial Services and Markets Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3.

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘to’ to the end of the Lords Amendment, and to insert the words ‘all relevant generally accepted principles of good corporate governance and in discharging its functions the Authority must act in a way which is fair, reasonable, open and proportionate’.—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

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

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4 and 5 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 6.

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 8, at the end, to insert the words—

’(4) The Authority’s statement must be published in such manner as the Authority considers appropriate.’.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

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

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 7 to 58 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 59.

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 30, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(10) Subsections (6) and (9) and section 383(1) do not apply if the exercise of the Authority’s power under section 40(7)(a) is made at the request of the applicant.’.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 141.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Dowd, Mrs Anne McGuire: 250.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 60 to 130 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 131.

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 9, after the word ‘subsection’ to insert the words ‘; or—

(c) he did not intend to give anyone a false or misleading impression falling within section 109(2)(b) and in engaging in the relevant behaviour he was not reckless as to whether he might give anyone that false or misleading impression, or

(d) where the relevant behaviour fell within section 109(2)(b) and was engaged in by a person other than an individual, the impression given by his behaviour was misleading only because of information which the individual who engaged in that behaviour on his behalf did not know about and that individual was an individual to whom subsection ( ) applies.

( ) This subsection applies to an individual if the information was withheld from him in circumstances permitted by control of information rules and he was not directly or indirectly required to engage in that behaviour by a person who did know the information.’.—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Mike Hall: 112.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luff: 301.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 132 to 179 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 180.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Miss Melanie Johnson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Mike Hall: 304.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Peter Luff: 110.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 181 and 182 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 183.

An Amendment was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 9, after the word ‘position’, to insert the words ‘, or of prejudicing the competitive position of the United Kingdom,’.—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 129.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Graham Allen: 283.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 184 to 269 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 270.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 12, to leave out from the word ‘would’ to the word ‘his’ in line 14, and to insert the words ‘at the time he decides to participate in the scheme—

(a) expect that he would be able to realise within a reasonable period (otherwise than on a liquidation or default of BC or a default of the investor)’.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment to the Lords Amendment be made:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Lords Amendments Nos. 271 to 588 agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 589.

An Amendment was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 590 and 591 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 592.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment;

And it being Eleven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [this day].

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Clive Betts: 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr John Randall: 114.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 593 to 675 were accordingly agreed to.

3 Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [11th May] and Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That this House takes note with approval of the Government’s assessment as set out in Financial Statement and Budget Report 2000–01 and the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2000–01 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993—(Mr David Clelland)—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.40 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 158.

(Presentation of command papers):

Thursday 1st June 2000

1 Miscellaneous (No. 13, 2000),—Sixth Protocol to the General Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Council of Europe, opened for signature at Strasbourg on 5th March 1996, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 4727] [Mr Secretary Cook].

2 Miscellaneous (No. 14, 2000),—European Agreement relating to Persons Participating in Proceedings of the European Court of Human Rights, opened for signature at Strasbourg on 5th March 1996, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 4728] [Mr Secretary Cook].

3 Treaty Series (No. 59, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Colombo on 10th March and 12th April 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Sri Lanka amending the Air Services Agreement, signed at Colombo on 22nd April 1988 [Cm. 4719] [Mr Secretary Cook].

4 Treaty Series (No. 60, 2000),—Agreement, done at London on 8th March 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden on the Reciprocal Holding of Stocks of Crude Oil and/or Petroleum Products [Cm. 4720] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

(Papers subject to Negative Resolution):

Friday 26th May 2000

5 Education,—(1) Education (Mandatory Awards) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1425), dated 25th May 2000, and


   [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Wednesday 31st May 2000


   (2) Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1432), dated 25th May 2000, and

   (3) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1434), dated 26th May 2000

   [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Thursday 1st June 2000

10 Disabled Persons,—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Central Trains Class 170/5 and Class 170/6 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1441), dated 31st May 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Friday 2nd June 2000


12 Social Security,—Income Support (General) and Jobseeker’s Allowance Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1444), dated 1st June 2000 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 5th June 2000:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


15 Judgments,—Draft Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 (Amendment) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

16 Northern Ireland,—(1) Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1446), and


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


18 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 11th January 2000, made by the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

19 Criminal Appeal,—Accounts of the Criminal Cases Review Commission for 1999-2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 544] [Clerk of the House].

20 Defence,—Paper, entitled Kosovo: Lessons from the Crisis [by Command] [Cm. 4724] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

21 Employment Relations,—Report of the Central Arbitration Committee for 1st January 1999 to 31st March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

22 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Kosovo: The Financial Management of Military Operations [by Act]; to be printed [No. 530] [Clerk of the House].

23 Reserve Forces,—Regulations, dated 17th May 2000, amending the Territorial Army Regulations 1978 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

24 School Standards and Framework,—Account of the Kingston upon Hull Education Action Zone for 1998-99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 545] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Cultural Property: Return and Illicit Trade]; to be printed [No. 371-vii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Memoranda laid before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Gibraltar] [Mr Donald Anderson].

3 Health,—(1) Second Report from the Health Committee [The Tobacco Industry And The Health Risks of Smoking], 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. 27]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Tobacco Industry And The Health Risks of Smoking]

[Mr David Hinchliffe].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 13th June.

2 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 13th June.

3 Railtrack (Waverley Station) Order Confirmation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Railtrack (Waverley Station) Order Confirmation Bill.

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

4 Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate Bill [Lords].—Mr Bill Olner reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate 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. 552].

5 Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) Bill.—Mr John Maxton reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) 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. 555].

6 Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill.—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Fur Farming (Prohibition) 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. 553].

7 Learning and Skills Bill [Lords].—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Learning and Skills 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. 554].

8 Welsh Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales)), That the matter of Social Exclusion in Wales be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe).—It was agreed to.

9 Taxation (Right to Know),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Treasury to send to each household and business an annual statement of the rates of each tax and excise duty; and for connected purposes: And that Mr John Bercow, Mr Graham Brady, Mr David Davis, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Nick Hawkins, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Dr Julian Lewis, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Owen Paterson, Mr David Prior and Mr David Ruffley do prepare and bring it in.

10 Taxation (Right to Know) Bill.—Mr John Bercow accordingly presented a Bill to require the Treasury to send to each household and business an annual statement of the rates of each tax and excise duty; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 137].

11 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to
the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give the Police
(Northern Ireland) Bill a Second Reading as it fails to preserve the proud title and insignia
of the Royal Ulster Constabulary; enables the political representatives of paramilitary
organisations to sit on the Policing Board and District Policing Partnerships without a
start to the decommissioning of illegally-held arms and explosives; provides inadequate
safeguards against people convicted of terrorist offences serving on the Policing Board or
the District Policing Partnerships; and threatens significantly to increase the politicisation
of policing in Northern Ireland’, instead thereof.—(Mr Andrew MacKay.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Peter Atkinson: 142.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr David Jamieson: 342.
So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62
(Amendment on second or third reading);

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr David Jamieson: 329.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr William Ross, Mr Roy Beggs: 14.
So the Question was agreed to.

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

12 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been
signified to the proposed Motion relating to Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Money];
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing
Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with
bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill,
it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(a) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State under the Act; and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided
under any other enactment—(Mr Kevin Hughes)—It was agreed to.

13 Welsh Grand Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith,
pursuant to Standing Order No. 108 (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings)), That the Welsh
Grand Committee shall meet on Tuesday 20th June at half-past Ten o’clock and between
Four o’clock and Six o’clock at Westminster to take questions under Standing Order No.
103 (Welsh Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)), and to consider the matter
of Social Exclusion in Wales, under Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee
(matters relating exclusively to Wales))—(Mr Kevin Hughes)—It was agreed to.

14 International Development,—Ordered, That Mr Tony Colman be added to the International
Development Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of
Selection.)

15 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Plymouth and the South West
supporting the development of the Langage Energy Park 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 Kevin Hughes.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Eleven o’clock,
adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.57 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Census,—Census Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1473), dated 5th June 2000 [by Act][Miss
Melanie Johnson]

2 Criminal Law,—Burma (Freezing of Funds) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1472), dated
5th June 2000 [by Act][Miss Melanie Johnson].
3 Environmental Protection,—Sulphur Content of Liquid Fuels (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1460), dated 5th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


5 Road Traffic,—(1) International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1464), and
   (2) Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) (Approval of Fitters and Workshops) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1465), dated 5th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Special Parliamentary Procedure:

6 Pipe-Lines,—Devil’s Dyke Brighton and Hove Compulsory Rights Order 2000, dated 14th May 2000, together with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

7 Culture, Media and Sport,—Department for Culture, Media and Sport Minute concerning the proposed gifting of the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, to the Board of Trustees of the Natural History Museum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

8 Erskine Bridge Tolls,—Accounts of the Scottish Office Development Department: Erskine Bridge for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 547] [Clerk of the House].

9 Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instruments had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instruments came into operation:
   Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1446), and
   [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

10 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Civil Courts (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1482), dated 6th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

11 Treaty Series (No. 61, 2000),—Euro-Mediterranean Agreement, done at Brussels on 26th February 1996, establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, on the one part, and the Kingdoms of Morocco, of the other part, with Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 4725] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Education (Student Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1120) and the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1121).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr James Clappison from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Tim Boswell.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [UK Biodiversity]; to be printed [No. 441-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 Foreign Affairs and Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs and Trade and Industry Committees meeting concurrently, pursuant to paragraph (4)(e) of Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments) [The Work of British Trade International]; to be printed [No. 550-j] [Mr Martin O’Neill].
3 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Social Exclusion in Wales]; to be printed [No. 365-vii] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 108; WH, No. 64.]

Tuesday 6th June 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Jamieson.)

And it being One o’clock accordingly the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1 p.m.

[No. 109.]

Wednesday 7th June 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 14th June.

2 Railtrack (Waverley Station) Order Confirmation Bill.—The Railtrack (Waverley Station) Order Confirmation Bill was read the third time, and passed.

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr John Cummings reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security and Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000.

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

4 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Andrew Welsh reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Local Authority (Stocks and Bonds) (Amendment) Regulations 2000, and the draft Uncertificated Securities (Amendment) Regulations 2000.

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

5 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 with regard to the status of the father of a child conceived posthumously: And that Ms Debra Shipley, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Simon Burns, Jackie Bullard, Barbara Follett, Mr Geraint Davies, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Laurence Robertson, Dr Jenny Tonge and Christine Russell do prepare and bring it in.

6 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Amendment) Bill.—Ms Debra Shipley accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 with regard to the status of the father of a child conceived posthumously: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th June and to be printed [Bill 138].

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. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Equal opportunities in Britain.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that the Chancellor of the Exchequer was being simplistic and divisive in attacking the admissions procedure of Oxford University on the basis of a single, individual case; regrets the lack of action by the Government to promote freedom and opportunity for all the people of the United Kingdom; and calls on the Government to match its rhetoric with action, by removing government obstacles to the less well-off entering university, significantly increasing investment in education, taking those on low incomes out of income tax, tackling pensioner poverty, improving the
quality of healthcare for all, and ensuring access to basic services in both rural and urban communities.—(Mr Charles Kennedy.)

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 true opportunity for all requires that access to higher education should be based on merit not background; welcomes the measures the Government has implemented to widen access as part of the record increase in education spending of 8 per cent. in real terms in this year alone; and welcomes the many initiatives taken to help those in society whose needs are greatest, including an extra £950 a year for older pensioners on low incomes and a record increase in NHS spending of an extra £2 billion this year, plus 6.1 per cent. average growth year on year until 2004', instead thereof—(Mr Malcolm Wicks);

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Tom Brake: 41.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 249.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (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 true opportunity for all requires that access to higher education should be based on merit not background; welcomes the measures the Government has implemented to widen access as part of the record increase in education spending of 8 per cent. in real terms in this year alone; and welcomes the many initiatives taken to help those in society whose needs are greatest, including an extra £950 a year for older pensioners on low incomes and a record increase in NHS spending of an extra £2 billion this year, plus 6.1 per cent. average growth year on year until 2004.

Britain’s Strategic Interests,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that the strategic interests of the United Kingdom are normally best served through collective action through the United Nations, NATO, the Commonwealth, the European Security and Defence Identity and similar political, economic and military institutions and initiatives; is concerned that the opportunities for a reduction in nuclear weapons have been prejudiced by the refusal of the United States Senate to ratify the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and by the proposal that the United States should deploy a system of National Missile Defence, if necessary in breach of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty; welcomes the ‘unequivocal’ declaration of the five permanent members of the Security Council that they will seek to eliminate all nuclear weapons in fulfilment of their obligations under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty; calls upon Her Majesty’s Government to state, first, what its policy is towards the United States proposal for National Missile Defence and, secondly, what steps it proposes to take to fulfil its pledge to seek to eliminate nuclear weapons; congratulates the armed forces of the Crown on their successful military campaigns in Kosovo and Sierra Leone but expresses disappointment that in the latter case Her Majesty’s Government has chosen to deploy UK forces independently of the United Nations peacekeeping force and not as part of it, and thereby failed to strengthen the UN effort and to enhance its credibility; and calls upon Her Majesty’s Government to publish the policy criteria by which it determines that there is a need for intervention—(Mr Menzies Campbell);

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 strategic interests of the United Kingdom are normally best served through collective action through the United Nations, NATO, the Commonwealth, the European Security and Defence Identity, and similar political, economic and military institutions and initiatives, and with allies, but that the United Kingdom should reserve the right to act independently where absolutely necessary; notes that the United States has not yet taken a decision to deploy a National Missile Defence, and that Her Majesty’s Government has made clear, both to the US and to Russia, that it wishes to see the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, and strategic stability, preserved; welcomes Her Majesty’s Government’s intention to pursue its pledge to seek to eliminate nuclear weapons through bilateral and multilateral negotiations, including through the Non-Proliferation Treaty machinery; and recalls that a principal aim of the deployment of British forces to Sierra Leone was to allow the deployment of additional UN forces, which is now well under way, and to support the UN effort there, and as such has been welcomed by the UN Secretary General’, instead thereof.—(Mr Peter Hain.)

Question put, That the original words stand part of the Question.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Mr Andrew Stunell: 40.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 229.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 209.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Bob Russell: 41.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House believes that the strategic interests of the United Kingdom are normally best served through collective action through the United Nations, NATO, the Commonwealth, the European Security and Defence Identity, and similar political, economic and military institutions and initiatives, and with allies, but that the United Kingdom should reserve the right to act independently where absolutely necessary; notes that the United States has not yet taken a decision to deploy a National Missile Defence, and that Her Majesty’s Government has made clear, both to the US and to Russia, that it wishes to see the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, and strategic stability, preserved; welcomes Her Majesty’s Government’s intention to pursue its pledge to seek to eliminate nuclear weapons through bilateral and multilateral negotiations, including through the Non-Proliferation Treaty machinery; and recalls that a principal aim of the deployment of British forces to Sierra Leone was to allow the deployment of additional UN forces, which is now well under way, and to support the UN effort there, and as such has been welcomed by the UN Secretary General.

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

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 eight minutes to Eleven o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.52 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (Student Support) Regulations 2000 (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1490), dated 7th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


(2) Metropolitan Police (Capital Finance) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1474), and

(3) Regulation of Bus Services in Greater London (Transitional Provisions) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1462),

dated 5th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Road Traffic,—Motor Cycles (Eye Protectors) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1489), and

(2) Motor Cycles (Protective Helmets) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1488),

dated 6th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Draft Code of Practice on Disciplinary and Grievance Procedures, proposed to be issued by the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS), and as approved by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry pursuant to
section 200 of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

6 Dentists,—Accounts of the General Dental Council for 1999 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

7 Development of Tourism,—Statement of appointment and salary of Sue Lawley as a member of the English Tourism Council [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Gaming Board: Better Regulation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 537] [Clerk of the House].

9 National Statistics,—Paper, entitled Framework for National Statistics [by Command] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

10 Roads,—Report for 1999 under section 18 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara and Mr Humfrey Malins Chairmen; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Desmond Browne, Mr Keith Darvill, Jim Dowd, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr George Howarth, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Adam Ingram, Helen Jackson, Mr Eddie McGrady, Mr Tony McWalter, Mr Ken Maginnis, Mr Seamus Mallon, Mr Lembit Öpik, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, Mr William Thompson, Dr Jenny Tonge and Mr Shaun Woodward.

2 Limited Liability Partnership Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee F, and has appointed Mr George Stevenson Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr John Burnett, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr David Crausby, Mr Jim Dobbin, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Nick Gibb, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Helen Jones, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Derek Twigg and Mr Brian White.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bowen Wells Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Don Foster, Mrs Llin Golding, Ms Harriet Harman, Ms Beverley Hughes, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr David Kidney, Mr Tim Loughton, Mr Denis Murphy, Sir Michael Spicer, Mr John Townend, Mr Jon Trickett and Mr Shaun Woodward.

4 Draft Horticultural Development Council (Amendment) Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Tony Baldry, Mr Tom Brake, Mrs Helen Brinton, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Jim Cousins, Mrs Ann Cryer, Dr Ian Gibbon, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr David Heath, Mr Brian Jenkins, Lynne Jones, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Alan Meale, Mr James Paise, Mr Gordon Prentice and Ms Joyce Quin.

5 Draft Social Security and Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jon Trickett and Mr Shaun Woodward from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Marsha Singh and Mr Ian Stewart.
6 The Speaker has appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee for its meetings on Tuesday 20th June.

European Standing Committees

7 The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 7828/00, the Commission’s Recommendation for the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines for 2000.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Ninth Report from the Defence Committee [The Future of DERA], 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. 462]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Lessons of Kosovo]; to be printed [No. 347-viii]

[Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Recruiting Unemployed People]; to be printed [No. 533-ii] [Mr Derek Foster].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Air Service Agreements between the United Kingdom and the United States]; to be printed [No. 532-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

4 European Scrutiny,—Twentieth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xx] [Mr Roger Casale].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Feira European Council]; to be printed [No. 68-ii] [Mr Donald Anderson].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Public Expenditure—Inward Investment in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 198-viii] [Mr Peter Brooke].

7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Progress on Resource Accounting and Preparations for Resource Based Supply]; to be printed [No. 556-ii] [Mr David Davis].

8 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Making Government Work]; to be printed [No. 238-iv] [Dr Tony Wright].

9 Social Security,—(1) Fifth Report from the Social Security Committee [the Contributory Principle], 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. 56]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Housing Benefit]; to be printed [No. 385-vi]

[Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 109; WH, No. 65.]

Wednesday 7th June 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Greg Pope.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 15th June.

2 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 15th June.

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir David Madel reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Education (Student Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1120) and the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1121).

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

4 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr George Stevenson reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism Provisions) (Continuance) Order 2000.

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

5 Control of Hedgerows in Residential Areas Bill.—The Order for reading the Control of Hedgerows in Residential Areas Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

6 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. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that the Government’s policy towards pensioners is patronising and confusing; recognises that pensioners want the dignity of receiving social security through their basic state pension as an entitlement and not through complicated special payments; urges therefore that the winter fuel payment, free TV licence, and the age addition, along with funds from abolishing the failed New Deal for Lone Parents and other savings, should all be put into a substantial increase in the basic state pension for 2001/2002 of £5.50 for a single pensioner under 75, £7 for a couple under 75, £7.50 for a single pensioner over 75, and £10 for a couple over 75, together with a commensurate increase in thresholds for benefits and tax allowances, so that the value of the increase is passed on to all pensioners, ensuring that they are better off than at present under this Government’s muddled and incompetent policies—(Mr David Willetts);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘condemns the Opposition for making no commitment to the welfare of either today’s or tomorrow’s pensioners, opposing every step the Government has taken to help pensioners and producing proposals for next year’s basic pension uprating which amount to bribing pensioners with money which is already theirs; recognises the legacy of increasing pensioner poverty left by the last Government; applauds the Government for doing more to help all pensioners, spending £6.6 billion more than planned by the last Government, but most for those who need help most by concentrating half the additional money on the poorest quarter of pensioners; congratulates the Government for tackling poverty directly with the Minimum Income Guarantee, helping take-up through better publicity and simplified claims procedures; supports the Government’s plans to help those pensioners who just fail to qualify for the Minimum Income Guarantee by raising the capital limits to £12,000 from April 2001 and committing itself to bringing forward proposals for a Pensioner Credit which will reward thrift; congratulates the Government for helping all pensioners with their costs, including Winter Fuel Payments and free television licences for people aged 75 and over; and applauds the Government’s strategy for ensuring that, in the future, nobody who has put in a lifetime of work or caring need retire onto means-tested benefits, including a commitment to the basic state pension, a state second pension which does more for 18 million people including those on low and moderate pay, with caring responsibilities or broken work records because of disability, and new flexible, low cost, stakeholder pensions’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Darling.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 121.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Don Touhig: 301.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments)—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House condemns the Opposition for making no commitment to the welfare of either today’s or tomorrow’s pensioners, opposing every step the Government has taken to help pensioners and producing proposals for next year’s basic pension uprating which amount to bribing pensioners with money which is already theirs; recognises the legacy of increasing pensioner poverty left by the last Government; applauds the Government for doing more to help all pensioners, spending £6 billion more than planned by the last Government, but most for those who need help most by concentrating half the additional money on the poorest quarter of pensioners; congratulates the Government for tackling poverty directly with the Minimum Income Guarantee, helping take-up through better publicity and simplified claims procedures; supports the Government’s plans to help those pensioners who just fail to qualify for the Minimum Income Guarantee by raising the capital limits to £12,000 from April 2001 and committing itself to bringing forward proposals for a Pensioner Credit which will reward thrift; congratulates the Government for helping all pensioners with their costs, including Winter Fuel Payments and free television licences for people aged 75 and over; and applauds the Government’s strategy for ensuring that, in the future, nobody who has put in a lifetime of work or caring need retire onto means-tested benefits, including a commitment to the basic state pension, a state second pension which does more for 18 million people including those on low and moderate pay, with caring responsibilities or broken work records because of disability, and new ‘flexible, low cost, stakeholder pensions.

Genetically-modified Crops.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the Government’s mishandling of the consequences of the presence of GM seeds in a batch of conventional oil seed rape seeds imported to Britain from Canada, which were subsequently planted for commercial purposes; and condemns the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food’s response which has led to a collapse in public confidence and unnecessary difficulties for the agricultural industry—(Mr Tim Yeo);

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 ‘endorses Her Majesty’s Government’s approach to the development of GM technology in agriculture; believes that the Government has responded in a responsible, open, considered and proportionate way to the recent discovery of the adventitious presence of GM seed in conventional oilseed rape seed; supports the priority the Government has given and continues to give to the protection of public health and the environment, and its continued determination to act on the best available scientific advice; applauds the creation of the new, independent Agriculture and Environment Biotechnology Commission to provide strategic advice on GM issues; welcomes the announcement by the seed company Advanta, following discussions with the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, that they will provide a fair and equitable compensation package to affected farmers; and commends the Government for the action it is taking at both national and international level to minimise the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future’, instead thereof.—(Mr Nicholas Brown.)

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

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

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

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr John Randall: 144.
Tellers for the Noes, Jim Dowd, Mr Clive Betts: 267.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Dowd, Mr Clive Betts: 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 125.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House endorses Her Majesty’s Government’s approach to the development of GM technology in agriculture; believes that the Government has responded in a responsible, open, considered and proportionate way to the recent discovery of the adventitious presence of GM seed in conventional oilseed rape seed; supports the priority the Government has given and continues to give to the protection of public health and the environment, and its continued determination to act on the best available scientific advice; applauds the creation of the new, independent Agriculture and Environment Biotechnology Commission to provide strategic advice on GM issues; welcomes the announcement by the seed company Advanta, following discussions with the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, that they will provide a fair and equitable compensation package to affected farmers; and commends the Government for the action it is taking at both national and international level to minimise the risk of a similar incident occurring in the future.

7 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

   (1) residents of Derbyshire and elsewhere calling for control on the activities of sex offenders against children; and
   
   (2) residents of Gainsborough and surrounding areas opposing discrimination by the broadcasting authorities against religious bodies

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

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.41 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government,—Draft London Local Authorities (Charges for Stopping Up Orders) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson]

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Environmental Protection,—Highway Litter Clearance and Cleaning (Transfer of Responsibility) (A13 Trunk Road) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1508), dated 7th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Food,—(1) Infant Formula and Follow-on Formula (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1509), and

   (2) Processed Cereal-based Foods and Baby Foods for Infants and Young Children (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1510),

dated 7th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Legal Services Commission,—Community Legal Service (Funding) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1541), dated 6th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].


   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
7 Road Traffic.—Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1507), dated 7th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 Sea Fisheries.—(1) Undersized Lobsters Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1503), and
   (2) Undersized Spider Crabs Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1502), dated 7th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

9 Value Added Tax.—(1) Value Added Tax (Protective Helmets) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1517), dated 8th June 2000, and
   (2) Value Added Tax (Refund of Tax) (No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1515), dated 7th June 2000
   [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

10 Armed Forces’ Pay.—Supplement to the Twenty-ninth Report of the Armed Forces’ Pay Review Body: Service Medical and Dental Officers [by Command] [Cm. 4566] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

11 Education.—Account of the Funding Agency for Schools for 1st April to 31st October 1999, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 560] [Clerk of the House].

12 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of the Meteorological Office for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 517] [Clerk of the House].

13 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Department of Health on the Petition [19th April] from residents of Shropshire and Mid Wales for fair and equitable access to infertility treatment [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

14 School Standards and Framework.—Account of the Sheffield North East Education Action Zone for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 559] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 62) on Private Finance Initiative (House of Commons Paper No. 458).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Lin Golding from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Chris McCafferty.

2 Education (Student Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1120) and the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1121).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Love from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Brian White.

European Standing Committees

3 The Speaker has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union document No. 6320/00, a Commission White Paper on Environmental Liability.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Cultural Property: Return and Illicit Trade]; to be printed [No. 371-viii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Environmental Audit and Accountability]; to be printed [No. 444-ii] [Mr John Horam].

3 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Report of the Independent Inquiry into the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971]; to be printed [No. 561-i] [Mr Robin Corbett].
4 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [HIV/AIDS and Social and Economic Development]; to be printed [No. 558-i] [Mr Bowen Wells].

[No. 110, WH, No. 66.]

Thursday 8th June 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o'clock.

Adjournment (Gibraltar).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Don Touhig)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 13th June.

[Adjourned at 5.44 p.m.]

[No. 111.]

Friday 9th June 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Licensing (Young Persons) Bill,—The Licensing (Young Persons) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

2 Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Friday 21st July.

3 Recycled Content of Newsprint Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Recycled Content of Newsprint Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 26) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 5, to leave out the words 'shall within one year of the passing of this Act' and insert the word 'may', instead thereof.—(Mr David Chaytor.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 21st July.

4 Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 14th April, on consideration of the Medical Treatment (Prevention of Euthanasia) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Clause (Consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions) be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 21st July.

5 Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

6 Food Labelling Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 3rd March, That the Food Labelling Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 21st July.

7 Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

8 Residential Care Homes and Nursing Homes (Medical Records) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Residential Care Homes and Nursing Homes (Medical Records) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.
9 Licensing (Cannabis) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Licensing (Cannabis) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

10 Marine Wildlife Protection Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marine Wildlife Protection Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

11 Property Transactions Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Property Transactions Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

12 Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

13 Corporate Homicide Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Corporate Homicide Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

14 Zoo Licensing (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Zoo Licensing (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

15 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 12th June.

[Adjourned at 3.02 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

1 County Courts,—County Court Fees (Amendment No. 3) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1546), dated 8th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

2 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Government Response to the Twenty-Second Report from the House of Lords Select Committee on European Communities, Session 1998–99, on Biodiversity in the European Union [by Command] [Cm. 4712] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Miscellaneous (No. 17, 2000),—Amendments, adopted during the Ninth Plenary Meeting of the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency on 1st October 1999, of Articles VI and XIV of the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4754] [Mr Secretary Cook].

4 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Supreme Court Fees (Amendment No. 3) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1544), dated 8th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

5 Treaty Series (No. 62, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Stockholm on 4th January and 28th February 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Sweden extending the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters to the Isle of Man [by Command] [Cm. 4726] [Mr Secretary Cook].
Monday 12th June 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bowen Wells reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 62) on Private Finance Initiative (House of Commons Paper No. 458).

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

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Financial Services and Markets Bill to which the Commons have disagreed and agree to the Amendment proposed by the Commons in lieu thereof; and they agree without Amendment to the Amendment made by the Commons to the remaining Lords Amendment.

3 Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Community sentences: electronic monitoring of requirements)—(Mr Paul Boateng)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Short-term prisoners: release subject to curfew conditions)—(Mr Paul Boateng)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Remand centres)—(Jane Kennedy)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Defence under section 8 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971)—(Mrs Anne Campbell)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Protection of Children Act 1978—maximum term of imprisonment)—(Mr David Lidington)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Sex Offenders Act 1997: Notification Period)—(Mr David Lidington)—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 Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 151.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 261.

Another Amendment (No. 122) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 10, at the end, to insert the words—

“(d) the education of offenders, in particular about the impact of crime on the victims of crime and the public.”—(Mr Nick Hawkins)

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

Another Amendment (No. 123) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 3, to leave out the words ‘community rehabilitation’ and to insert the word ‘probation’, instead thereof.—(Mr Nick Hawkins)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 122.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 289.

It being Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

4 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr David Jamieson)—It was agreed to.

5 Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 124) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 11, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(4) Before giving approval to a hostel or other premises under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must be satisfied that the local community has been adequately consulted about the establishment of the hostel or other premises and that arrangements are in place for liaison with the local community about the operation of the hostel or other premises after approval is given.’.—(Mr Nick Hawkins.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 7 to 25) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 130) proposed to the Bill, in page 25, line 16, after ‘A’, to insert the words ‘or Class B’.—(Mr Nick Hawkins.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 26 to 46) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 41, line 31, to leave out Clause 61.—(Jackie Ballard.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 47 to 119) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

6 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Social Security and Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 10th May, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

7 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Local Authority (Stocks and Bonds) (Amendment) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 12th May, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

8 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Uncertificated Securities (Amendment) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 12th May, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

9 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Northern Ireland (Emergency and Prevention of Terrorism Provisions) (Continuance) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 22nd May, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

10 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson be added to the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson be discharged from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, and Mr William Thompson be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) Bristol Anti-Blood Sports for an end to hunting with hounds; and
(2) citizens of the United Kingdom against the introduction of legislation to ban foxhunting
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

Tuesday 13th June 2000

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.02 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Building and Buildings,—Building Regulations (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000,
No. 1554), dated 12th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 London Government,—(1) GLA Roads and Side Roads (Transfer of Property etc.) Order
2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1552), dated 12th June 2000,

(2) Greater London Highways and Road Traffic (Various Provisions) Order 2000
(S.I., 2000, No. 1547), dated 9th June 2000,

1511), dated 8th June 2000,

(4) London Regional Transport (Transitional Modifications) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000,
No. 1504), dated 5th June 2000, and

dated 8th June 2000
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott]; and

6 Greater London Authority Act 1999 (Consequential Amendments of Subordinate
Legislation) (Fire etc. Authority) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1533), dated 11th June
2000, and

(7) Greater London Authority Act 1999 (Consequential Amendments) (Police) Order
2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1549), dated 8th June 2000
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

4 Seeds,—Seeds (Fees) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1542), dated
7th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

5 Social Security,—(1) Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 2)
Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1471), and

(2) Social Security (Benefits for Widows and Widowers) (Consequential Amendments)
Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1483),
dated 5th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

6 Town and Country Planning,—(1) Town and Country Planning (London Spatial
Development Strategy) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1491), and

(2) Town and Country Planning (Mayor of London) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1493),
dated 5th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

7 General Medical Council,—Accounts of the General Medical Council for 1999 [by Act]
[Margaret Beckett].
8 Hunting with Dogs.—Paper, entitled Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Hunting with Dogs in England and Wales, together with a CD-ROM including evidence to the Inquiry [by Command] [Cm. 4763] [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Charitable funds associated with NHS bodies [by Act]; to be printed [No. 516] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts.—(1) Twenty-fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Passport Delays of Summer 1999]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 208];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [National Savings: Public-Private Partnership with Siemens Business Services]; to be printed [No. 566-i]; and

(3) Memorandum laid before the Committee [The Millennium Dome: Accounting Officer Direction]

[Mr David Davis]

[No. 113.]  
Tuesday 13th June 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords]:

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 20th June.

2 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 20th June.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Railtrack (Waverley Station) Order Confirmation Bill, without Amendment.

4 Ticket Touting (London Underground).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law in relation to the sale of London Underground tickets by unauthorised persons: And that Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Mike Gapes and Mr Andrew Mackinlay do prepare and bring it in.

5 Ticket Touting (London Underground) Bill.—Mr Neil Gerrard accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law in relation to the sale of London Underground tickets by unauthorised persons: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 139].

6 Countryside and Rights of Way Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order: Amendments relating to Clause 1, Schedule 1, Clause 2, Schedule 2, Clauses 3 to 8, Schedule 3, Clauses 9 to 42 and Schedule 4; New Clauses relating to Part I; Amendments relating to Clauses 43 to 47, Schedule 5, Clauses 48 and 49, Schedule 6, Clauses 50 to 57, Schedule 7 and Clauses 58 and 59; New Clauses relating to Part II; Amendments relating to Clause 60, Schedule 8, Clause 61, Schedule 9, Clauses 62 to 65 and Schedule 10, New Clauses relating to Part III, Amendments relating to Clauses 66 to 70, Schedule 11 and Clauses 71 and 72; remaining new Clauses; new Schedules.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

Amendment (No. 101) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 12, at the end, to insert the words ‘, and is at least 10 hectares in size.’—(Mr Damian Green.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 195 to 199) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 38, to leave out from the first word ‘the’ to the end of line 39, and to insert the words ‘next 72 hours’, instead thereof.—(Mr Damian Green.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Atkinson: 156.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Don Touhig: 285.

Another Amendment (No. 133) proposed to the Bill, in page 41, line 9, to leave out the words ‘or sailboard’, and to insert the words ‘other than a manually propelled vessel’, instead thereof.—(Mr Andrew Miller.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 200 to 210) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 37, at the beginning, to insert the words ‘by the end of the period of 32 months beginning with the day on which this Act is passed.’.—(Mr Andrew F. Bennett.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 29 and 139 to 141) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 7, to leave out the word ‘natural’.—(Mr Damian Green.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Peter Atkinson: 149.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 282.

Other Amendments (Nos. 142 to 144) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 110) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 1, to leave out ‘90’ and insert ‘21’, instead thereof.—(Mr James Paice.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 65) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 23, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(6A) The relevant confirming authority shall publish guidance to access authorities as to the matters which may be included in such byelaws and the purpose thereof with the intention that byelaws in the areas of each access authority shall be consistent with the byelaws in any other access authority.’.—(Mr Andrew F. Bennett.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 145 to 151) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) Under this section an entitled person may exclude or restrict access by virtue of section 2(1) to any land for no more than 40 days in any calendar year.’.—(Mr James Paice.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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

7 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)—It was agreed to.

8 Countryside and Rights of Way Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 11) be made.

Question put.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Stephen Day: 155.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Jamieson: 294.

Other Amendments (Nos. 152 to 189, 211 and 212) made to the Bill.

A Clause (Compensation)—(Mr Edward Garnier)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr David Clelland)

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

9 Local Government Finance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 62) on Private Finance Initiative (House of Commons Paper No. 458), which was laid before this House on 19th May, be approved—(Mr David Clelland)—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Housing,—Housing Grants (Additional Purposes) (England) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1492), dated 6th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

2 European Communities,—Report by the Department of Trade and Industry on the exercise of powers conferred by certain sections of the European Communities Act 1972 and the Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) Act 1979, for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 543] [Mr Secretary Byers].

3 European Union,—Paper, entitled Developments in the European Union, July to December 1999 [by Command] [Cm. 4762] [Mr Secretary Cook].

4 Greenwich Hospital,—Accounts of the Greenwich Hospital and Travers Foundation for 1998–99, with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 562] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

5 Intelligence Services,—(1) Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee into the Security and Intelligence Agencies' handling of the information provided by Mr Mitrokhin, and

(2) Government Response to the Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee into the Security and Intelligence Agencies' handling of the information provided by Mr Mitrokhin

[by Command] [Cm. 4764 and 4765] [The Prime Minister].

6 Miscellaneous (No. 15, 2000).—Convention, done at Aarhus (Denmark) on 25th June 1998, on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4736] [Mr Secretary Cook].

7 Prisons,—Report of HM Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales for December 1998 to November 1999 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 548] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Horticultural Development Council (Amendment) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Helen Brinton and Mrs Ann Cryer from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Tom Cox and Mr Neil Gerrard.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Energy Efficiency: Government Response and Follow-up], to be printed [No. 571-i] [Mr John Horam].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [UK Biodiversity], to be printed [No. 441-iv] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [China], to be printed [No. 574-i] [Mr Donald Anderson].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Physical Controls at UK Ports of Entry], to be printed [No. 570-i] [Mr Robin Corbett].

5 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-first Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xxi] [Mr David Tredinnick].

6 Treasury,—(1) Third Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on the 2000 Budget], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Special Report [No. 572]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Economic and Monetary Union], to be printed [No. 573-i] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 113; WH, No. 67.]

Tuesday 13th June 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mrs Anne McGuire);

And it being One o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1 p.m.]

[No. 114.]

Wednesday 14th June 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 21st June.

2 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 6230/00, a Commission White Paper on Environmental Liability; and supports the Government’s welcome for the publication of the White Paper, its endorsement of the general principle of environmental liability, and its intention to scrutinise the proposals in order to establish implications for existing domestic arrangements and assessment of the full Regulatory Impact Assessment on UK businesses.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.
3 European Standing Committee B.—Mrs Marion Roe reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 7828/00, the Commission’s Recommendation for the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines for 2000; and supports the Government’s welcome for this draft as giving operational content to the conclusions of the Lisbon summit, reflecting the importance of structural reform in tackling successfully the challenges of globalization and competitiveness, and in promoting employment and social inclusion.

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

4 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:

Financial Services and Markets Act 2000
Railtrack (Waverley Station) Order Confirmation Act 2000.

5 Invalid Care Allowance Bill.—Mr Paul Burstow, supported by Dr Jenny Tonge and Mr Tom Brake presented a Bill to establish a commission of inquiry into whether carers’ entitlement to invalid care allowance should continue to be determined by reference to the benefit entitlement of the person cared for and whether persons who have attained the age of 65 should be entitled to receive the allowance: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 141].

6 Discipline of Hospital Medical Practitioners Bill.—Mr Jim Cunningham presented a Bill to make provision for new procedures for the discipline of hospital medical practitioners: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 142].

7 Representation of Overseas Territories.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring a Bill to provide for the representation of Gibraltar by a Member of Parliament, subject to limitations, and for limited representation of other overseas territories at the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; to include Gibraltar within a European parliamentary constituency; to confer upon Chief Ministers the right to petition the House of Commons at the bar of the House; to improve for elected members of the Legislative Councils access to and communications with Members of the House of Commons; and for related purposes: And that Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, John Austin, Mr Roy Beggs, Mr Christopher Gill, Sir Teddy Taylor and Mr Syd Rapson do prepare and bring it in.

8 Representation of Overseas Territories Bill.—Mr Andrew Mackinlay accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the representation of Gibraltar by a Member of Parliament, subject to limitations, and for limited representation of other overseas territories at the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; to include Gibraltar within a European parliamentary constituency; to confer upon Chief Ministers the right to petition the House of Commons at the bar of the House; to improve for elected members of the Legislative Councils access to and communications with Members of the House of Commons; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 140].

9 Countryside and Rights of Way Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed to the Bill, in page 24, line 41, after the word ‘path’, to insert the words ‘and every way which was shown in any definitive map and statement as a road used as a public path under the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949 and which was subsequently reclassified under Schedule 3 to the Countryside Act 1968 or section 54 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as a bridleway, and every way which is shown on any definitive map and statement as a carriage road footpath or CRF, or as a carriage road bridleway or CRB.’—(Mr David Heath.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 291 to 296) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 304) proposed to the Bill, in page 47, line 15, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) In paragraphs (a) and (b) of subsection (1), the words from “so however” to the end of the paragraph are omitted in each case.’—(Mr Andrew Hunter.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 72) proposed to the Bill, in page 50, line 26, at the end, to insert the words—

‘After section 26 of the 1980 Act there is inserted—

“Application for a public path creation order

26A.—(1) Any person may apply to a council for the area in which the land is situated for the making of a public path creation order to create a footpath or bridleway over the land.

(2) An application under this section shall be in such form as may be prescribed and shall be accompanied by a map, on such scale as may be prescribed, showing the land over which the public right of way would be created, and by such other information as may be prescribed.

(3) An application may be made by the owner, lessee or occupier of any land used for agriculture, forestry or the breeding or keeping of horses for a creation order concurrently with an application under section 118ZA or 119ZA for a public path diversion order or extinguishment order, and such an application is referred to in this section as a ‘concurrent application’.

(4) Regulations may provide—
(a) that a prescribed fee is payable on the making of a concurrent application under this section, and
(b) that further prescribed charges are payable by the applicant if the application is granted.

(5) An application under this section is not to be taken to be received by the council until the requirements of regulations under section 121A below have been satisfied in relation to it.

(6) A council which receives an application under this section shall, after consulting such persons as may be prescribed, determine the application as soon as reasonably practicable.

(7) Before determining to make a public path creation order on a concurrent application under this section, the council may require the applicant to enter into an agreement with them to defray, or to make such contribution as may be specified in the agreement towards, any compensation which may become payable under section 28 below.

(8) Where—
(a) an application under this section has been made to a council, and
(b) the council have not determined the application within twelve months of receiving it, the Secretary of State may, at the request of the applicant and after consulting the council, direct the council to determine the application before the end of such period as may be specified in the direction.

(9) As soon as practicable after determining an application under this section, the council shall—
(a) give to the applicant notice in writing of their decision and the reasons for it, and
(b) give a copy of the notice to such other persons as may be prescribed.

(10) This section has effect subject to the provisions of sections 121A and 121C below.

(11) In this section—
‘prescribed’ means prescribed by regulations;
‘regulations’ means regulations made by the Secretary of State.”.

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 228 to 262) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 43) proposed to the Bill, in page 58, line 16, to leave out the words ‘significant damage’, and to insert the words ‘damage or disturbance’, instead thereof.—(Mr Tom Brake.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 263, 213, 264 to 271, 214, 272, 215 and 273) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 5, at the end, to insert the words—
‘(za) the desirability of ensuring that the overall length of local rights of way is increased during each consecutive period of 12 months beginning with the date of publication of the rights of way improvement plan’.—(Mr Andrew F. Bennett.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 297 to 301, 225 and 226) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 71) proposed to the Bill, in page 33, line 15, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(5) It shall be the duty of the local highway authority to monitor from time to time the compliance with any order made under subsection (1) above, and to bring proceedings under subsection (4) if the obstruction is not removed within the time specified in the order.’.—(Dr David Clark.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 194) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 136) proposed to the Bill, in page 75, line 32, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(5A) Where a way across a common has been used as the vehicular access to a dwellinghouse as of right and without the access having been called into question by proceedings for 20 years prior to 3rd November 1999 then any person shall have lawful authority to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle to and from the dwellinghouse.’.—(Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mrs Eleanor Laing: 158.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Don Touhig: 276.

A Clause (Effect of Part I on powers to stop up or divert highways)—(Mr Kevin Hughes)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Overhanging vegetation obstructing horseriders)—(Mr Kevin Hughes)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Extinguishment of unrecorded rights of way)—(Mr Kevin Hughes)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Excepted highways or rights of way)—(Mr Kevin Hughes)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Bridleway rights over ways shown as bridleways)—(Mr Kevin Hughes)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Cut-off date for extinguishment etc.)—(Mr Kevin Hughes)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Definition of legally relevant objection)—(Mr David Heath)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Tom Brake: 34.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Graham Allen: 276.

Other Amendments (Nos. 274, 281, 216, 282, 217, 283 to 290, 275 to 280, 218 and 219) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 97) proposed to the Bill, in page 93, line 21, at the end, to insert the words—

4A. For section 14(2) of that Act (introduction of new species) there is substituted—

“(2) Subject to the provisions of this Part, if any person plants, releases or otherwise causes to grow in the wild any plant which is included in Part II of Schedule 9 he shall be guilty of an offence.

(2A) Subject to the provisions of this Part, if any person—

(a) sells, offers or exposes for sale, or has in his possession or transports for the purpose of sale, any living wild plant included in Part II of Schedule 9, or any part of such a wild plant; or
(b) publishes or causes to be published any advertisement likely to be understood as conveying that he buys or sells or intends to sell, any of those things, he shall be guilty of an offence.".—(Mr Damian Green.)

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

Another Clause (Local Sites)—(Miss Anne McIntosh)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 153.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Jim Dowd: 288.

Other Amendments (Nos. 220 to 224) made to the Bill.

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

Mr Michael Meacher, 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 Michael Meacher, 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 proposed;

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

10 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted Business), That, at this day's sitting, the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.

11 Countryside and Rights of Way Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill be now read the third time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'declines to give a Third Reading to the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill because the Government has rejected proposals which would reduce the impact of the proposals for a right of access to open country upon land management and other users of the land, because the liability placed upon land owners arising from any man-made features of the land contains no exclusions for ancient or historical features, because there are no provisions for compensation for those affected by the Bill in this way, and because, whilst there are welcome improvements to rights of way legislation and wildlife protection, the Bill fails adequately to protect biodiversity, Special Protection Areas and local wildlife sites', instead thereof.—(Mr Damian Green.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mrs Eleanor Laing: 130.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Tony McNulty: 323.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (Amendment on second or third reading):—It was agreed to.

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

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

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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Parliament,—Draft Attorney General’s Salary Order 2000 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:


3 Miscellaneous (No. 16, 2000),—European Charter, done at Strasbourg on 5th November 1992, for Regional or Minority Languages, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4750] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee C, and has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman, and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Tim Collins, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Barry Gardiner, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Dominic Grieve, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr David Maclean, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Gwyn Prosser and Mr Jonathan R. Shaw.

3 Care Standards Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton an additional Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Bill.

4 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 4) Order 2000:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman, and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr John McFall, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Michael Moore, Ms Sandra Osborne, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Nicholas Soames, Mr David Stewart, Dr Gavin Strang, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr Brian Wilson and Mr Tony Worthington.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman, and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Hilary Benn, Mrs Helen Branton, Mr John Burnett, Mr Martin Caton, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Paul Clark, Mrs Lin Golding, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr David Lock, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr David Ruffley and Mr Peter Snape.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Orders to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman, and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr James Cran, Valerie Davey, Jim Dowd, Mr George Howarth, Helen Jackson, Ms Fiona Jones, Mr Tony Lloyd, Shona McIsaac, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Lembit Opik, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Mr Jonathan M. Taylor, Mr David Trimble, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Mr David Winnick.
7 Draft London Local Authorities (Charges for Stopping Up Orders) Regulations 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Sir David Madel Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Eric Forth, Mrs Eileen Gordon, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Bernard Jenkin, Mr Alan Keen, Mr John McDonnell, Ms Linda Perham and Mr Phil Woolas.

8 Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Dr Ashok Kumar Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Candy Atherton, Ms Hazel Blears, Mr James Cran, Jim Dowd, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr James Gray, Mr George Howarth, Helen Jackson, Mr David Lepper, Mrs Jane McIntosh, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Lembit Opik, Mr Ted Rowlands, Dr Phyllis Starkey, Mr John M. Taylor and Mr William Thompson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Regional Service Centres]; to be printed [No. 509-ii], and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Horticultural Research International; Organic Farming; Regional Service Centres] [Mr David Curry].

2 Education and Employment,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Early Years Education]; to be printed [No. 386-v] [Mr Barry Sheerman]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Committee [Recruiting Unemployed People]; to be printed [No. 533-iii] [Mr Derek Foster].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Tenth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Audit Commission], 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. 174-i and -III];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Departmental Annual Report 2000 and Expenditure Plans 2000–01 to 2001–02]; to be printed [No. 471-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Air Service Agreements between the United Kingdom and the United States]; to be printed [No. 532-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Twenty-first Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xxi]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Race Discrimination Directive]; to be printed [No. 581] [Mr Roger Casale].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Public Expenditure—Inward Investment in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 198-xxi] [Mr Peter Brooke].

6 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Kosovo: The Financial Management of Military Operations]; to be printed [No. 582-iii] [Mr David Davis].

7 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Administration Committee [Making Government Work]; to be printed [No. 238-vi] [Tony Wright].

8 Science and Technology,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Cancer Research—A Fresh Look]; to be printed [No. 332-vii];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Are We Realising Our Potential?]; to be printed [No. 466-ii].
(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Scientific Advisory System]; to be printed [No. 465]; and
(4) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Proposed New Synchrotron Facility];
to be printed [No. 82]
[Dr Michael Clark].

9 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Housing Benefit]; to be printed [No. 385-vii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood]

[No. 114; WH, No. 68.]

Wednesday 14th June 2000.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].
The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Clive Betts.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.59 p.m.

[No. 115.]

Thursday 15th June 2000.
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.
1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 22nd June.

2 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 22nd June.

3 Limited Liability Partnerships Bill [Lords].—Mr George Stevenson reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Limited Liability Partnerships Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.
Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 19th June; and to be printed [Bill 143].
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 588].

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Horticultural Development Council (Amendment) Order 2000.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Environmental Liability White Paper,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 6230/00, a Commission White Paper on Environmental Liability, and supports the Government’s welcome for the publication of the White Paper, its endorsement of the general principle of environmental liability, and its intention to scrutinise the proposals in order to establish implications for existing domestic arrangements and assessment of the full Regulatory Impact Assessment on UK businesses—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe):—It was agreed to.

6 Broad Economic Policy Guidelines,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 7828/00, the Commission’s Recommendation for the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines for 2000, and supports the Government’s welcome for this draft as giving operational content to the conclusions of the Lisbon summit, reflecting the importance of structural reform in tackling successfully the challenges of globalisation and competitiveness, and in promoting employment and social inclusion—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe):—It was agreed to.
7 Adjournment (European Affairs).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Secretary Cook);

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

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

And the Motion having been made at Seven 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 Seven o’clock, till Monday 19th June.

[Adjourned at 7.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Environmental Protection,—Draft Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Parliament,—Draft Attorney General’s Salary Order 2000 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

3 Broadcasting,—Accounts of the Broadcasting Standards Commission for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 587] [Clerk of the House].

4 Coal Industry,—Report of the Office of the Subsidence Adviser for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 Environmental Pollution,—Twenty-Second Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution on Energy—The Changing Climate [by Command] [Cm. 4749] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Insolvency,—Report on Insolvency for 1999 under section 379 of the Insolvency Act 1986 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

7 Treaty Series (No. 63, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Islamabad on 17th and 21st February 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Pakistan Debt Agreement No. 1 (1999)) [by Command] [Cm. 4729] [Mr Secretary Cook].

8 Treaty Series (No. 64, 2000),—Agreement, done at London on 4th November 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Hungary on International Road Passenger Transport [by Command] [Cm. 4731] [Mr Secretary Cook].

9 United Nations,—(1) Eritrea and Ethiopia (United Nations Sanctions) (Channel Islands) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1559), and

(2) Eritrea and Ethiopia (United Nations Sanctions) (Isle of Man) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1558), dated 14th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw]; and

(3) Eritrea and Ethiopia (United Nations Sanctions) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1556), and

(4) Eritrea and Ethiopia (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1557), dated 14th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Cook].
Papers withdrawn:

10 Parliament,—Draft Attorney General’s Salary Order 2000 [laid on 14th June].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 4) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Gavin Strang from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Michael Connarty.

2 Draft Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 (Amendment) Order 2000, and the draft Contracts (Applicable Law) Act 1990 (Amendment) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Llin Golding from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Huw Edwards.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Marking the Millennium in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [No. 578-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Consultants’ Contracts]; to be printed [No. 586-i] [Mr David Hinchcliffe].

3 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Department for International Development: 2000 Departmental Report]; to be printed [No. 475-i] [Mr Bowen Wells].

4 Treasury,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Economic and Monetary Union]; to be printed [No. 573-i]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Committee [HM Treasury]; to be printed [No. 492-i] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 115; WH, No. 69.]

Thursday 15th June 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (The voluntary sector in national life: recognising and promoting volunteering),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 20th June.

[Adjourned at 5.23 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment (Royal Commission Report on the Reform of the House of Lords).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Gerry Satchiffe);
And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

2 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Greg Pope.)
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 Agriculture,—Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Sheep [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].
2 Animals,—Draft Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].
3 Fees and Charges,—Draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Cook].
4 International Immunities and Privileges,—(1) Draft European Court of Human Rights (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2000, and
(2) draft International Seabed Authority (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 National Health Service,—United Kingdom Transplant Support Service Authority (Establishment and Constitution) Amendment Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1621), dated 17th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
6 Social Security,—Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1588), dated 13th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

7 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Maintaining the Royal Palaces [by Act]; to be printed [No. 563] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [UK Biodiversity]; to be printed [No. 441-v] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].
2 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Access to Properties grant-aided by English Heritage]; to be printed [No. 596-i] [Mr David Davis].
3 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Are We Realising Our Potential?]; to be printed [No. 466-iii] [Dr Michael Clark].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 27th June.

2 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 27th June.

3 Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Mr James Plaskitt reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to which the European Parliamentary Elections Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred, That it had gone through the Bill, and had made an Amendment 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 20th June.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 604–I].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 604–II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 604–II].

4 Local Government Bill [Lords].—Mrs Ray Michie reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Local Government Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows: A Bill to make provision with respect to the functions and procedures of local authorities and provision with respect to local authority elections; to make provision with respect to grants and housing benefit in respect of certain welfare services; to amend section 29 of the Children Act 1989; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 145].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 599].

5 Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr Barry Jones reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of Social Exclusion in Wales, referred to it on 6th June, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 117].

6 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Jimmy Hood reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 4) Order 2000.

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:

Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed an Act, intituled a Bill to provide for the transfer to Alliance & Leicester plc of the undertaking of Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc; and for related purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

8 Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords].—The Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

9 Subscription Television (Prevention of Monopoly Sports Broadcasts).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent providers of subscription broadcast services from acquiring sole rights to live broadcast of sporting events. And that Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr David Anness, Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Martin Bell, Mr Bruce George, Mr Nick Hawkins, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Mr Eric Ilsley, Mr Andrew Reed, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Nicholas Winterton and Tony Wright (Cannock Chase) do prepare and bring it in.

10 Subscription Television (Prevention of Monopoly Sports Broadcasts) Bill.—Mr Crispin Blunt accordingly presented a Bill to prevent providers of subscription broadcast services from acquiring sole rights to live broadcast of sporting events: and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 144].
11 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. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Football Hooliganism.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns unreservedly the actions of hooligans purporting to support the England football team at the Euro 2000 championships, hopes that there will be no repetition of these actions and that UEFA’s threat to expel the England team from the tournament will not be acted upon; notes that UEFA and others have criticised the Government’s lack of action to tackle football hooliganism; further notes that proposals to stop unconvicted hooligans from travelling to international matches were brought forward by Opposition honourable Members during proceedings on the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the Football (Offences and Disorder) Act 1999 but were not taken up by the Government, despite the Minister for Sport’s statement that such powers were necessary; calls on the Home Secretary to explain the inaction and delay that has characterised the Government’s approach, despite the undertakings given by Ministers to bring forward their own proposals; and calls on the Government urgently to take the action it has promised for two years to tackle the problem of the thugs who are a disgrace to this country’s proud footballing tradition—(Miss Ann Widdecombe).

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 ‘wholly deplores the violence in Belgium during the Euro 2000 competition perpetrated by United Kingdom citizens, and condemns the irresponsibility and criminality of those involved; welcomes the good co-operation between the British police and National Criminal Intelligence Service with the law enforcement agencies in Belgium, the Netherlands and France by which a large number of individuals with banning orders from football-related convictions against them have been prevented from travelling to Belgium and the Netherlands; strongly supports the many measures already taken by Her Majesty’s Government, the police and other agencies; and endorses the further measures announced by the Secretary of State for the Home Department yesterday’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Straw.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Peter Atkinson: 132.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Clive Betts: 363.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments)—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House wholly deplores the violence in Belgium during the Euro 2000 competition perpetrated by United Kingdom citizens, and condemns the irresponsibility and criminality of those involved; welcomes the good co-operation between the British police and National Criminal Intelligence Service with the law enforcement agencies in Belgium, the Netherlands and France by which a large number of individuals with banning orders from football-related convictions against them have been prevented from travelling to Belgium and the Netherlands; strongly supports the many measures already taken by Her Majesty’s Government, the police and other agencies; and endorses the further measures announced by the Secretary of State for the Home Department yesterday.

The Government’s Policy on Planning, House Building, Development of Greenfield Sites and the Decline of the Cities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the apparent intention of Ministers to ignore the recent vote by members of SERPLAN to limit the number of new houses built in the South East and to ‘punish’ members of SERPLAN for taking that decision; calls on Ministers to abandon their attempts to impose overall figures for new housebuilding on regions of the country; deplores the Government’s failure even to meet its own targets for new development on brownfield sites; regrets the continuing decline of town and cities and, on almost the first anniversary of the Rogers Report, the Government’s failure to address the vital issues of urban regeneration, or growing internal migration and the drift from towns and cities to the countryside, or homelessness; and calls upon the Government to halt the decline of the cities, bring forward measures to protect greenfield sites and the Green Belt, and take steps to return more power to local communities to decide planning and housebuilding priorities—(Mr Archie Norman).

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 move away from the previous “predict and provide” approach to housing provision and the introduction of a “plan, monitor and manage” policy under the new regional planning
policy arrangements, including a target for building 60 per cent. of all new housing on previously developed land and the tightening of planning controls on out of town shopping and ending the profligate use of land; supports the Government’s policies on protecting the Green Belt and improving the use of all land and preventing piecemeal greenfield development; believes the Government’s planning, housing, transport, countryside protection, welfare and economic policies will achieve more sustainable and equitable patterns of both urban and rural development; welcomes the Government’s continued commitment to sustainable growth, safeguarding the countryside and promoting an urban renaissance; supports the targeting of regeneration initiatives in areas of greatest need and the Government’s inter-linked policies for revitalising towns and cities and protecting the countryside; and applauds the Government’s aim of giving everyone the opportunity of a decent home and recognises that the doubling of housing investment and other social housing reforms introduced by this Government are creating stronger, safer and more sustainable communities’.—(Mr Nick Raynsford.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question; Mr James Arbuthnot 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 Stephen Day, Mr Peter Atkinson: 175.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr David Jamieson: 326.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 323.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Peter Atkinson: 167.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That the House welcomes the Government’s move away from the previous ‘predict and provide’ approach to housing provision and the introduction of a ‘plan, monitor and manage’ policy under the new regional planning policy arrangements, including a target for building 60 per cent. of all new housing on previously developed land and the tightening of planning controls on out of town shopping and ending the profligate use of land; supports the Government’s policies on protecting the Green Belt and improving the use of all land and preventing piecemeal greenfield development; believes the Government’s planning, housing, transport, countryside protection, welfare and economic policies will achieve more sustainable and equitable patterns of both urban and rural development; welcomes the Government’s continued commitment to sustainable growth, safeguarding the countryside and promoting an urban renaissance; supports the targeting of regeneration initiatives in areas of greatest need and the Government’s inter-linked policies for revitalising towns and cities and protecting the countryside; and applauds the Government’s aim of giving everyone the opportunity of a decent home and recognises that the doubling of housing investment and other social housing reforms introduced by this Government are creating stronger, safer and more sustainable communities.

12 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business); That, at this day’s sitting, the Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Tony McNulty)—It was agreed to.

13 Industrial Organisation and Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation); That the draft Horticultural Development Council (Amendment) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 18th May, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty)—It was agreed to.

14 Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a Second time;
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And the Question being put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Dowd, Mr Don Touhig: 194.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Edward Leigh: 10.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a Second Time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

15 Select Committee on Broadcasting,—Ordered, That Mr George Galloway be discharged from the Select Committee on Broadcasting and Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown be added to the Committee.—(Mr Keith Bradley.)

16 European Scrutiny Committee,—Ordered, That Mr Allan Rogers be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Mr Bill Rammell be added to the Committee.—(Mr Keith Bradley.)

17 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) Members and supporters of Glossop, Hadfield and District Pensioners' Association for restoration of the link between earnings and the state pension, and
(2) residents of the Burscough area in West Lancashire against the proposed BSE incinerator at Burscough were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

18 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes to Two o’clock, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.54 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (School Teacher Appraisal) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1620), dated 19th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Road Traffic,—M62 and M1 Motorways (Lofthouse Link Roads) (Speed Limit) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1565), dated 10th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

3 Broadcasting,—Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for 1999–2000 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

4 Competition,—Accounts of the Competition Commission for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 601] [Clerk of the House].

5 Corruption,—Paper, entitled Raising Standards and Upholding Integrity: The Prevention of Corruption—The Government’s Proposals for the Reform of the Criminal Law of Corruption in England and Wales [by Command] [Cm. 4739] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Explosives,—Report of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Explosives for Northern Ireland for 1999 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 531] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

7 Pensions,—Accounts of the—
(1) Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority, and
(2) Pensions Compensation Board
for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 602 and 600] [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Standing Committees

1 Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Restoration of Devolved Government) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1445), and the Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1446).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Fiona Jones and Mr Paul Stinchcombe from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Chris Knaus and Paul Flynn.

2 Draft London Local Authorities (Charges for Stopping Up Orders) Regulations 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bernard Jenkin from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Tim Loughton.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Lessons of Kosovo]; to be printed [No. 347-ix] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Employment.—(1) Seventh Report from the Education and Employment Committee [The Role of Private Sector Organisations in Public Education], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 118];

(2) Fifth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Employability and Jobs: Is There a Jobs Gap?]; to be printed [No. 603].

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee [Higher Education]; to be printed [No. 400-v]; and

(4) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Role of Private Sector Organisations in Public Education]

[Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Costing the Environment: Setting Water Prices for 2000–2005]; to be printed [No. 597-i] [Mr John Horam].

4 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Physical Controls at UK Ports of Entry]; to be printed [No. 570-ii] [Mr Robin Corbett].

5 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [HIV/AIDS and Social and Economic Development]; to be printed [No. 558-ii] [Mr Bowen Wells].

6 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xxi] [Mr David Tredinnick].

7 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Economic and Monetary Union]; to be printed [No. 573-iii] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 117; WH, No. 70.]

Tuesday 20th June 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Miss Melanie Johnson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.58 p.m.]
Wednesday 21st June 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 28th June.

2 Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill,—Mrs Marion Roe reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill, and directed her to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 21st July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 608].


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


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5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir David Madel reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft London Local Authorities (Charges for Stopping Up Orders) Regulations 2000.

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

6 Community and Amateur Sports Clubs (National Standards),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish national standards for community and amateur sports clubs; and for connected purposes. And that Mr Andrew Reed, Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West), Mr Ian Pearson, Mr David Drew, Mr Andrew George, Mr Alan Simpson, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Crispin Blunt, David Taylor, Bob Russell and Gillian Merron do prepare and bring it in.

7 Community and Amateur Sports Clubs (National Standards) Bill,—Mr Andrew Reed accordingly presented a Bill to establish national standards for community and amateur sports clubs; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 146].

8 Children (Leaving Care) Bill [Lords],—The Children (Leaving Care) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

9 Children (Leaving Care) Bill [Lords][Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Children (Leaving Care) Bill [Lords] [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Children (Leaving Care) Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which are payable out of moneys so provided by virtue of any other Act—(Mr Graham Allen)—It was agreed to.

10 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 4) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 25th May, be approved—(Mr Graham Allen)—It was agreed to.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Allen.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes to Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Data Protection,—(1) Draft Data Protection (Designated Codes of Practice) (No. 2) Order 2000, and
   (2) draft Data Protection (Miscellaneous Subject Access Exemptions) (Amendment) Order 2000
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2. Social Security,—Draft Social Security Amendment (Students) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

3. Industrial Training,—Report and Financial Statements, together with Accounts, of the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board for 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

4. Social Security,—Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee and statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Draft Social Security Amendment (Students) Regulations 2000 in accordance with section 174 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 [by Command] [Cm. 4739] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5. Treaty Series (No. 65, 2000),—Protocol, done at Brussels on 19th June 1997, drawn up, on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty of European Union and Article 41(3) of the Europol Convention, on the Privileges and Immunities of Europol, the members of its organs, the Deputy Directors and employees of Europol [by Command] [Cm. 4733] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D, and appointed Mr John Butterfill Chairman.

2. Draft Criminal Justice Act 1993 (Extension of Group A Offences) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Charlotte Atkins, Jackie Ballard, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr James Gray, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Patrick Hall, Mr David Lidington, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Phil Sawford, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West) and Mr David Wilshire.

3. Draft Attorney General’s Salary Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jim Cunningham Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Hazel Blears, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr John Burnett, Mr Ivo Caplin, Mr Ivan Henderson, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Andrew Lansley, Sir Peter Lloyd, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Robert Macleman, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Mr Lawrie Quinn, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Paddy Tipping and Ms Claire Ward.

4. Draft Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 (Amendment) Order 2000, and the draft Contracts (Applicable Law) Act 1990 (Amendment) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter Snape from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders), and nominated in substitution Mr Brian Sedgemore.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Regional Service Centres]; to be printed [No. 509-iii];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [MAFF/Intervention Board Departmental Report 2000]; to be printed [No. 610-i]; and
(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Organic Farming]
[Mr David Curry].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [The Lessons of Kosovo]; to be printed [No. 347-x] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Education and Employment,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Early Years Education; Higher Education]; to be printed [Nos. 386-vi and 400-vi] [Mr Barry Sheerman]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Committee [Recruiting Unemployed People]; to be printed [No. 533-iv] [Mr Derek Foster].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Air Service Agreements between the United Kingdom and the United States]; to be printed [No. 532-iv] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

5 European Scrutiny,—Twenty-second Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xxii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Public Accounts,—(1) Minutes of Evidence take before the Committee of Public Accounts [The Gaming Board: Better Regulation]; to be printed [No. 611-i]; and
(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Grants made by the National Lottery Charities Board]
[Mr David Davis].

7 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Sector Ombudsman Review]; to be printed [No. 612-i] [Dr Tony Wright].

8 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Cancer Research—A Fresh Look]; to be printed [No. 332-viii] [Dr Michael Clark].

9 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Scotland Office Departmental Report 2000]; to be printed [No. 607-i] [Mr David Marshall].

10 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Pensioner Poverty]; to be printed [No. 606-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

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[No. 118; WH, No. 71.]

Wednesday 21st June 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Miss Anne McGuire.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.58 p.m.]

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[No. 119.]

Thursday 22nd June 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;
Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 29th June.

2 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 29th June.
3 Liaison.—Mr Robert Sheldon reported, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee), That the Liaison Committee had directed him to report the following recommendations for the allocation of time for the consideration of Estimates on an allotted day (being the second allotted day in the present Session):

That a day not later than 5th August be allotted for the consideration of the following Estimates for the financial year 2000–01:

1. Class XVI, Vote 4: HM Customs and Excise: administration
2. Class XII, Vote 3: Department of Social Security: administration as it relates to medical services

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

Report to lie upon the Table.

4 Scottish Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 100 (Scottish Grand Committee (sittings)), That the Scottish Grand Committee shall meet on Monday 10th July at half-past Ten o’clock at the Glasgow City Council former High School buildings, Glasgow, to consider a substantive Motion for the adjournment of the Committee—(Mr Clive Betts).—It was agreed to.

5 Adjournment (Security and Intelligence Agencies).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Clive Betts); The Motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

6 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Ordered, That

(1) the matter of devolution in Northern Ireland, being a matter relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;
(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Wednesday 5th July at 10.30 a.m., when it shall take questions for oral answer and shall then consider the matter of devolution in Northern Ireland, referred to it under paragraph (1);
(3) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 88 (Meetings of Standing Committees), at the meeting the Chairman shall interrupt the proceedings under paragraph (2) at half-past One o’clock; and
(4) at the conclusion of the proceedings under paragraph (2), a motion for the adjournment of the Committee may be moved by a Minister of the Crown pursuant to Standing Order No. 116(5) (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (sittings)).—(Mr Greg Pope.)

7 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Greg Pope); And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

8 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Greg Pope)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fifteen minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.15 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Education,—Draft Education (School Government) (Terms of Reference) (England) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
2 Insider Dealing,—Draft Insider Dealing (Securities and Regulated Markets) (Amendment) Order 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].
3 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 London Government,—London Cab Order 1934 (Modification) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1666), dated 22nd June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
Other Papers:

5 Appropriations in Aid.—Treasury Minute, dated 22nd June 2000, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes specified in the Revised Estimates and Summer Supplementary Estimates for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Andrew Smith].

6 Chemical Weapons.—Report for 1999 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the operation of the Chemical Weapons Act 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

7 Industrial Training.—Report and Accounts of the Construction Industry Training Board for 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 Public Processions (Northern Ireland).—Report and Statement of Accounts of the Parades Commission for Northern Ireland for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 540] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

9 Supply Estimates, 2000–01.—Revised Estimates and Summer Supplementary Estimates for 2000–01 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 567] [Mr Stephen Timms].

10 Treaty Series (No. 66, 2000).—Partnership and Co-operation Agreement, done at Florence on 21st June 1996, establishing a Partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Uzbekistan of the other part with Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 4735] [Mr Secretary Cook].

11 Treaty Series (No. 67, 2000).—Terms of Reference of the International Copper Study Group, done at New York on 24th February 1989 [by Command] [Cm. 4738] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Attorney General’s Salary Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gwyn Prosser from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr George Mudie.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Consultants’ Contracts]; to be printed [No. 586-ii] [Mr David Hinchcliffe].

2 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [HM Treasury]; to be printed [No. 492-iii] [Mr Giles Radice].

Thursday 22nd June 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (School Meals).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 27th June.

[Adjourned at 5.27 p.m.]

Friday 23rd June 2000.

The House met at half-past Nine 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.:

Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.
2 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
Suspension of Hospital Medical Practitioners Bill.—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for new procedures for the suspension of hospital medical practitioners, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Strategic Export Controls (Breach of Embargo) Bill,—Ordered, That the Strategic Export Controls (Breach of Embargo) Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

4 Adjournment (Policing of London),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Tony McNulty);
And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment lapsed, without Question put.

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
1 Agriculture,—Bovines and Bovine Products (Trade) (Amendment)(England) Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000, No. 1667), dated 20th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

2 Consumer Protection,—Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Nickel) (Safety) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1668), dated 21st June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

(3) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in Design and Technology) (England) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000, No. 1599),
(4) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in English) (England) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000, No. 1604),
(9) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in Modern Foreign Languages) (England) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000, No. 1595),
(11) Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in Physical Education) (England) Order 2000 (S.I. 2000, No. 1607), and
dated 13th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

4 Road Traffic,—M61 Motorway (Kearsley Spur) (Speed Limit) Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000, No. 1593), dated 14th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:
5 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions Minute concerning the proposed gifting of College Farm, Finchley, to the College Farm Trust [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
PRAYERS.

1 Global Cultural Diversity Congress (Singh Inquiry),—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there shall be laid before this House a Return of the Review of events leading up to the cancellation of the Global Cultural Diversity Congress, including possible implications for corporate governance of the Commission for Racial Equality, by Gurbux Singh.—(Mr Mike O'Brien.)

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Criminal Justice Act 1993 (Extension of Group A Offences) Order 2000.

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

3 Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords] [Money].

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment.—(Mr Stephen Timms.)

4 Judgments,—A Motion was made and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments Act 1982 (Amendment) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Mr David Clelland):—It was agreed to.

5 Contracts,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Contracts (Applicable Law) Act 1990 (Amendment) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Mr David Clelland):—It was agreed to.

6 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Restoration of Devolved Government) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1445), dated 27th May 2000, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Mr David Clelland):—It was agreed to.

7 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1446), dated 27th May 2000, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Mr David Clelland):—It was agreed to.

8 Local Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft London Local Authorities (Charges for Stopping Up Orders) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 8th June, be approved—(Mr David Clelland):—It was agreed to.

9 Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

“which inspection shall include consideration of the internal employment practices of the Service with particular reference to equal opportunities issues”.—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.
10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table.

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Medical Profession,—Draft Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

2 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Draft Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Civil Aviation,—Air Navigation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1562), dated 14th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Housing,—Housing (Right to Acquire) (Discount) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1622), dated 19th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Patents,—Patents (Convention Countries) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1560), dated 14th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

6 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 8th March 2000, made by the University of Oxford, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

7 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Refund of Tax) (No. 3) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1672), dated 26th June 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:


9 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 22nd June 2000, concerning the indemnification of works of art lent to the British Council for exhibition to be held in a number of overseas locations during the second half of the financial year 2000-01 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Cook].

10 Global Cultural Diversity Congress,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day for a Return of the Review, by Mr Gurbux Singh, of events leading to the cancellation of the Global Cultural Diversity Congress, including possible implications for corporate governance of the Commission for Racial Equality; to be printed [No. 565] [Mr Secretary Straw].

11 Medical Profession,—Report on the public consultation on proposals to amend the Medical Act 1983 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

12 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the refinancing of the Fazakerley PFI prison contract [by Act], to be printed [No. 584] [Clerk of the House].

13 Treaty Series (No. 68, 2000),—Protocol, done at Montreal on 30th September 1977, relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago) 1944 [by Command] [Cm. 4743] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Criminal Justice Act 1993 (Extension of Group A Offences) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Chaytor and Mr Phil Sawford from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr David Borrow and Christine Butler.
2 Draft Attorney General’s Salary Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr George Mudie from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr David Crausby.


[No. 122.]

Tuesday 27th June 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 4th July.

2 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 4th July.

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jim Cunningham reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Attorney General’s Salary Order 2000.

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

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

The Lords agree without Amendment to the Amendment made by this House to the Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate Bill [Lords].

5 New Member sworn,—Mr David Lammy, Member for Tottenham, was sworn.

6 Ministerial Conduct,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for enforcement of the Ministerial Code of Conduct: And that Mr Andrew Robathan and Mr Martin Bell do prepare and bring it in.

7 Ministerial Conduct Bill,—Mr Andrew Robathan accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for enforcement of the Ministerial Code of Conduct: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 147].

8 Learning and Skills Bill [Lords] [Ways and Means].—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Learning and Skills Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the making of provision for the manner in which payments to trainees are to be treated for the purposes of the Income Tax Acts.—(Mr David Clelland)

9 Learning and Skills Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Learning and Skills Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order: new Clauses relating to city academies; amendments relating to Clauses 124 to 126 and Schedule 8; New Clauses relating to Part I, amendments relating to Part I, New Clauses relating to Part II, amendments relating to Part II, New Clauses relating to Part III, amendments relating to Part III, New Clauses relating to Part IV; amendments relating to Clauses 71 to 123 and Schedule 7; amendments relating to Clauses 127 to 134; amendments relating to Clauses 136 to 143 and Schedules 9 and 10; Remaining New Clauses; New Schedules; amendments relating to Schedule 11.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

A Clause (City academies: financial provisions)—(Mr Secretary Blunkett) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendments (Nos. 71, 107, 72 and 108 to 123) made to the Bill.

A Clause (Selective education policy: local education authorities)—(Dr Stephen Ladyman)—brought up and read the first time.
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Grammar schools: retention of selective admission arrangements)—(Mr John Bercow)—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 Randall, Mrs Eleanor Laing: 132.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Clelland: 330.

Another Amendment (No. 83) proposed to the Bill, in page 67, to leave out lines 2 to 29 and to insert the words—

(2) In section 403 (sex education: manner of provision) in subsection (1) for the words “and the value of family life” substitute “the value of family life and sexual health”.

(3) After section 403 insert—

“403A(1) The Secretary of State must issue guidance designed to secure that the following general objectives are met when sex education is given to registered pupils at maintained schools.

(2) The general objectives are that the pupils—

(a) learn about the nature of marriage as the key building block of society and its importance for family life and for the bringing up of children;

(b) learn about the significance of stability in family relationships;

(c) learn to respect themselves and others;

(d) are protected from teaching and materials which a reasonable person would regard as inappropriate having regard to—

(i) whether information is accurate and objective;

(ii) the language and images used;

(iii) the age of the pupils; and

(iv) the provisions of section 403, this section and section 403B.

(3) When sex education is given to pupils who are in the third or fourth key stage or over compulsory school age, the general objectives referred to in subsection (1) are to include the following additional objectives.

(4) The additional objectives are that the pupils—

(a) learn to understand human sexuality;

(b) learn the reasons for delaying sexual activity and the benefits to be gained from such delay;

(c) learn about obtaining appropriate advice on sexual health.

(5) The Secretary of State’s guidance must also be designed to secure that sex education given to registered pupils at maintained schools contribute to

(a) promoting the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of the pupils and of society;

(b) preparing the pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of adult life.

(6) No guidance under subsection (1) shall be issued or substantially revised unless a draft of the guidance has been laid in draft before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament.

(7) Local education authorities, governing bodies and head teachers must, in discharging their functions under section 403, have regard to the Secretary of State’s guidance.

(8) In this section “maintained school” includes a community or foundation special school established in a hospital.”—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 73) proposed, in page 67, line 11, after the first word ‘are’, to insert the words—

‘(a) taught that marriage provides a strong foundation for stable relationships and the most reliable framework for raising children; and

(b)’.—(Mr Gerald Howarth.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 129.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Don Touhig: 303.

Another Clause (Teaching of engineering and science related subjects)—(Mr Phil Willis)—brought up and read the first time.

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

It being Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

10 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Learning and Skills Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Clive Betts):—It was agreed to.

11 Learning and Skills Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded to consider the Learning and Skills Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 87) proposed, in page 4, line 24, at the end, to add the words—

‘(4) Any funding by the Council of provision of education and training under this Act (whether direct or indirect) shall be in accordance with the arrangements and formula contained in any order made under subsection (1) of section (Free Schools).’—(Mrs Theresa May.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Stephen Day: 122.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 323.

Other Amendments (Nos. 28 to 30, 57, 58, 31, 91, 32 and 42 to 44) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Plans: Wales)—(Mr David Hanson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Strategy: Wales)—(Mr David Hanson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 33 to 35, 59, 60, 92, 45 to 47, 17, 18 and 23 to 25) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Annual Plan of the Chief Inspector for Wales)—(Mr Malcolm Wicks)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 36) proposed to the Bill, in page 23, to leave out subsection (1).—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 19 to 22) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 78) proposed to the Bill, in page 85, to leave out lines 20 and 21.—(Mr James Clappison.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 13 to 16, 88, 124, 125, 40, 89, 41, 126, 101, 127, 128, 102, 61, 90, 62, 93, 63, 64, 48, 94, 49, 50, 65, 66, 51, 67, 68, 52, 26 and 53) made to the Bill.

Other Clauses (Transfers: Wales) (Qualifying arrangements: Northern Ireland) (Grants: Northern Ireland) (Financial support for students: Northern Ireland) (Further education colleges: governors’ liability) (Training programmes: cessation of funding)
Pensions (Pensions: interpretation) (Pensions: delegation) and (Commencement)—(Mr Malcolm Wicks)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 69, 54, 55, 70, 56 and 27) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

12 Criminal Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Criminal Justice Act 1993 (Extension of Group A Offences) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts).—It was agreed to.

13 Estimates.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee), That this House agrees with the Report [22nd June] of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Clive Betts).—It was agreed to.

14 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Northavon and surrounding areas opposing discrimination by the broadcasting authorities against religious bodies was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

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

Adjourned at 1.54 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Export and Investment Guarantees.—Draft Export and Investment Guarantees (Limit on Foreign Currency Commitments) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Immigration.—Draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

3 Legal Aid and Advice.—(1) Draft Legal Aid (Functions) Order 2000, and (2) draft Legal Aid (Prescribed Panels) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

4 Local Government Finance.—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 64) on Special Grant for Activities Undertaken by Beacon Councils [by Act]; to be printed [No. 564] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Animals.—Animals and Animal Products (Import and Export) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1673), dated 22nd June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

6 Consumer Protection.—Cosmetic Products (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1679), dated 26th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

7 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Formal Investigations) (Amendment) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1623), dated 16th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 Telegraphs.—Wireless Telegraphy (Licence Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1678), dated 26th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


10 Transport.—Railways (Interoperability) (Notified Bodies) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1674), dated 26th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


Other Papers:

12 London Regional Transport,—Report of the London Regional Passengers’ Committee for April 1999 to June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

13 Special Procedure Orders,—Report by the Chairman of Committees in 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 Devil’s Dyke Brighton and Hove Compulsory Rights Order 2000 [by Act] [Chairman of Ways and Means].

Papers withdrawn:

14 Medical Profession,—(1) Draft Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Order 2000, and
(2) Report on the public consultation on proposals to amend the Medical Act 1983 [laid on 26th June].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Hazel Blears, Mr David Lepper, Mr Ted Rowlands and Dr Phyllis Starkey from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr George Mudie and Dr George Turner.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Agriculture and Environment Biotechnology Commission]; to be printed [No. 625-i]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Organic Farming; Regional Service Centres]
[Mr David Curry].

2 Defence,—Eighth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Observations on the Fifth Report of the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on the Defence Geographic and Imagery Intelligence Agency]; to be printed [No. 629] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Higher Education]; to be printed [No. 400-vii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Costing the Environment: Setting Water Prices for 2000–2005]; to be printed [No. 597-ii] [Mr John Horam].

5 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [UK Biodiversity]; to be printed [No. 441-vi] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

6 Foreign Affairs,—Fifth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Annual Reports of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and British Trade International 2000], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 507] [Mr Donald Anderson].

7 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [HIV/AIDS and Social and Economic Development]; to be printed [No. 558-iii] [Mr Bowen Wells].

8 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [MAFF: Progress made on Committee Recommendations]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 257];
(2) Twenty-Sixth Report from the Committee [The Private Finance Initiative: The Contract for the Defence Fixed Telecommunications System]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 413].
(3) Twenty-seventh Report from the Committee [Criminal Justice: Working Justice]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 298]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 26th June [The National Health Service Executive]; to be printed [No. 624-i]
[Mr David Davis].

9 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee on 26th June [Are We Realising Our Potential?]; to be printed [No. 466-iv] [Dr Michael Clark].

10 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xxiii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

11 Trade and Industry.—(1) Eighth Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee (Government Observations on the Eighth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, Session 1999–2000, on BMW, Rover and Longbridge); to be printed [No. 634]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Vehicle Manufacturing in the UK]; to be printed [No. 534-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

12 Treasury.—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Treasury Committee (Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on The International Monetary Fund); to be printed [No. 628]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Economic and Monetary Union]; to be printed [No. 573-iv] [Mr Giles Radice].

13 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [The First Year’s Work of the Office of the Secretary of State for Wales]; to be printed [No. 627-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 122; WH, No. 73.]
Tuesday 27th June 2000.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].
The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned.—[Mr Clive Betts];

And it being One o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till tomorrow.
[Adjourned at 1 p.m.]

[No. 123.]
Wednesday 28th June 2000.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 5th July.

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Irene Adams reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2000.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
3 House of Commons (Reserved Matters).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prescribe which Members of the House of Commons may participate only in proceedings on reserved matters under the Scotland and Northern Ireland Acts 1998 or may be appointed only to a ministerial office having responsibility for such matters—(Mr Frank Field).

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, Mr Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Michael Connarty: 131.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Tom Brake: 190.

So the Question was negatived.

4 Limited Liability Partnerships Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Limited Liability Partnerships Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Returns to registrar)—(Mr Austin Mitchell)—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, to leave out lines 22 and 23 and insert the words—

‘(b) subject to paragraph (a), by the rules and principles which would apply if the law relating to partnerships applied to them’, instead thereof.—(Mr Nick Gibb.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 15, after the word ‘to’, to insert the words ‘bodies corporate recognised by the Law Society under section 9 of the Administration of Justice Act 1985’.—(Mr John Burnett.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 22, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2) Section 458 of the Companies Act 1985 (punishment for fraudulent trading) shall apply to limited liability partnerships’.—(Mr Nick Gibb.)

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

Amendment (No. 6) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

5 Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 2, to leave out the words ‘or other disposal’.—(Mr Malcolm Moss.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 14, to leave out from the word ‘authority’ to the word ‘by’ in line 15 and insert the word ‘shall’, instead thereof.—(Mr Malcolm Moss.)

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

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

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

5 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Don Touhig).—It was agreed to.
6 Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill.—The Question being again proposed, That the Fur Farming (Prohibition) 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.

7 Parliament.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Attorney General’s Salary Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 15th June, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope).—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.07 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance,—(1) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 63) on Invest to Save Grant [by Act]; to be printed [No. 538] [Mr Secretary Milburn]; and
(2) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 66) on Threshold
and Leadership Group Payments, and
(3) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 67) on Heads’, Deputies’ and Advanced Skills Teachers’ Performance Pay Progression and Deputies’ Assimilation
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 568 and 569] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture,—Feedingstuffs (Zootechnical Products) and Medicated Feedingstuffs (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1686), dated 26th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

3 Education,—Rutland Sixth Form College, Oakham (Dissolution) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1684), dated 26th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

4 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1683), dated 26th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 National Health Service,—National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1645), dated 20th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

6 Air Force (Constitution),—(1) Regulations of the Defence Council, dated 15th June 2000, relating to the Royal Air Force Manual of Assessment of Medical Fitness: Air Publication 1269A (Third Edition), and
(2) Regulations of the Defence Council, dated 13th June 2000, relating to the Regulations for the Reserve Air Forces: Air Publication 3392 Volume 7 (First Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 Broadcasting,—(1) Report, and
(2) Statement of Accounts
of S4C for 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

8 Criminal Appeal,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Cases Review Commission for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 Defence,—Lists of exceptions to—
(1) the Air Force Regulations,
(2) the Army Regulations, and
(3) the Navy Regulations
as to pensions for 1999–2000 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
10 Japan (No. 1, 2000).—Agreement, done at Tokyo on 29th February 2000, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Japan on Social Security, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4744] [Mr Secretary Cook].

11 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the New British Embassy in Berlin [by Act]; to be printed [No. 585] [Clerk of the House].

12 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the Twelfth to Sixteenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4758] [Mr Stephen Timms].

13 Tribunals.—Special Report of the Council on Tribunals on Mental Health Review Tribunals [by Command] [Cm 4740] [Mr David Lock].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Children (Leaving Care) Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr David Amess, Dr Peter Brand, Mr Hilton Dawson, Maria Eagle, Caroline Flint, Mr Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Philip Hammond, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr John Hutton, Mr David Jameson, Mr David Kidney, Ms Julie Morgan, Mr Jonathan R. Shaw, Mr Keith Simpson, Mrs Caroline Spelman and Mr Simon Thomas.

2 Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords], in place of Mr John Butterfill; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Candy Atherton, Mr John Bercow, Mr Peter Bradley, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Andrew George, Mr Denis MacShane, Fiona MacTaggart, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr David Taylor, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr Andrew Tyrie.

3 Draft Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Keith Hill, Ms Oona King, Mr Martin Linton, Mr Tim Loughton, Mr Paul Marsden, Mr Lembit Opik, Mr Owen Paterson, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Geoffery Robinson, Mr Terry Rooney, Dr Rudi Vis and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

4 Draft Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ann Clwyd, Mr Iain Coleman, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr Denzil Davies, Mr John Denham, Mr Paul Goggins, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Syd Rapson, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Peter Viggers and Mr David Wilshire.

5 Draft European Court of Human Rights (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2000 and draft International Seabed Authority (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr John Battle, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Dr David Clark, Mr Terry Davis, Mr Stephen Day, Helen Jones, Mr Paul Keetch, Rosemary McKenna, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr James Plaskitt, Mr Phil Sawford, Mr Richard Spring, Mr John Townend, Mr John Wilkinson and Mr Mike Wood.

6 Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Sheep and draft Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Code and draft Regulations to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Andrew Welsh Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr David Amess, Norman Baker, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr David Currie, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr David Heath, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Bill米che, Ms Julie Morgan, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Malcolm Moss, Dr Gavin Strang and Mr David Taylor.

7 Draft Social Security Amendment (Students) Regulations 2000:

The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Andrew Welsh Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Tony Banks, Sir Paul Beresford, Ms Hazel Blears, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Gisela Dean, Angela Eagle, Barbara Follett, Mr Mark Field, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Andrew George, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Mr John Randall, Mr Andrew Reed and the Reverend Martin Smyth.

8 Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2000:

The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Roy Beggs, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Ben Chapman, Mr Nick Gibb, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Alan Johnson, Mr Alan Keen, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Neil Turner, Mr Stephen Twigg and Sir Raymond Whitney.

9 Draft Insider Dealing (Securities and Regulated Markets) (Amendment) Order 2000:

The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr John Burnett, Mr Simon Burns, Mr William Cash, Mr Tony Clarke, Mr John Cryer, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Frank Field, Mr Howard Flight, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Andrew Miller, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Ted Rowlands, Joan Ryan, Mr Keith Simpson and Dr Phyllis Starkey.

10 Draft Data Protection (Designated Codes of Practice) (No. 2) Order 2000 and draft Data Protection (Miscellaneous Subject Access Exemptions) (Amendment) Order 2000:

The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jim Cunningham Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Richard Allan, Mr Clive Betts, Mr James Clappison, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Lorna Fitzsimons, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Doug Henderson, Glenda Jackson, Mr Ian Pearson, Jaiquvi Smith, Rachel Squire, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Peter Temple-Morris and Mr Phil Willis.

11 Draft Education (School Government) (Terms of Reference) (England) Regulations 2000:

The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Richard Allan, Mr Clive Betts, Mr James Clappison, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Lorna Fitzsimons, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Doug Henderson, Glenda Jackson, Mr Ian Pearson, Jaqui Smith, Rachel Squire, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Peter Temple-Morris and Mr Phil Willis.

12 Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Candy Atherton from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Desmond Browne.

Grand Committees

13 The Speaker has appointed Mr John Butterfill and Mr Roger Gale Chairmen of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on 5th July.

14 The Speaker has appointed Mrs Irene Adams and Mr Jimmy Hood Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on 10th July.
European Standing Committees

15 European Union Documents Nos. 8795/00 and COM(00) 268, relating to financial assistance to the Western Balkans and revision of the financial perspective, have been referred to European Standing Committee B, together with the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by HM Treasury on 27th June 2000 relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget 2001.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Sixth Report from the Agriculture Committee [The Implications for UK Agriculture and EU Agricultural Policy of Trade Liberalisation and the WTO Round], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 246] [Mr David Curry].

2 Broadcasting,—First Report from the Broadcasting Committee [The Development of Parliamentary Broadcasting], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 642] [Mr Eric Clarke].

3 Defence,—Tenth Report from the Defence Committee [Major Procurement Projects], 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. 528] [Mr Bruce George].

4 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Early Years Education; Higher Education]; to be printed [Nos. 386-vi and 400-viii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

5 Environment, Transport and Regional Airs,—(1) Eleventh Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Proposed Urban 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 [Nos. 185-I and -viii]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Air Service Agreements between the United Kingdom and the United States]; to be printed [No. 532-x]
[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

6 European Scrutiny,—Twenty-third Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xxii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

7 Foreign Airs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Weapons of Mass Destruction]; to be printed [No. 407-iii] [Mr Donald Anderson].

8 Northern Ireland Airs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Resource Accounting and Estimate for Class XV, Vote 2]; to be printed [No. 639-i] [Mr Peter Brooke].

9 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-Eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Inland Revenue/EDS Strategic Partnerships: Award of New Work]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 431]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Emergency Aid: The Kosovo Crisis]; to be printed [No. 641-i]
[Mr David Davis].

10 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Sector Ombudsman Review]; to be printed [No. 612-ii] [Tony Wright].

11 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Pensioner Poverty]; to be printed [No. 606-ii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

12 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [HM Treasury]; to be printed [No. 492-iv] [Mr Giles Radice].
Wednesday 28th June 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.30 p.m.]

Thursday 29th June 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Wednesday 5th July at Seven o’clock.

2 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

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

3 Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1, 12, 30, 31, 59, 102 and 113),—Mr Frank Cook reported from Standing Committee H, That it had gone through the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1, 12, 30, 31, 59, 102 and 113), and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 3rd July; and to be printed [Bill 148].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 652].

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

Trustee Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the law relating to trustees and persons having the investment powers of trustees; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Trustee Bill [Lords],—The Trustee Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 3rd July and to be printed [Bill 149].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Trustee Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 149-EN].

The Bill stood referred to a second reading committee, pursuant to Standing Order No. 59 (Law Commission Bills).

6 Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill,—Ordered, That the Weights and Measures (Amendment) Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st July.

7 Public Administration,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Public Administration on 28th June be printed [No. 647] [Tony Wright].

8 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. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Priorities in the NHS,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the Government’s continued distortion of priorities in the National Health Service through its focus on political targets rather than clinical outcomes, its waste of scarce NHS resources, which would be better spent treating patients, on propaganda exercises, the bogus “national consultation” and a new logo, its manipulation of the appointments system with the NHS and its continued political interference in day to day management, creating a climate of fear and frustration which is driving good NHS managers out of the Service, and its failure to live up to its promises to end post-code rationing and to put patients first; and notes the huge gap between Labour’s promises on health at the last General Election and the reality today, which is that, for the great majority of the British people, the NHS has got worse, not better, under this Labour Government—(Dr Liam Fox);
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 decision to prepare
a National Plan for the NHS in England, bringing together doctors, nurses, patients’
organisations and others working in the NHS to set out priorities for the modernisation
of the NHS, welcomes the largest sustained increase in funding in the history of the NHS,
and rejects the use of taxpayers’ money to subsidise private medical insurance’, instead
thereof.—(Mr Secretary Milburn.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;
Mr James Arbuthnot 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 Atkinson, Mr Keith Simpson: 122.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Tony McNulty: 278.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith,
pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Tony McNulty: 261.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 97.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the decision to prepare a National Plan for the
NHS in England, bringing together doctors, nurses, patients’ organisations and others
working in the NHS to set out priorities for the modernisation of the NHS, and rejects the use of
taxpayers’ money to subsidise private medical insurance.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Keith Bradley.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes past Seven
o’clock, adjourned till Monday 3rd July.

[Adjourned at 7.22 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—(1) Draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2)
Order 2000, and

(2) draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) (Variation) Order 2000
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

2 Medical Profession,—Draft Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr
Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

3 Child Care in North Wales,—Paper, entitled Learning the Lessons: the Government’s
Response to the Report of the Tribunal of Inquiry into the abuse of children in care in
the former county council areas of Gwynedd and Clwyd since 1974 (“Lost in Care”) [by
Command] [Cm. 4776] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

4 Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall,—Financial Statements of the Duchy of Cornwall for
1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 539] [Mr Stephen Timms].

5 Fair Trading,—Report of the Director General of Fair Trading for 1999 [by Act]; to be printed
[No. 576] [Mr Secretary Byers].
6 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 577] [Clerk of the House].

7 Medical Profession,—Report on the Public Consultation on Proposals to Amend the Medical Act 1983 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

8 Scottish Executive Agencies,—Chief Executive’s Summary and Accounts of the Fisheries Research Services for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 188] [Mr Secretary Reid].

9 Superannuation,—Civil Service Additional Voluntary Contribution Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2000 [by Command] [Marjorie Mowlam].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Children (Leaving Care) Bill [Lords].—The Speaker appointed Mrs Ray Michie Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Marking the Millennium in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [No. 578-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Health,—(1) Third Report from the Health Committee [Consultants’ Contracts], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 586]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Consultants’ Contracts] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

3 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [HIV/AIDS and Social and Economic Development]; to be printed [No. 558-iv] [Mr Bowen Wells].

[No. 124; WH, No. 75.]

Thursday 29th June 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (The Future of Sanctions).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Greg Pope.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 4th July.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

[No. 125.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Oppostion Day [16th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

The Government’s early release of prisoners.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government’s policy of giving prisoners special early release on the Home Detention Curfew scheme; deplores the fact that more than 20,000 convicted criminals, including thousands of drug dealers and traffickers, robbers, burglars and violent offenders, have been released from prison under the scheme before serving even half the sentences they were given by the courts; regrets that child sex offenders and others have been released on the scheme before serving the minimum period required by law and contrary to the explicit assurances given to the House by Ministers; notes the contradiction between the recent comments of the Home Secretary and the Prime Minister’s spokesman that violent criminals should serve longer prison sentences and the Government’s policy that has resulted in the special early release of thousands of violent criminals on the scheme; calls on the Home Secretary to act on his word and end the release of robbers and other violent criminals on the scheme immediately; calls for the scheme to be abolished completely; and calls on the Home Secretary urgently to clarify the Government’s prisons policy—(Miss Ann Widdecombe);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and to add the words ‘notes that the introduction of Home Detention Curfew with electronic tagging as in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 was specifically welcomed in the unanimous Third Report of the Home Affairs Select Committee Session 1997–98 (House of Commons Paper No. 486-I), whose members endorsing the report at that time included the honourable Members for Woking, Surrey Heath and Aldershot; believes that one of the major factors contributing to re-offending is an inadequate transition between custody and life outside prison in the community; applauds the work initiated by HM Government better to manage that transition, through Home Detention Curfew, more effective drug treatment, Welfare to Work and greater emphasis on education, work and offender behaviour programmes; notes that short term prisoners are only released on Home Detention Curfew after a careful risk assessment, that about 94 per cent. of prisoners have completed Home Detention Curfew successfully, and that the latest information indicates that fewer than 2 per cent. have been arrested, prosecuted or convicted for offences committed on Home Detention Curfew; applauds the Government’s toughening of the sentencing regime, its practical approach to honesty in sentencing, and its establishment of a comprehensive review of the sentencing framework; and further notes the Opposition’s action in opposing strong measures against anti-social behaviour, benefit sanctions for probation offenders and reform of mode of trial, comforting only the miscreant at the expense of the victim and the community’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Straw.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Peter Luff: 137.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Don Touhig: 319.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Don Touhig: 272.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Peter Luff: 153.

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

Resolved, That this House notes that the introduction of Home Detention Curfew with electronic tagging as in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 was specifically welcomed in the unanimous Third Report of the Home Affairs Select Committee, Session 1997–98 (House of Commons Paper No. 486-I), whose members endorsing the report at that time included the honourable Members for Woking, Surrey Heath and Aldershot; believes that one of the major factors contributing to re-offending is an inadequate transition between custody and life outside prison in the community; applauds the work initiated by HM
Government better to manage that transition, through Home Detention Curfew, more effective drug treatment, Welfare to Work and greater emphasis on education, work and offender behaviour programmes; notes that short term prisoners are only released on Home Detention Curfew after a careful risk assessment, that about 94 per cent. of prisoners have completed Home Detention Curfew successfully, and that the latest information indicates that fewer than 2 per cent. have been arrested, prosecuted or convicted for offences committed on Home Detention Curfew; applauds the Government’s toughening of the sentencing regime, its practical approach to honesty in sentencing, and its establishment of a comprehensive review of the sentencing framework; and further notes the Opposition’s action in opposing strong measures against anti-social behaviour, benefit sanctions for probation offenders and reform of mode of trial, comforting only the miscreant at the expense of the victim and the community.

Neill Committee Recommendations relating to Ministers and Special Advisers,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the recommendations in the Sixth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, ‘Reinforcing Standards’, concerning Ministers and Special Advisers, regrets that the Government has failed to respond to that report; notes that the Prime Minister will not accept responsibility for adjudicating on the compliance of Ministers with the Ministerial Code of Conduct; further notes that the number and cost of Special Advisers continue to increase, believes that Ministers should be accountable for conflicts of interest; further believes that the number, and activities, of Special Advisers is prejudicing the impartiality of the Civil Service and accountability of government; and calls upon the Government to accept in full the recommendations of the Committee on Standards in Public Life in relation to Ministers and Special Advisers— (Mr Andrew Lansley).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and to add the words ‘welcomes the statement by Lord Neill that there is now less cause for concern about standards in public life than when the cash for questions affair led to the setting up of the Committee in 1994; restates the Government’s commitment to maintaining a non-political permanent civil service; agrees with the Sixth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life that “special advisers have a valuable role to play”; acknowledges that the Report deals with the serious issues across a wide range of subjects; and notes that the Government plans to respond before the summer recess’, instead thereof.—(Mr Paddy Tipping.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question; Mr James Arbuthnot rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luff: 165.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 295.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Tony McNulty: 293.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luff: 163.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the statement by Lord Neill that there is now less cause for concern about standards in public life than when the cash for questions affair led to the setting up of the Committee in 1994; restates the Government’s commitment to maintaining a non-political permanent civil service; agrees with the Sixth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life that ‘special advisers have a valuable role to play’; acknowledges that the Report deals with the serious issues across a wide range of subjects; and notes that the Government plans to respond before the summer recess.

2 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 8th June, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig):—It was agreed to.
3 Pensions.—Ordered, That the Stakeholder Pension Scheme Regulations 2000 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

4 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

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 delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 30th June 2000 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O., No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Social Security.—Government Response to the Third Report from the Social Security Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Medical Services [Cm. 4780] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 30th June 2000 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O., No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Telecommunications.—(1) Telecommunications (Licence Modifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1713),

(2) Telecommunications (Licence Modification) (Mobile Data Operator Licences) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1714),

(3) Telecommunications (Licence Modification) (Paging Operator Licences) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1715),

(4) Telecommunications (Licence Modification) (Regional Public Access Mobile Radio Operator Licences) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1712),

(5) Telecommunications (Licence Modification) (Satellite Operator Licences) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1711),

dated 28th June 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 3rd July 2000:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

4 Consumer Protection.—Draft Consumer Protection Act 1987 (Product Liability) (Modification) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 Patents.—Draft Patents Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


7 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Reading) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1719), dated 29th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers

8 Local Government (Scotland).—Report and Accounts of East of Scotland Water for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

9 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 1999 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 613] [Clerk of the House].

10 Trade and Industry.—Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 28th June 2000, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnification against an adverse judgement by the courts relating to the auction of licences for Third Generation Mobile Communications [by Command] [Mr Secretary Byers].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Gerry Steinberg and Mr Stephen Twigg from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations), and nominated in substitution Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr David Lepper and Dr Gavin Strang.

2. Draft Education (School Government) (Terms of Reference) (England) Regulations 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Doug Henderson from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations), and nominated in substitution Mr Gerry Steinberg.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Information,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Information Committee [The Future of the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology]; to be printed [No. 659-i] [Mr Richard Allan].

2. Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Are We Realising Our Potential?]; to be printed [No. 466-v] [Dr Lynne Jones].

3. Social Security and Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee and the Employment Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee, meeting concurrently pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 152 (Select Committees related to government departments) [The Creation of a New Agency for People of Working Age]; to be printed [No. 662-i] [Mr Derek Foster].

Tuesday 4th July 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1. Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords] be read a second time on Tuesday 11th July.

2. City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords]; Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 11th July.

3. Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill, Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday 10th July at Seven o’clock.

4. Care Standards Bill [Lords].—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the Care Standards Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows:

A Bill to establish a National Care Standards Commission; to make provision for the registration and regulation of children’s homes, independent hospitals, independent clinics, care homes, residential family centres, independent medical agencies, domiciliary care agencies, fostering agencies, nurses agencies and voluntary adoption agencies, to make provision for the regulation and inspection of local authority fostering and adoption services; to establish a General Social Care Council and a Care Council for Wales and make provision for the registration, regulation and training of social care workers; to make provision for the registration, regulation and training of those providing child minding or day care, to make provision for the protection of children and vulnerable adults; to amend the law about children looked after in schools and colleges; to repeal the Nurses Agencies Act 1957; to amend Schedule 1 to the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed [Bill 152]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 678].
5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Irene Adams reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Court of Human Rights (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2000, and the draft International Seabed Authority (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2000.

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

6 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2000.

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

7 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jim Cunningham reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Data Protection (Designated Codes of Practice) (No. 2) Order 2000, and the draft Data Protection (Miscellaneous Subject Access Exemptions) (Amendment) Order 2000.

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:

Terrorism Bill,—The Lords have agreed to the Terrorism Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

9 Terrorism Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Terrorism Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 153].

10 Planning (Provision of Affordable Housing),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to permit local authorities to increase to 50 per cent. the proportion of housing in any development which is affordable to people in low paid employment or with equivalent incomes: And that Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Paul Keetch and Mr Andrew Love do prepare and bring it in.

11 Planning (Provision of Affordable Housing) Bill,—Mr Simon Hughes accordingly presented a Bill to permit local authorities to increase to 50 per cent. the proportion of housing in any development which is affordable to people in low paid employment or with equivalent incomes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 150].

12 Local Government Bill [Lords] (Programme),—Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Local Government Bill [Lords]:—

Report and Third Reading

1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed in two allotted days and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, on the second of those days.

Proceedings on Consideration

2. (1) Subject to the Speaker’s powers to select the amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to be proposed, the proceedings to be taken on consideration on each of the two allotted days shall be as shown in the second column of the Table in sub-paragraph (2) below and shall be taken in the order so shown.

(2) Each part of the proceedings on those days shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in relation to that part of the proceedings in the third column of the Table.

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### Conclusion of proceedings

3.—(1) For the purpose of concluding any proceedings which are brought to a conclusion at the time appointed by this Order, the 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.

(2) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (1) above shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to sittings of the House and may be decided, though opposed, at any hour.

(3) On a Motion made for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(4) If two or more Questions would fall to be put under sub-paragraph (1)(c) on amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.
4. Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on the Bill at today’s sitting.

5. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply to proceedings on the Bill.

6. If on an allotted day a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) stands over from an earlier day or to Seven o’clock—
   (a) the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the Bill which under this Order are to be brought to a conclusion on that day after that time shall be postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on the Motion, and
   (b) paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on the Bill for the period after Ten o’clock on that day for which sub-paragraph (a) permits them to continue.

7.—(1) Any private business which has been set down for consideration at Seven o’clock on an allotted day shall, instead of being considered as provided by Standing Orders, be considered at the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill on that day.
   (2) Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business) shall apply to the private business for a period of three hours from the conclusion of the proceedings on the Bill or, if those proceedings are concluded before Ten o’clock, for a period equal to the time elapsing between Seven o’clock and the conclusion of those proceedings.

Supplementary provisions

8. In this Order “allotted day” means today or any other day on which the Bill is put down on the main business as first Government Order of the Day.

9. If any Motion is made by a Minister of the Crown to amend this Order so as to provide a greater amount of time for proceedings on the Bill under paragraph 1 or 2 of this Order, the Question thereon shall be put forthwith and may be decided, though opposed, at any hour.—(Hilary Armstrong.)

13 Local Government Bill [Lords] [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Local Government Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Power to modify enactments concerning plans etc. Wales)—(Mr David Hanson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 95) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 18, after the word ‘anything’ to insert the words ‘including, subject to section 3(2), the raising of money.’—(Mr Don Foster.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;
And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Local Government Bill [Lords] (Programme), the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.
The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the remaining Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.
Amendment (No. 100) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendments to the 1972 Act)—(Ms Beverley Hughes)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Local authority to decide whether to introduce executive arrangements)—(Mr Nigel Waterson)—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 Randall, Mr Stephen Day: 110.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Clive Betts: 314.

Another Clause (Application for locally developed arrangements)—(Mr Don Foster)—brought up and read the first time.
Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Tom Brake: 43.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Clive Betts: 273.
Another Clause (Prior discussion by political groups)—(Mr Nigel Waterson)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Programme Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question, that the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

A Schedule (Amendments to the 1972 Act)—(Mr Robert Ainsworth)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 101 to 110 and 208) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Access to information: background papers)—(Ms Beverley Hughes)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;

And it being four and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Programme Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Graham Allen: 326.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr John Randall: 124.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the remaining Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Meetings and documents: notice etc.) brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 111, 112, 195 to 199, 220, 200 to 202, 113 to 123, 218, 219 and 124) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Restitution order)—(Mr Tim Loughton)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;

And it being five and a quarter hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Programme Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the remaining Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 125 to 161, 209 and 162 to 168) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Proportional representation for local elections in England and Wales)—(Mr Don Foster)—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 Adrian Sanders, Mr Mark Oaten: 39.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Don Touhig: 284.

And it being more than six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Programme Motion, the Deputy Speaker put forthwith the remaining Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 169 to 184 and 210) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed to the Bill, in page 70, line 31, to leave out the word ‘pensions’.—(Mr Peter Atkinson.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 46 to 48, 187, 188, 50, 189, 190 and 52) made to the Bill.
Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

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

Wednesday 5th July 2000

And the Question being put,
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.10 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Broadcasting,—Amendment, dated 3rd July 2000, to the Agreement (Cm. 3152), dated 25th January 1996, between the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the British Broadcasting Corporation [by Command] [Cm. 4797] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Time Off for Public Duties Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1737), dated 1st July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

5 Civil List,—Report of the Royal Trustees [by Act]; to be printed [No. 644] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

6 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 4th July 2000, concerning the proposed gifting of a Defender aircraft to the Belize Defence Force [by Command] [Mr Secretary Cook].

7 Intelligence Services,—Report of the Intelligence Services Commissioner for 1999 [by Command] [Cm. 4777] [The Prime Minister].

8 Interception of Communications,—Report of the Interception of Communications Commissioner for 1999 [by Command] [Cm. 4778] [The Prime Minister].

9 Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance,—Report of the Law Society of Northern Ireland on Legal Aid in Northern Ireland in 1998–99, with the Report of the Lord Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Legal Aid in Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 595] [Mr David Lock].


11 Security Service,—Report of the Security Service Commissioner for 1999 [by Command][Cm. 4779] [The Prime Minister].

12 Treaty Series (No. 70, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Kampala on 11th May and 22nd June 1993, 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. 5 (1992)) [by Command] [Cm. 4745] [Mr Secretary Cook].

13 Treaty Series (No. 71, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Kampala on 12th and 15th April 1994, 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. 5 (1992) Amendment) [by Command] [Cm. 4746] [Mr Secretary Cook].
14 Treaty Series (No. 72, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Kampala on 11th and 15th May 1999, 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. 7 (1998)) [by Command] [Cm. 4747] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ivor Caplin and Mr Stephen Timms from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill), and nominated in substitution Mr Graham Allen and Miss Melanie Johnson.

2 Draft Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Clwyd and Mr Piara S. Khabra from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Mr Kevin Barron and Ms Linda Perham.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment,—(1) Eighth Report from the Education and Employment Committee [New Deal for Young People: Two Years On]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 510] [Mr Derek Foster]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Committee [Higher Education]; to be printed [No. 400-ix] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Countryside Agency]; to be printed [No. 665-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [China]; to be printed [No. 574-i] [Mr Donald Anderson].

4 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [The Effectiveness of EC Development Assistance]; to be printed [No. 669-i] [Mr Bowen Wells].

5 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xxiv] [Mr David Tredinnick].

6 Trade and Industry,—(1) Tenth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [UK Space Policy]; 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. 335];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Work of the Department of Trade and Industry]; to be printed [No. 677-i]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Vehicle Manufacturing in the UK]

[Mr Martin O’Neill].

7 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Sixth Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1998–99, on Childcare in Wales]; to be printed [No. 667]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Social Exclusion in Wales], to be printed [No. 365-viii]

[Mr Martyn Jones].
Tuesday 4th July 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

And it being One o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1 p.m.]

Wednesday 5th July 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 12th July.

2 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of devolution in Northern Ireland, referred to it on 22nd June, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 324].

3 Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Census (Amendment) 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. 683].

4 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Education (School Government) (Terms of Reference) (England) Regulations 2000.

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

5 Community Reinvestment,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend the regulation of financial institutions so as to require them to demonstrate that their deposit facilities serve the convenience and needs for credit services and deposit services of the communities in which they are regulated to do business, consistent with the safe and sound operation of such institutions: And that Mr David Kidney, Mrs Liz Blackman, Mr Tony Colman, Mr David Drew, Julia Drown, Lynne Jones, Mr Andrew Love, Ms Margaret Moran and Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West) do prepare and bring it in.

6 Community Reinvestment Bill,—Mr David Kidney accordingly presented a Bill to extend the regulation of financial institutions so as to require them to demonstrate that their deposit facilities serve the convenience and needs for credit services and deposit services of the communities in which they are regulated to do business, and to require the Financial Services Authority to encourage such institutions to help meet the credit needs of the local communities in which they are regulated to do business, consistent with the safe and sound operation of such institutions: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 154].

7 International Immunities and Privileges,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Court of Human Rights (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Mr Robert Ainsworth)—It was agreed to.
8 International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft International Seabed Authority (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Mr Robert Ainsworth).—It was agreed to.

9 Local Government Bill [Lords] [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order [4th July], proceeded further to consider the Local Government Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Another Clause (Prohibition on promotion of homosexuality: bullying)—(Mr Nigel Waterson)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 74, line 2, to leave out Clause 98.—(Mr Nigel Waterson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mrs Eleanor Laing: 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Jim Dowd: 305.

And it being more than two and one-quarter hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill on the second day, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [4th July], put the Question necessary to dispose of the business required to be concluded at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 192, 203 to 205, 193 and 194) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

10 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 19) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

11 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.56 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Public Health.—Draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Health and Safety (Northern Ireland).—Explosive Substances (Hazard Information) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1646), dated 12th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

3 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events.—Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1739), dated 3rd July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Other Papers:

4 Crime and Disorder.—Review of the Youth Justice Board for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Miscellaneous (No. 18, 2000).—Agreement, done at Brussels on 6 March 1997, between the Parties to the North Atlantic Treaty for the Security of Information, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 4787] [Mr Secretary Cook].

7 School Standards and Framework.—Account of the Nottingham (Bulwell) Education Action Zone for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 684] [Clerk of the House].

8 Telecommunications.—Report of the Director General of Telecommunications for 1999 and Statement of Accounts of the Office of Telecommunications for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 496] [Mr Secretary Byers].


10 Treaty Series (No. 74, 2000),—Partnership and Co-operation Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 22 April 1996, between the European Communities and their Member States, and the Republic of Azerbaijan, with Final Act [Cm. 4752] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Trustee Bill [Lords]:
(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Bill; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has appointed sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mrs Liz Blackman, Mr John Burnett, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Paul Clark, Mr Tony Colman, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Alan Hurst, Ms Jenny Jones, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Elfyin Llywyd, Mr David Lock, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Patrick Nicholls and Mr Bill Tynan.

2 Children (Leaving Care) Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Caroline Flint from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Miss Anne Begg.

3 Draft Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Code to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Simon Burns, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr William Cash, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr Nick Gibb, Mr Stephen Hesford, Mr Alan Johnson, Mrs Eleanor Lang, Alice Mahon, Mr Jim Marshall, Helen Southworth, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Derek Twigg and Dr Rudi Vis.

4 Draft Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Rudi Vis from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Barbara Follett.

5 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 64) on the Special Grant for Activities undertaken by Beacon Councils (House of Commons Paper No. 564):
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bowen Wells Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Ian Bruce, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Geraint Davies, Mr Don Foster, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Ms Beverley Hughes, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Tim Loughton, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr David Rendel, Joan Ruddock and Mr Mark Todd.

6 Draft Legal Aid (Functions) Order 2000, and the draft Legal Aid (Prescribed Panels) (Amendment) Regulations 2000:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jim Cunningham Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Nigel Beard, Mr Peter Bradley, Mr John Burnett, Mr Paul Clark, Mr David Curry, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Doug Henderson, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr David Lock, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Paul Truswell, Joan Walley and Mrs Betty Williams.

7 Draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Rules to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Jackie Ballard, Mr Harold Best, Mr John Burnett, Mr Paul Clark, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Nick Hawkins, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Robert Jackson, Jane Kennedy, Mr Peter Lilley, Kati Mountford, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Bill Rammell, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr Stephen Twigg.

8 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 63) on the Invest to Save Grant (House of Commons Paper No. 538):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Sir David Madel Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Michael Clapham, Maria Eagle, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr John Hutton, Mr Michael Jack, Mr David Jameson, Mr Fraser Kemp, Judy Mallaber, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Keith Simpson, Dr Jenny Tonge and Ms Rosie Winterton.

9 Draft Social Security Amendment (Students) Regulations 2000.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee in respect of the draft Regulations in place of Mr John Cummings.

10 Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 67) on Heads', Deputies' and Advanced Skills Teachers' Performance Pay Progression and Deputies' Assimilation (House of Commons Paper No. 569), and the Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 66) on Threshold and Leadership Group Payments (House of Commons Paper No. 568):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Reports to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Edward O'Hara Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, John Austin, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Clive Betts, Mr James Clappison, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Jean Corston, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Eric Forth, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Estelle Morris, Ms Debra Shapley, Miss Geraldine Smith and Derek Wyatt.

11 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) (Variation) Order 2000 and the draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2) Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Crispin Blunt, Ann Clwyd, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr David Hanson, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Mr Ellyn Llwyd, Mr Lembt Opik, Sir Raymond Powell, Mr. John Smith, Mr Llew Smith, Mr Gareth Thomas, Mr Don Touhig and Mr Alan W. Williams (Carmarthen East and Dinefwr).

12 Stakeholder Pension Schemes Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000, No. 1403):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Douglas Alexander, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Colin Burgon, Mr Paul Burstow, Maria Fyfe, Mr John Grogan, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Edward Leigh, Dan Norris, Mr Owen Paterson, Mr Jeff Rooker, Mr Desmond Swayne, Dr Desmond Turner and Steve Webb.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Seventh Report from the Agriculture Committee [Horticulture Research International], 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. 484];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Organic Farming]; to be printed [No. 681-i]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Government Proposals for Organophosphate Sheep Dips; Organic Farming]

[Mr David Curry].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Armed Forces Personnel Issues]; to be printed [No. 609-i] [Mr Peter Viggers].

3 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Higher Education]; to be printed [No. 400-x] [Mr Barry Sheerman]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Committee [Recurring of Unemployed People]; to be printed [No. 533-ii] [Mr Derek Foster].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Twenty-Second Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution: Energy—The Changing Climate]; to be printed [No. 666-i]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Rail Investment: Renewal, Maintenance and Development of the National Rail Network]; to be printed [No. 671-i]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

5 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Second Report from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [Programming of Legislation and Timing of Votes], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 589] [Margaret Beckett].

6 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Administration Committee [Changes to Inherited SERPS and the Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration]; to be printed [No. 433-iii] [Tony Wright].

7 Scottish Affairs,—Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Poverty in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 59-xx] [Mr David Marshall].

8 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Pensioner Poverty]; to be printed [No. 606-iii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 127; WH, No. 77.]

Wednesday 5th July 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Jim Dowd.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1. Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th July.

2. Police (Northern Ireland) Bill,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from Standing Committee B, that it had gone through the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 155].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 692].

3. Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Order 2000.

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

4. Estimates [2nd allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [27th June], to consider the estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates).

   Estimates, 2000–01 (Class XVI, Vote 4),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further, revised sum, not exceeding £482,077,000 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 2001 for expenditure by the Customs and Excise Department on the administration of taxation; the operation of customs and revenue controls and other Customs and Excise-related services, and payments in respect of Shipbuilder’s Relief and the Customs and Excise National Museum—(Mr Kevin Hughes);

   And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to Resolution [27th June], and the Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of Estimates).

   Estimates, 2000–01 (Class XII, Vote 3),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a further, revised sum, not exceeding £1,110,424,000 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 2001 for expenditure by the Department of Social Security on administration, for agency payments, expenditure incurred as part of the Welfare to Work initiative, expenditure on behalf of the Department of Health, and for certain other services, including grants to local authorities and voluntary organisations and other organisations—(Mr Clive Betts);

   And it being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings, and the Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates) and the Sessional Order [25th October 1999, in the last Session of Parliament].

   The Deputy Speaker, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates), put the deferred Questions on Estimates, 2000–01 (Class XVI, Vote 4 and Class XII, Vote 3).

Class XVI, Vote 4

   Resolved, That a further, revised sum, not exceeding £482,077,000 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 2001 for expenditure by the Customs and Excise Department on the administration of taxation; the operation of customs and revenue controls and other Customs and Excise-related services; and payments in respect of Shipbuilder’s Relief and the Customs and Excise National Museum.
Resolved, That a further, revised sum, not exceeding £1,110,424,000 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 2001 for expenditure by the Department of Social Security on administration, for agency payments, expenditure incurred as part of the Welfare to Work initiative, expenditure on behalf of the Department of Health, and for certain other services, including grants to local authorities and voluntary organisations and other organisations.

5 Estimates and Supplementary Estimates, 2000–01.—The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on other estimates appointed for consideration this day, pursuant to Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates) and the Sessional Order [25th October 1999, in the last Session of Parliament].

Resolved, That a further sum not exceeding £133,029,399,000 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 2001, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 374, 375, 376, 377 and 567.

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 Andrew Smith, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Stephen Timms and Miss Melanie Johnson do prepare and bring it in.

6 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.—Mr Stephen Timms accordingly presented a Bill to apply a sum out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on 31st March 2001, 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 151].

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Allen.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.31 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. 68) on the 2000/2001 Special Grant for Kosovan Evacuees [by Act]; to be printed [No. 636] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—(1) Education (Funding for Teacher Training) Designation (No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1750), and  
(2) Hendon College (Dissolution) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1751), dated 5th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 National Health Service.—Health Service Medicines (Control of Prices of Specified Generic Medicines) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1763), dated 6th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

4 Development of Tourism,—Accounts of the Scottish Tourist Board for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 687] [Clerk of the House].

5 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Departmental Resource Accounts of the Welsh Office for 1st April to 30th June 1999, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

6 Financial Services,—Report and Accounts of the Financial Services Authority for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

7 Industrial Development,—Report for 1999–2000 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the First Minister of the Scottish Parliament and the First Secretary of the National Assembly for Wales under the Industrial Development Act 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 674] [Mr Secretary Byers].

8 Prisons,—Report of the Prisons Ombudsman for 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4730] [Mr Secretary Straw].
APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Costing the Environment: Setting Water Prices for 2000–2005]; to be printed [No. 597-iii]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Government Observations on the Third Report from the Committee—Comprehensive Spending Review: Government Response and Follow-up]
   [Mr John Horam].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Twelfth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [UK Biodiversity]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 441-I]; and
   (2) Thirteenth Report from the Committee [The Planning Inspectorate and Public Inquiries], 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. 364-I and III]
   [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 International Development,—(1) Sixth Report from the International Development Committee [ECGD, Developmental Issues and the Ilisu Dam]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 211]; and
   (2) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Effectiveness of EC Development Assistance]; to be printed [No. 669-ii]
   [Mr Bowen Wells].

4 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [HM Treasury]; to be printed [No. 492-v] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 128; WH, No. 78.]

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].
The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Development of Community Legal Services),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Lock.)
   And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 11th July.
   [Adjourned at 4.02 p.m.]

[No. 129.]

Friday 7th July 2000.
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 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.
   Life Peerages (Appointments Commission) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to establish a Commission to make proposals for the conferment of life peerages under the Life Peerages Act 1958, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Public Petition,—A Public Petition from residents of Laindon and Basildon for a duty on owners of shopping centres to provide for adequate cleaning, maintenance and security was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

3 Adjournment (Report of the Committee of Inquiry into Hunting with Dogs in England and Wales (Cm. 4763)),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Robert Ainsworth);
   And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.
4 Broadcasting.—Ordered, That, for the purpose of its approval, the Amendment (Cm. 4797), dated 3rd July 2000, to the Agreement (Cm. 3152), dated 25th January 1996, between the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the British Broadcasting Corporation shall be treated as if it were an instrument subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation).—(Jim Dowd.)

5 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 10th July.

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:
1 Constitutional Law.—Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
2 Channel Tunnel.—Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1775), dated 6th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].
3 Disabled Persons.—(1) Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Anglia Railways Class 170/2 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1770), and
(2) Rail Vehicle Accessibility (ScotRail Class 170/4 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1769) dated 5th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
4 Immigration,—Immigration (Control of Entry through Republic of Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1776), dated 6th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Other Papers:
5 Education and Employment.—Department of Education and Employment Minute concerning a contingent liability consequent on the development and implementation by the Employment Service and Electronic Data Services (EDS) of the ‘Modernising the Employment Service’ Programme [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
6 Development of Tourism,—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Tourist Board for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].
7 Treaty Series (No. 75, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Jakarta on 20th and 30th July 1999, extending the agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Republic of Indonesia for the Promotion and Protection of Investments signed at London on 27th April 1976 to Bermuda, the Isle of Man and the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey [by Command] [Cm. 4753] [Mr Secretary Cook].
8 Treaty Series (No. 76, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Kinshasa on 13th January 1997 and Brazzaville on 18th February 1997, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of the Congo concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Congo Debt Agreement No. 4 (1996)) [by Command] [Cm. 4756] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees
1 Children (Leaving Care) Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.
2 Draft Social Security Amendment (Students) Regulations 2000.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations, in place of Mr Jonathan Sayeed.

European Standing Committees
3 The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 8795/00 and COM(00) 268 relating to financial assistance to the Western Balkans and revision of the financial perspective, together with the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by HM Treasury on 27th June 2000 relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget 2001.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John McWilliam reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations 2000.

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

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir David Madel reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 63) on the Invest to Save Grant (House of Commons Paper No. 538).

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

3 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) (Variation) Order 2000 and the draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2) Order 2000.

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

4 Medical Profession,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved—(Jim Dowd):—It was agreed to.

5 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved—(Jim Dowd):—It was agreed to.

6 Data Protection,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Data Protection (Designated Codes of Practice) (No. 2) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 21st June, be approved—(Jim Dowd):—It was agreed to.

7 Data Protection,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Data Protection (Miscellaneous Subject Access Exemptions) (Amendment) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 21st June, be approved—(Jim Dowd):—It was agreed to.

8 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. 56 (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.

9 Terrorism Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider Lords Amendments to the Terrorism Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1.

An Amendment (b) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 4 after the word ‘is’ to insert the words ‘directed against or is’—(Mr Simon Hughes).

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment:—(Mr Simon Hughes).

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 131 were agreed to.
10 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.—The Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

11 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Keith Hill.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.51 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Defence.—(1) Royal Marines Terms of Service (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1772), and
(2) Royal Navy Terms of Service (Ratings) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1771),
dated 4th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

2 Legal Aid and Advice.—(1) Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1802), dated 28th June 2000, and
(2) Legal Aid (Notification of Very High Cost Cases) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1801),
dated 27th June 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].


4 Road Traffic.—Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1805), dated 10th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

(4) Oil and Fibre Plant Seeds (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1789),
(5) Seed Potatoes (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1788), and
dated 7th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

Other Papers:

6 Courts and Legal Services.—Report of the Legal Services Ombudsman for 1999–2000, entitled Demanding Progress [by Act]; to be printed [No. 583] [Mr David Lock].


8 Museums and Galleries.—Accounts of the Museums and Galleries Commission for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 697] [Clerk of the House].

9 Parliamentary Commissioner.—Seventh Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 1999–2000, Investigation into delays in making payments under the Arable Area Payments Scheme [by Act]; to be printed [No. 635] [Clerk of the House].

10 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the Petition [29th March] from Pamela M. Combes against proposals for housing development in Hampshire [by Standing Order] [Clerk of the House].

11 School Standards and Framework.—Account of the C/BT/Lambeth Action Zone for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 699] [Clerk of the House].

12 Trade and Industry.—Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 10th July 2000, concerning a contingent liability consequent on potential compensation claims by miners for exposure to surface dust [by Command] [Mr Secretary Byers].
13 Treaty Series (No. 77, 2000),—Agreement, done at Canberra on 6th February 1997, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Australia concerning the Investigation, Restraint and Confiscation of the Proceeds and Instruments of Crime [by Command] [Cm. 4760] [Mr Secretary Cook].

14 Treaty Series (No. 78, 2000),—Energy Charter Treaty and Energy Charter Protocol on Energy Efficiency and Related Environmental Aspects, done at Lisbon on 17th December 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 4761] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2000,—
The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Paul Clark, Mr Bill Rammell and Mr Stephen Twigg from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Rules); and nominated in substitution Mr Roger Casale, Bridget Prentice, Dr Desmond Turner and Joan Walley.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Liaison,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Liaison Committee [Shifting the Balance: Select Committees and the Executive]; to be printed [No. 690-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

[No. 131.]

Tuesday 11th July 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 18th July.

2 Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 18th July.

3 Trustee Bill [Lords].—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Trustee 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 Trustee 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. 713].

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2000.

   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:

   The Lords have agreed to the Limited Liability Partnerships Bill, without Amendment.

   The Lords have agreed to the Utilities Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

   The Lords have agreed to the Postal Services Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Utilities Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Utilities Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 157].

7 Postal Services Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Postal Services Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 158].

8 European Single Currency (Referendum).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for a referendum on 28th September 2000 to decide whether the United Kingdom should join the European Single Currency: And that Mr John Maples, Mr Edward Leigh,
Mrs Gillian Shephard, Mr Nicholas Soames, Sir Michael Spicer and Sir Peter Tapsell do prepare and bring it in.

9 European Single Currency (Referendum) Bill.—Mr John Maples accordingly presented a Bill to provide for a referendum on 28th September 2000 to decide whether the United Kingdom should join the European Single Currency: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 156].

10 Hundredth Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.—Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty on the hundredth birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, humbly conveying to Her Majesty, on such a unique and memorable occasion, the loyal affection of the House and the nation for Her Majesty The Queen Mother.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of the House as are of Her Majesty’s most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty’s Household.—(The Prime Minister.)

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That a Message be sent to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother rejoicing with Her on the attainment of Her hundredth birthday; expressing to Her Majesty the people’s gratitude for Her lifelong example of trust in the Lord, and courage and service in war and peace, and praying for Her health and happiness in days to come.—(The Prime Minister.)

Ordered, That Madam Speaker, the Prime Minister, Margaret Beckett, Mr William Hague and Mr Charles Kennedy do wait upon Her Majesty with the said Message.—(The Prime Minister.)

11 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill—

Timetable

1.—(1) Proceedings on Consideration shall be completed at today’s sitting and brought to a conclusion (if not previously concluded) six hours after the commencement of proceedings on this Motion.

(2) Proceedings on Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting and brought to a conclusion (if not previously concluded) seven hours after the commencement of proceedings on this Motion.

Questions to be put

2.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on the Bill to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1.

(2) The 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.

(3) On a Motion made for a new Clause or Schedule, the Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(4) If two or more Questions would otherwise fall to be put under sub-paragraph (2)(c) on amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.

Miscellaneous

3. Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply at today’s sitting to proceedings to which this Order applies.

4. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

5. No Motion shall be made to alter the order in which proceedings on the Bill are taken or to recommit the Bill.

6. No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to the Bill except by a Minister of the Crown; and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

7. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply to the Bill.

Supplemental Orders

8. 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 Standing Order No. 15(1) shall apply to those proceedings.
9. If at today’s sitting the House is adjourned, or 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—(Mr Adam Ingram).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Mike Hall: 354.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Peter Atkinson: 143.

So the Question was agreed to.

12 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (District policing partnership sub-groups for Belfast)—(Mr Adam Ingram)—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 Touhig, Mr Graham Allen: 338.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Roy Beggs, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson: 7.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (The Commissioner)—(Mr George Howarth)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Reports by the Commissioner)—(Mr Robert Ainsworth)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Targets for recruitment)—(Mr Lembit Öpik)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Peter Atkinson: 182.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 307.

And it being more than six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Police (Northern Ireland) Bill (Allocation of Time), the Deputy Speaker put the Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour, pursuant to Order [this day].

Question put, That Amendment No. 44 and all the remaining Government Amendments (except Nos. 197, 212 and 299) be made and that New Schedule 1 (The Commissioner) be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Jamieson: 331.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Ian Paisley, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson: 8.

Accordingly Amendments (Nos. 66 to 196, 198 to 211, 213 to 298, 44 and 300) were made, and a Schedule (The Commissioner) was added to the Bill.

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

And it being seven hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Police (Northern Ireland) Bill (Allocation of Time), the Deputy Speaker put the Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour, pursuant to Order [this day].

Question put, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Kevin Hughes: 307.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Roy Beggs, Mr William Thompson: 16.

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

13 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) (Variation) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope).

The House proceeded to a division.
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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Kevin Hughes: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Stephen Day: 112.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) (Variation) Order, which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved.

14 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr David Jamieson: 293.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Stephen Day: 109.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) (No. 2) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 29th June, be approved.

15 Environmental Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 15th June, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Peter Luff: 109.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations, which were laid before this House on 15th June, be approved.

16 Local Government Finance (England).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 63) on the Invest to Save Grant (House of Commons Paper No. 538), which was laid before this House on 28th June, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Mike Hall: 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 128.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 63) on the Invest to Save Grant (House of Commons Paper No. 538), which was laid before this House on 28th June, be approved.

17 Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Education (School Government) (Terms of Reference) (England) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Mike Hall: 237.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 129.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Education (Schools Government) (Terms of Reference) (England) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved.

18 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from residents of Lagan Valley opposing discrimination by the broadcasting authorities against religious bodies was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
19 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.27 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Consumer Credit.—Consumer Credit (Advertisements and Content of Quotations) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1797), dated 6th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Education.—(1) College of Care and Early Education (Dissolution) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1806), dated 10th July 2000, and

(2) Education (Student Loans) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1804), dated 7th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Prisons.—Prison (Amendment) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1794), dated 7th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

4 Social Security.—Tax Credits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 3) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1807), dated 10th July 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

5 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events.—Safety of Sports Grounds (Designation) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1809), dated 10th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].


7 Young Offenders Institutions.—Young Offender Institution (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1795), dated 7th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Other Papers:

8 Data Protection.—Report and Accounts of the Data Protection Commissioner for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 575] [Clerk of the House].

9 Defence Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Defence Bills Agency for 1999-2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 551] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

10 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of the Patent Office for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 656] [Clerk of the House].

11 Judicature (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of Funds in Court in Northern Ireland for 1997–98, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 702] [Clerk of the House].

12 Prisons (Scotland).—Report of the Parole Board for Scotland for 1999 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 498] [Mr Secretary Reid].

13 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the Petition [8th June] from residents of Gainsborough and surrounding areas opposing discrimination by the broadcasting authorities against religious bodies [by Standing Order] [Clerk of the House].

14 Science and Technology.—Report and Summary Financial Statement of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

15 Transport.—Report and Accounts of British Waterways for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
16 Treaty Series (No. 79, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Ashgabat on 21st February and 13th March 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Turkmenistan terminating the 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 [by Command] [Cm. 4766] [Mr Secretary Cook].

17 Treaty Series (No. 80, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 10th July and 5th August 1999, amending the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Commonwealth Foundation [by Command] [Cm. 4767] [Mr Secretary Cook].

18 Treaty Series (No. 81, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 10th and 28th July 1997, amending the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Coffee Organization [by Command] [Cm. 4768] [Mr Secretary Cook].

19 Treaty Series (No. 82, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Washington on 21st July 1999, between the Three Governments of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Federal Republic of Germany and the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Government of the United States of America concerning the application of non-proliferation assurances to low enriched uranium for retransfer to Taiwan [by Command] [Cm. 4769] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Code in place of Mr Eric Illsley.
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mike Gapes from the Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Code); and nominated in substitution Mr Bill Rammell.

2 Draft Legal Aid (Functions) Order 2000, and the draft Legal Aid (Prescribed Panels) (Amendment) Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Joan Walley from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Joan Ruddock.

3 Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Sheep, and the draft Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Gavin Strang from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Jimmy Wray.

4 Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 67) on Heads’, Deputies’ and Advanced Skills Teachers’ Performance Pay Progression and Deputies’ Assimilation (House of Commons Paper No. 569), and the Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 66) on Threshold and Leadership Group Payments (House of Commons Paper No. 568).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gerald Bermingham from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Reports); and nominated in substitution Ms Karen Buck.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation,—Third Special Report from the Deregulation Committee [Further Report on the Draft Regulatory Reform Bill], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 705] [Mr Peter L. Pike].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Sixth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Developments at the Intergovernmental Conference 2000], 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. 384] [Mr Donald Anderson].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Home Office Annual Report 1999–2000]; to be printed [No. 708-i] [Mr Robin Corbett].

4 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [HIV/AIDS and Social and Economic Development]; to be printed [No. 558-s] [Mr Bowen Wells].
5 Standards and Privileges.—(1) Fourteenth Report from the Standards and Privileges Committee [Complaint against Frank Cook], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 709]; and
(2) Fifteenth Report from the Committee [Consultation on Proposed Amendments to the Rules relating to the Conduct of Members]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 710]
[Mr Robert Sheldon].

6 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xxv] [Mr David Tredinnick].

7 Treasury.—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on the Private Finance Initiative]; to be printed [No. 706]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Economic and Monetary Union and the Council of Economic and Finance Ministers (ECOFIN)]; to be printed [No. 573-v].
[Mr Giles Radice].

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE
The Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 131; WH, No. 79.]

Tuesday 11th July 2000.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].
The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Kevin Hughes);
And it being One o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 1 p.m.

[No. 132.]

Wednesday 12th July 2000.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;
Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 19th July.

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

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security Amendment (Students) Regulations 2000.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
4 European Standing Committee B.—Mr Joe Benton reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents Nos. COM (2000) 300, the Preliminary Draft Budget (PDB) of the European Communities for 2001 (Volumes 0, 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8), and the Commission’s Overview of the PDB (Provisional Volume 0); 8795/00, Commission Communication concerning revision of the financial perspective (2001–2006); financing of the programme of assistance for the Western Balkans; and re-classification of aid to Cyprus and Malta: proposal for revision of the financial perspective; COM (2000) 268, Commission Communication on 2000–2006 financial programming of heading four of the Community Budget; and supports the Government’s efforts to maintain budget discipline in the Community.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Government Resources and Accounts Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Human Rights (Joint Committee).—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, to which they desire the concurrence of this House, viz.: That it is expedient that a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to consider and report on:

(a) matters relating to human rights in the United Kingdom (but excluding consideration of individual cases);
(b) proposals for remedial orders, draft remedial orders and remedial orders made under section 10 of and laid under Schedule 2 to the Human Rights Act 1998; and
(c) in respect of draft remedial orders and remedial orders, whether the special attention of the House should be drawn to them on any of the grounds specified in House of Lords Standing Order 73 (Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments);

to report to the House:
(a) in relation to any document containing proposals laid before the House under paragraph 3 of the said Schedule 2, its recommendations whether a draft order in the same terms as the proposals should be laid before the House; or
(b) in relation to any draft order laid under paragraph 2 of the said Schedule 2, its recommendation whether the draft order should be approved;

and to have power to report to the House on any matter arising from its consideration of the said proposals or draft orders; and

to report to the House in respect of any original order laid under paragraph 4 of the said Schedule 2, its recommendation whether:
(a) the order should be approved in the form in which it was originally laid before Parliament; or
(b) that the order should be replaced by a new order modifying the provisions of the original order; or
(c) that the order should not be approved,

and to have power to report to the House on any matter arising from its consideration of the said order or any replacement order.

6 Government Resources and Accounts Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Government Resources and Accounts Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 161].

7 Madam Speaker Boothroyd’s Retirement.—The Speaker informed the House that she had intimated to Her Majesty her wish to relinquish her office on Sunday 22nd October 2000.

8 Age Equality Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the establishment of an Age Equality Commission to advise the Government on discrimination issues in relation to older people—(Mr Lawrie Quinn);

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. 23 (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 Stunell, Mr John McDonnell: 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Desmond Swayne: 7.

So the Question was agreed to.
Ordered, That Mr Lawrie Quinn, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mrs Lorna Fitzsimons, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mr John Grogan, Mr Douglas Alexander, Mr Richard Allan, Mr Stephen Twigg, Ms Claire Ward and Mr Andrew Reed do prepare and bring in the Bill.

9 Age Equality Commission Bill,—Mr Lawrie Quinn accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the establishment of an Age Equality Commission to advise the Government on discrimination issues in relation to older people: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 159].

10 Care Standards Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Care Standards Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (General powers of the Commission)—(Mr John Hutton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Statement of national minimum standards)—(Mr Philip Hammond)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Peter Luff: 159.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Greg Pope: 299.

It being Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

11 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Care Standards Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.

12 Care Standards Bill [Lords].—The House again proceeded to consider the Care Standards Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (National Adoption Register)—(Mrs Caroline Spelman)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Alternative and complementary therapies)—(Mrs Caroline Spelman)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—

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Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Older Persons’ Commissioner)—(Mr Paul Burstow)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 46 to 53) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 37) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 36, at the end, to insert the words—

‘( ) Regulations shall provide that no person is required to be registered more than once with the Commission in respect of the same establishment or agency’.—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 54 to 66, 95 and 67) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No.8) proposed to the Bill, in page 35, line 23, after the word ‘may’, to insert—

‘(a)’.—(Mr Win Griffiths.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 45) proposed to the Bill, in page 40, line 1, to leave out subsection (8).—(Mr Philip Hammond.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made. Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 68 to 94) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to establish a National Care Standards Commission; to make provision for the registration and regulation of children’s homes, independent hospitals, independent clinics, care homes, residential family centres, independent medical agencies, domiciliary care agencies, fostering agencies, nurses agencies and voluntary adoption agencies; to make provision for the regulation and inspection of local authority fostering and adoption services; to establish a General Social Care Council and a Care Council for Wales and make provision for the registration, regulation and training of social care workers; to establish a Children’s Commissioner for Wales; to make provision for the registration, regulation and training of those providing child minding or day care; to make provision for the protection of children and vulnerable adults; to amend the law about children looked after in schools and colleges; to repeal the Nurses Agencies Act 1957; to amend Schedule 1 to the Local Authority Social Services Act 1970; and for connected purposes.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

13 Welsh Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 108 (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings)), That the Welsh Grand Committee shall meet on Wednesday 19th July at half-past Ten o’clock at Westminster. (Mr Mike Hall).—It was agreed to.

14 Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2000, which were laid before this House on 27th June, be approved. (Mr Mike Hall).—It was agreed to.

15 Football (Disorder) Bill.—Ordered, That, if a Bill entitled the Football (Disorder) Bill is presented and read the first time, notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to be moved in Committee in respect of the Bill may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before it has been read a second time. (Mr Mike Hall.)

16 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Residents of Mid-Dorset and North Poole calling for increased police presence on the streets was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn. (Mr Mike Hall.)

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

[Adjourned at 3.04 a.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. 65): Invest to Save Grant [by Act]; to be printed [No. 707] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers

3 Agriculture.—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the House of Commons Agriculture Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Environmental Regulation and Farming [by Command] [Cm. 4800] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Audit Commission.—(1) Accounts of the Audit Commission for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales for 1st November 1998 to 31st October 1999, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 696] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Report of the Audit Commission for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales for 1st November 1998 to 31st October 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
5 Church Commissioners.—Report and Accounts of the Church Commissioners for England for 1999 [by Measure] [Mr Secretary Straw].
6 Crown Estate.—(1) Accounts of the Crown Estate Commissioners for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 721]; and
   [Clerk of the House].
7 Environmental Protection.—Accounts of the Nature Conservancy Council for England for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 720] [Clerk of the House].
9 Lord Chancellor’s Department Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Public Trust Office for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 380] [Clerk of the House].
10 Social Security.—Report by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Social Fund for 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4755] [Mr Secretary Darling].
11 Treaty Series (No. 83, 2000).—Exchange of Notes, done at Bucharest on 15th April and Chisinau on 10th May 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Moldova terminating the 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 [by Command] [Cm. 4772] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Amendment (Cm. 4797), dated 3rd July 2000, to the Agreement (Cm. 3152), dated 25th January 1996, between the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the British Broadcasting Corporation:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Amendment to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Andrew Welsh Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz: Janet Anderson, Mr Joe Ashton, Norman Baker, Mr Gerald Berringham, Jim Dowd, Mr John Greenway, Mr Robert Madelman, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Tony McWalter, Mr John Randall, Mr Martin Salter, Mr John Smith, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Desmond Swayne and Ms Dari Taylor.

2 Draft Export and Investment Guarantees (Limit on Foreign Currency Commitments) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr George Stevenson Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz: Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Ben Chapman, Valerie Davey, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr Nick Gibb, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Robert Jackson, Lynne Jones, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr John McFall, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Greg Pope and Mr Gordon Prentice.

3 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 64) on the Special Grant for Activities undertaken by Beacon Councils (House of Commons Paper No. 564),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Karen Buck and Joan Ruddock from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Mr Barry Gardiner and Mr Neil Turner.

4 Draft Patents Regulations 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Dr Michael Clark Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz: Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Nick Gibb, Mrs Llin Golding, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr Patrick Hall, Dr Kim Howells, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Ivan Lewis, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr John McDonnell, Shona McIsaac, Mr Greg Pope and Mr Robert N. Wareing.
5 Draft Legal Aid (Functions) Order 2000 and the draft Legal Aid (Prescribed Panels) (Amendment) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Betty Williams from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Roger Casale.

6 Draft Consumer Protection Act 1987 (Product Liability) (Modification) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jim Cunningham Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Ian Bruce, Dr Vincent Cable, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr William Cash, Mr Brian Cositer, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Nick Gibb, Mrs Linda Gilroy, Jane Griffiths, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Andy King, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Siobhan McDonagh, Mr Austin Mitchell and Mr Greg Pope.

7 Draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr John Butterfill Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Hugh Bayley, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Peter Bottomley, Dr Peter Brand, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Keith Darvill, Mr Andrew George, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr David Lammy, Mr Stephen McCabe, Laura Moffatt, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr John Randall, Miss Geraldine Smith and Mr Shaun Woodward.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Dr Ashok Kumar Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Jackie Ballard, Mr Colin Burgon, Dr Jack Cunningham, Mr David Curry, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Simon Hughes, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Tom Levitt, Mr David Lidington, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Alan Meale, Mrs Diana Organ, Dr Nick Palmer, Mrs Barbara Roche, Christine Russell and Mr Stephen Twigg.

9 Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 67) on Heads’, Deputies’ and Advanced Skills Teachers’ Performance Pay Progression and Deputies’ Assimilation (House of Commons Paper No. 569), and the Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 66) on Threshold and Leadership Group Payments (House of Commons Paper No. 568),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jean Corston and Miss Geraldine Smith from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Reports); and nominated in substitution Rosemary McKenna and Mr Brian White.

10 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2000:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Douglas Alexander, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Russell Brown, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr George Galloway, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Alasdair Morgan, Ms Sandra Osborne, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Bill Tynan and Mr Brian Wilson.

11 Stakeholder Pension Schemes Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1403),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Colin Burgon and Dr Desmond Turner from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Hilary Benn and Mr Denis Murphy.

Grand Committees

12 The Speaker has appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on 19th July.

European Standing Committees

13 European Union Document No. 13735/99, relating to a Single European Sky, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

14 European Union Document No. 13540/99, relating to a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Organic Farming]; to be printed [No. 681-ii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Organic Farming]
   [Mr David Curry].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Marking the Millennium in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [No. 578-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Teaching Trade Unions; Higher Education]; to be printed [Nos. 722 and 400-xi] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Fourteenth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Funding of London Underground], with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 411];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Implications of the European Commission Ruling on Gap Funding Schemes for Urban Regeneration in England]; to be printed [No. 714-i];
   (3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Implications of the European Commission Ruling on Gap Funding Schemes for Urban Regeneration in England];
   [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; and
   (4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Rail Investment Renewal, Maintenance and Development of the National Rail Network]; to be printed [No. 671-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

5 European Scrutiny,—Twenty-fourth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xxiv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Public Administration,—(1) Second Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [The Report of the Commissioner for Public Appointments to NHS Trusts and Health Authorities]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 410]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Special Advisers]; to be printed [No. 727-i] [Tony Wright].

7 Scottish Affairs,—First Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Poverty in Scotland]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 59] [Mr David Marshall].

8 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [DSS Departmental Report; Inherited SERPS Compensation Scheme and Resource Accounting and Budgeting]; to be printed [No. 717-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

9 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Post Office Services: Progress Report]; to be printed [No. 724-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

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Wednesday 12th July 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 20th July.

2 Children (Leaving Care) Bill [Lords].—Mr Bill O’Hare reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Children (Leaving Care) 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. 733].

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Jimmy Hood reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bowen Wells reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 64) on the Special Grant for activities undertaken by Beacon Councils (House of Commons Paper No. 564).
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jim Cunningham reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Legal Aid (Functions) Order 2000, and the draft Legal Aid (Prescribed Panels) (Amendment) Regulations 2000.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 67) on Heads’, Deputies’ and Advanced Skills Teachers’ Performance Pay Progression and Deputies’ Assimilation (House of Commons Paper No. 569), and the Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 66) on Threshold and Leadership Group Payments (House of Commons Paper No. 568).
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Irene Adams reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Insider Dealing (Securities and Regulated Markets) (Amendment) Order 2000.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Barry Jones reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Stakeholder Pension Schemes Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1403).
   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 Royal Parks (Trading) Bill, without Amendment.

10 Football (Disorder) Bill.—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Cook and Mr Charles Clarke presented a Bill to make further provision for the purpose of preventing violence or disorder at or in connection with association football matches; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time and to be printed [Bill 160].
   
   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Football (Disorder) Bill be printed [Bill 160—EN].

11 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. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.
Relationship between Parliament and the Executive.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that Parliament is the essential and definitive link between citizen and government and should remain the institution at the heart of the nation’s democratic system; regrets the accelerated loss of power and influence from Parliament to the Executive since 1997; rendering Parliament less able to hold government to account; and calls for the urgent introduction of the reforms necessary to reassert the authority of the House and to reverse the bypassing and undermining of Parliament in recent years—(Mr William Hague).

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 carrying out in three years the biggest programme of constitutional reform for a century, including devolution to the Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales and the Northern Ireland Assembly, and incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights, bringing government closer to the people; and welcomes the fundamental reform of the House of Lords and the establishment of the Select Committee on the Modernisation of the House of Commons which has doubled the number of backbench debates and quadrupled the opportunities to debate Select Committee reports as part of the 48 recommendations implemented so far’, instead thereof.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

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

And the Question being proposed, 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 Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 165.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 304.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 323.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 137.

So the Question 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 carrying out in three years the biggest programme of constitutional reform for a century, including devolution to the Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales and the Northern Ireland Assembly, and incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights, bringing government closer to the people; and welcomes the fundamental reform of the House of Lords and the establishment of the Select Committee on the Modernisation of the House of Commons which has doubled the number of backbench debates and quadrupled the opportunities to debate Select Committee reports as part of the 48 recommendations implemented so far.

12 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 and Order of 25th October 1999, That, at this day’s sitting, the Motion in the name of Margaret Beckett relating to Business of the House (Football (Disorder) Bill) and the Second Reading of the Football (Disorder) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Robert Ainsworth).—It was agreed to.

13 Business of the House (Football (Disorder) Bill),—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, as soon as the proceedings on this Motion have been concluded, the Order for the Second Reading of the Football (Disorder) Bill shall be read.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

14 Football (Disorder) Bill,—The Order being read, pursuant to Order [this day], for the Second Reading of the Football (Disorder) Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
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And the Question being put;
The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Jim Dowd: 206.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Christopher Chope: 6.

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. 63 (Committal of bills), That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House—(Mr Charles Clarke):—It was agreed to.

Committee on Monday 17th July.

15 Football (Disorder) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Football (Disorder) Bill [Money],

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Football (Disorder) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr Mike Hall):—It was agreed to.

16 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes to Two o’clock on Friday morning, adjourned till Monday 17th July.

[Adjourned at 1.44 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (School Government) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1848), dated 12th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Social Security,—Relevant Functions (Payments to Authorities) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1810), dated 10th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:


4 Housing,—Report and Accounts of the Waltham Forest Housing Action Trust for 1999–2000, together with a CD-ROM [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Judicial Statistics,—Judicial Statistics for England and Wales for 1999 [by Command] [Cm. 4786] [Mr David Lock].

6 Legal Aid and Advice,—Report and Accounts of the Legal Aid Board for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 664] [Mr David Lock].

7 Macedonia (No. 2, 2000),—Agreement, done at Skopje on 10th March 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia on Co-operation in the Fields of Education, Science and Culture, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4788] [Mr Secretary Cook].

8 Scottish Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Fisheries Protection Agency for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 638] [Mr Secretary Reid].


   (2) Angola (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1819),

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(4) Eritrea and Ethiopia (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1821), and
dated 12th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Cook]; and
(9) Eritrea and Ethiopia (United Nations Sanctions) (Isle of Man) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1838), and
(10) Sierra Leone (United Nations Sanctions) (Channel Islands) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1840),
dated 12th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Patents Regulations 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Gibb from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mrs Angela Browning.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Reports and Accounts of the BBC for 1999–2000]; to be printed [No. 719-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Defence.—(1) Ninth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Observations on the Sixth Report of the Committee: The Appointment of the MoD’s New Chief Scientific Adviser]; to be printed [No. 731]; and
(2) Tenth Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Eighth Report of the Committee: European Security and Defence]; to be printed [No. 732] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Costing the Environment: Setting Water Prices for 2000–2005]; to be printed [No. 597-iv] [Mr John Horam].

4 Health.—(1) Fourth Report from the Health Committee [Provision of NHS Mental Health 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. 373]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Provision of NHS Mental Health Services] [Mr David Hinchcliffe].

5 Procedure.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Parliamentary Scrutiny of Treaties]; to be printed [No. 210] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

[No. 133, WH, No. 81.]

Thursday 13th July 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (EC Development Assistance).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 18th July.

[Adjourned at 4.59 p.m.]
Monday 17th July 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision enabling a court to require the dissolution of a religious marriage before granting a civil divorce; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill [Lords].—The Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 162].

3 European Communities Provisional Draft Budget for 2001 and Assistance for the Western Balkans,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Documents Nos. COM (2000) 300, the Preliminary Draft Budget (PDB) of the European Communities for 2001 (Volumes 0, 1, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8), and the Commission’s Overview of the PDB (Provisional Volume 0); 8795/00, Commission Communication concerning revision of the financial perspective (2001–2006); financing of the programme of assistance for the Western Balkans; and re-classification of aid to Cyprus and Malta; proposal for revision of the financial perspective; COM (2000) 268, Commission Communication on 2000–2006 financial programming of heading four of the Community Budget; and supports the Government’s efforts to maintain budget discipline in the Community.—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

4 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Social Security Amendment (Students) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 21st June, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

5 Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Sheep, which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved.—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

6 Animals,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 19th June, be approved.—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

7 Football (Disorder) Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Football (Disorder) Bill:—

Committee, Report and Third Reading

1.—(1) Proceedings on the Bill shall be completed at this day’s sitting.

(2) Proceedings in Committee shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion five hours after the commencement of proceedings on this motion.

(3) 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.

(4) Proceedings on Consideration shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion six hours after the commencement of proceedings on this motion.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion seven hours after the commencement of proceedings on this motion.
Conclusion of proceedings

2.—(1) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1 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 Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(2) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (1) shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(3) If two or more Questions would otherwise fall to be put by the Chairman or Speaker—

(a) under sub-paragraph (1)(c) on amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, or

(b) under sub-paragraph (1)(d) in relation to successive provisions of the Bill;

the Chairman or Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions or (as the case may be) those provisions.

Order of proceedings

3. No Motion shall be made, except by a Minister of the Crown, to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken or to recommit the Bill; and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

Dilatory motions

4. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, 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

5. Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on the Bill.

Business Committee

6. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply to this Order.

Supplemental orders

7.—(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 their commencement; and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business) shall apply to those proceedings.

(2) If at the sitting this day the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the time at which proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion under paragraph 1, 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—(Mr Secretary Straw);

An Amendment was made to the Question, in line 6, to leave out from the word ‘conclusion’ to the end of the line, and to insert the words ‘at midnight’, instead thereof.—(Sir George Young.)

Another Amendment was made to the Question, in line 11, to leave out from the word ‘Consideration’ to the end of line 14, and to insert the words ‘and on Third Reading shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at 5 a.m. on 18th July’, instead thereof.—(Sir George Young.)

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 281.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Donald Gorrie, Mr Tom Brake: 56.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Football (Disorder) Bill:—
Committee, Report and Third Reading

1.—(1) Proceedings on the Bill shall be completed at this day’s sitting.

(2) Proceedings in Committee shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at midnight.

(3) 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.

(4) Proceedings on Consideration and on Third Reading shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at 5 a.m. on 18th July.

Conclusion of proceedings

2.—(1) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1 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 Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(2) Proceedings under sub-paragraph (1) shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(3) If two or more Questions would otherwise fall to be put by the Chairman or Speaker—

(a) under sub-paragraph (1)(c) on amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, or

(b) under sub-paragraph (1)(d) in relation to successive provisions of the Bill;

the Chairman or Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions or (as the case may be) those provisions.

Order of proceedings

3. No Motion shall be made, except by a Minister of the Crown, to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken or to recommit the Bill; and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

Dilatory motions

4. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, 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

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(2) If at the sitting this day the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the time at which proceedings on the Bill are to be brought to a conclusion under paragraph 1, 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.
Football (Disorder) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Football (Disorder) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Football matches: prevention of violence or disorder).

Amendment (No. 20) proposed, in page 1, to leave out lines 17 to 20.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Donald Gorrie: 58.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Dowd, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 211.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Supplementary).

Amendment (No. 24) proposed, in page 2, line 14, to leave out from the word ‘under’ to the word ‘may’ in line 16, and to insert the words ‘this Act’, instead thereof.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Commencement and duration).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 2, line 34, to leave out the words ‘one year’, and to insert the words ‘six months’, instead thereof.—(Miss Ann Widdecombe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Peter Atkinson: 112.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Dowd, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 207.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 2, line 40, to leave out the words ‘four years’, and to insert the words ‘eighteen months’, instead thereof.—(Miss Ann Widdecombe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Peter Atkinson: 152.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Dowd, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 208.

It being after midnight, the Chairman put forthwith the Questions necessary to bring proceedings in Committee to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [yesterday].

Clauses Nos. 5 to 7 agreed to.


Amendments (Nos. 29, 32, 42, 37, and 43 to 46) made to the Schedule.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Schedules Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

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

The House, according to Order [yesterday], proceeded to consider the Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 2 and 4) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 27, to leave out the words ‘caused or contributed to any violence or disorder’, and to insert the words ‘been convicted of an offence involving violence or any other relevant offence’, instead thereof.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Donald Gorrie: 43.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Tony McNulty: 196.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 19, at the end to insert the words—

‘(4A) A court shall not take into account any conviction which is spent pursuant to the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974, or conduct which took place more than ten years prior to the relevant control period.’.—(Sir Nicholas Lyell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) 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 Robert Ainsworth, Mr Clive Betts: 171.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Donald Gorrie: 42.

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

9 Data Protection,—Ordered, That the Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Straw relating to the salary of the Data Protection Commissioner shall be treated as if it related to an instrument subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation) in respect of which notice has been given that the instrument be approved.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

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

[Adjourned at 3.26 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 14th July 2000 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the three proposed mergers of Carlton Communications Plc and Granada Group PLC and United News and Media plc [Cm. 4781] [Mr Secretary Byers].


3 Treaty Series (No. 84, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Helsinki on 6th May 1996 and 5th July 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Finland concerning the Extension of the European Convention on Extradition to Certain Dependent Territories [Cm. 4773] [Mr Secretary Cook].

4 Treaty Series (No. 85, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Riga on 3rd and 13th March 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Latvia extending the Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments done at London on 24th January 1994 to the Isle of Man and the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey [Cm. 4775] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 14th July 2000 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 17th July 2000:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

7 Road Traffic.—M1 Motorway (Junction 15) (Speed Limit) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1800), dated 6th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 Taxes.—Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (UK Depositary Interests in Foreign Securities) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1871), dated 14th July 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

Other Papers:

9 Access to Justice.—Revised Funding Code presented pursuant to section 9(5) of the Access to Justice Act 1999 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

10 British Library.—Account of the British Library Board for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 742] [Clerk of the House].

11 Civil Aviation.—Report and Accounts of Highlands and Islands Airports Limited for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

12 Commonwealth Scholarship.—Report of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom for the year ending 30th September 1999 [by Act] [Secretary Clare Short].

13 Competition Commission.—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed merger of Independent News & Media PLC and Trinity Mirror plc [by Command] [Cm. 4770] [Mr Secretary Byers].

14 Covent Garden Market.—Statement of salaries of the chairman and members of the Covent Garden Market Authority [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

15 Development of Tourism.—Accounts of the British Tourist Authority for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 730] [Clerk of the House].

16 Fair Trading.—Consent by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to the transfer of newspapers of Trinity Mirror plc to Independent News & Media plc following a report from the Competition Commission [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

17 Local Government.—Financial Statements of the South Bank Centre for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

18 Museums and Galleries.—Accounts of the Victoria and Albert Museum for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 747] [Clerk of the House].


20 Public Lending Right.—Account of the Public Lending Right Central Fund for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 743] [Clerk of the House].

21 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the Petition [27th June] from residents of Northavon and surrounding areas opposing discrimination by the broadcasting authorities against religious bodies [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

22 School Standards and Framework.—Account of the Leigh Education Action Zone for 1st January 1999 to 31st March 1999, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 746] [Clerk of the House].

23 Science and Technology.—(1) Accounts of the Economic and Social Research Council for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 745] [Clerk of the House]; and
(2) Report of the Natural Environment Research Council for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

24 Trade and Industry.—Report and Accounts of the Employment Tribunals Service for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 557] [Clerk of the House].


26 Treaty Series (No. 87, 2000),—1998 Amendments, adopted at London on 18th May 1998, to the International Convention on Maritime Search and Rescue, 1979 (MSC. 70(69)) [by Command] [Cm. 4785] [Mr Secretary Cook].

27 Treaty Series (No. 88, 2000),—Agreement, done at Cape Town on 27th August 1997, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of South Africa regarding Mutual Administrative Assistance between their Customs Administrations [by Command] [Cm. 4789] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Export and Investment Guarantees (Limit on Foreign Currency Commitments) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Frank Dobson, Dr Ian Gibson and Lynne Jones from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Jamie Cann, Tom Cox, Paul Flynn and Mrs Linda Gilroy.

2 Draft Patents Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Eleanor Laing from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Nick Gibb.

3 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 68) on the 2000/2001 Special Grant for Kosovan Evacuees (House of Commons Paper No. 636),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Curry from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Mr Michael Trend.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry,—
   (1) Eleventh Report from the Defence Committee,
   (2) Seventh Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee,
   (3) Seventh Report from the International Development Committee, and
   (4) Eleventh Report from the Trade and Industry Committee

[Strategic Export Controls: Further Report and Parliamentary Prior Scrutiny], together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees meeting concurrently pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments), and Appendices thereto; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Reports [No. 467] [Mr Peter Viggers; Mr Ted Rowlands; Mr Tony Worthington, Mr Martin O’Neill].

2 Information,—First Report from the Information Committee [The Future of the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology], together with Appendices to the Report and 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. 659] [Mr Richard Allan].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords];
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 25th July.

2 Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords];
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 25th July.

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr George Stevenson reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Export and Investment Guarantees (Limit on Foreign Currency Commitments) Order 2000.
   
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr John Butterfill reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 2000.
   
   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:
   
   The Lords have agreed to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Learning and Skills Bill [Lords], without Amendment; and they have agreed to certain other of the Amendments made by this House, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Learning and Skills Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendments to certain Commons Amendments to the Learning and Skills Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 164].

7 Leasehold Reform.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to enhance and protect the rights of homeowners in purchasing the freehold of their house; and for connected purposes: And that Shona McIsaac, Mr David Borrow, Christine Butler, Mr Ian Cawsey, Valerie Davey, Paul Flynn, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Ian Stewart and Mrs Betty Williams do prepare and bring it in.

8 Leasehold Reform Bill.—Shona McIsaac accordingly presented a Bill to enhance and protect the rights of homeowners in purchasing the freehold of their house; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 163].

9 Insider Dealing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Insider Dealing (Securities and Regulated Markets) (Amendment) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 22nd June, be approved—(Mr. David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.

10 Trade Union and Labour Relations.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Code of Practice on Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers, which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Mr. David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.

11 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 64) on the Special Grant for Activities undertaken by Beacon Councils (House of Commons Paper No. 564), which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved—(Mr. David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.

12 Legal Aid and Advice.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Legal Aid (Functions) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved—(Mr. David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.
13 Legal Aid and Advice.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Legal Aid (Prescribed Panels) (Amendment) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.

14 Finance Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having being signified to the proposed Motion relating to Finance Bill [Money]:

Resolved, That for the purpose of any Act resulting from the Finance Bill, it is expedient to authorise the deduction of sums from the gross revenues of the department of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for the purpose of making payments in respect of stamp duty paid on instruments—

(a) executed in the period beginning with 22nd March 2000 and ending with the day on which the Finance Bill is passed, and

(b) stamped on or before the day on which the Bill is passed,

where stamp duty was chargeable in respect of the instrument and, had the instrument been executed after the day on which the Bill is passed, no stamp duty or less stamp duty would have been chargeable.—(Mr David Jamieson.)

15 Finance Bill [Ways and Means].—Stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax.—Resolved, That provision may be made in the Finance Bill, amending section 97A of the Finance Act 1986 by the insertion, after subsection (12), of the following subsection—

‘(13) Nothing in section 70(9) or 97(1) above has effect to prevent a charge to stamp duty of stamp duty reserve tax arising—

(a) on a transfer to which subsection (5) above applies, or

(b) on a deemed transfer under subsection (11) above.’—(Mr David Jamieson.)

16 Finance Bill [Ways and Means].—Value added tax (reduced rate).—Resolved, That, notwithstanding anything in the Resolution of the House (Amendment of the Law) of 27th March 2000, provision may be made in the Finance Bill amending paragraph 5(4) of Schedule A1 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994 by the insertion, after paragraph (e), of the following paragraphs—

‘(f) wind turbines;

(g) water turbines.’—(Mr David Jamieson.)

17 Finance Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Finance Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order: New Clauses; Amendments relating to Clauses 1 to 6, Schedule 1, Clauses 7 to 17, Schedule 2, Clauses 18 to 22, Schedule 3, Clause 23, Schedule 4, Clause 24, Schedule 5, Clauses 25 to 30, Schedule 6 and 7, Clauses 31 to 47, Schedule 8, Clause 48, Schedule 9, Clauses 49 to 57, Schedule 10, Clauses 58 and 59, Schedule 11, Clause 60, Schedule 12, Clause 61, Schedule 13, Clause 62, Schedule 14, Clause 63, Schedules 15 and 16, Schedule 17, Clauses 65, Schedule 18, Clauses 66 to 68, Schedule 19, Clause 69, Schedules 20 and 21, Clauses 70 to 72, Schedule 22, Clauses 73 to 87, Schedule 23, Clauses 88 to 91, Schedule 24, Clause 92, Schedules 25 and 26, Clauses 93 to 97, Schedule 27, Clause 98, Schedule 28, Clauses 99 to 102, Schedule 29, Clause 103, Schedule 30, Clause 104, Schedule 31, Clauses 105 to 116, Schedule 32, Clause 117, Schedule 33, Clauses 118 to 128, Schedule 34, Clauses 129 to 132, Schedule 35, Clause 133, Schedule 36, Clauses 134 to 139, Schedule 37, Clause 140, Schedule 38, Clauses 141 to 146, Schedule 39 and Clauses 147 to 151; New Schedules; Amendments relating to Clauses 152 and 153, Schedule 40 and Clause 154.—(Miss Melanie Johnson.)
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Rates of duty, etc.: Reference to Retail Price Index)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory)—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 Atkinson, Mr Stephen Day: 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 319.

Another Clause (Married couples’ allowances)—(Mr Richard Ottaway)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Keith Simpson: 157.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Don Touhig, Jim Dowd: 289.

Another Clause (PAYE administration of retirement annuity income)—(Mr Edward Davey)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 7 to 9 and 94 to 96) made to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 98) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 4, to leave out from the word ‘until’ to the end of line 6 and to insert the words ‘one year after the expiry of a twelve month period during which UK emissions of CO2 show an increase on the previous year’ instead thereof.—(Mr Oliver Letwin.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Peter Atkinson: 127.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Kevin Hughes: 345.

Other Amendments (Nos. 16 to 56) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 101) proposed to the Bill, in page 25, line 39, to leave out the words ‘donor shall be assessable and’, and to insert the words ‘charity receiving the gift shall be’ instead thereof.—(Mr John Burnett.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 87 and 88) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 132) proposed to the Bill, in page 31, line 32, to leave out lines 31 and 32.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 89) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mr Graham Allen.)

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

18 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from medical students represented by the Medical Students Committee of the British Medical Association for a fairer medical student loan system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

19 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Allen.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.54 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Income Tax,—Income Tax (Sub-contractors in the Construction Industry)(Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1880), dated 17th July 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

2 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1877), dated 17th July 2000, and (2) Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1876), dated 12th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].


5 Medical Profession,—General Medical Council (Legal Assessors) (Amendment) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1881), dated 17th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

Other Papers:

6 Animals,—Report of the Animal Procedures Committee for 1999 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 630] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Report and Accounts of the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the Horserace Totalisator Board for 1999-2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

8 Comprehensive Spending Review,—Spending Review 2000: New Public Spending Plans 2001-2004 [by Command] [Cm. 4807] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

9 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Army Technical Support Agency for 1999-2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 682] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

10 Development of Tourism,—Accounts of the English Tourist Board for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 809] [Clerk of the House].

11 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of NHS Estates for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 605] [Clerk of the House].


13 National Heritage (Scotland),—Report and Summary Accounts of the National Museums of Scotland for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

14 Pensions,—Report and Summary Accounts of the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


16 Public Expenditure,—Public Expenditure 1999–2000: Provisional Outturn [by Command] [Cm. 4812] [Mr Andrew Smith].

17 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on—

(1) the Petition [14th April] from Janet, Gordon and William Holley in support of a mandatory 30 m.p.h speed limit in villages, and
(2) the Petition [10th May] from users of the A249 Queenborough Junction and local residents against the Highways Agency’s proposals for the replacement of the junction [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

18 Science and Technology.—(1) Accounts of the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council (PPARC) for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 810] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Report and Accounts of the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Amendment (Cm. 4797), dated 3rd July 2000, to the Agreement (Cm. 3152), dated 25th January 1996, between the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the British Broadcasting Corporation,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gerald Bermingham and Ms Dari Taylor from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Amendment); and nominated in substitution Mr Roger Berry and Mr Harry Cohen.

2 Draft Consumer Protection Act 1987 (Product Liability) (Modification) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Linda Gilroy from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Stewart.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Genetically Modified Organisms and Seed Segregation]; to be printed [No. 812-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Genetically Modified Organisms and Seed Segregation; Organic Farming]

[Mr David Curry].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Seventh Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Cultural Property: Return and Illicit Trade], 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. 371]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Cultural Property: Return and Illicit Trade]

[Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Higher Education]; to be printed [No. 400-xii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [China]; to be printed [No. 574-iii] [Mr Donald Anderson].

5 International Development,—(1) Fourth Special Report from the International Development Committee [Exchange of Letters concerning the Ilisu Dam]; to be printed [No. 813].

(2) Fifth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, on Mozambique]; to be printed [No. 826]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [HIV/AIDS and Social and Economic Development]; to be printed [No. 558-vi]

[Ann Clwyd].

6 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Administration Committee [The Ministerial Code]; to be printed [No. 821-i] [Tony Wright].

7 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Twenty-sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xxvi]; and

(2) First Special Report from the Committee, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 819]

[Mr David Tredinnick].
8 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Costs to Business of Possible UK Membership of the Euro]; to be printed [No. 755-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

9 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Social Exclusion in Wales]; to be printed [No. 365-ix] [Mr Martyn Jones].

Tuesday 18th July 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Jim Dowd.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.58 p.m.

Wednesday 19th July 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 26th July.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Andrew Welsh reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Amendment (Cm. 4797), dated 3rd July 2000, to the Agreement (Cm. 3152), dated 25th January 1996, between the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the British Broadcasting Corporation.

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

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jim Cunningham reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Consumer Protection Act 1987 (Product Liability) (Modification) Order 2000.

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

4 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Illesley reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2000.

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

5 Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr Barry Jones reported from the Welsh Grand Committee that it had sat in pursuance of the Order of 12th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 117].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Care Standards Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) Bill, without Amendment.
Cheques (Scotland) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the law of Scotland in relation to the effect of presentation of cheques for payment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Street Works Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for charges for the occupation of a maintainable highway by undertakers executing street works; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

7 Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 167].

8 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 168].

9 Hundredth Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.—The Speaker acquainted the House, that the Members appointed on 11th July to attend Her Majesty Elizabeth The Queen Mother with the Message of congratulations upon Her Majesty’s hundredth birthday had attended Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the Message very graciously and to give the following Answer.

Members of the House of Commons:

I was deeply touched by your message of congratulation and by the sentiments you expressed on the occasion of my 100th birthday.

I feel fortunate that during the last century I have been given the opportunity to serve our country in times of war and peace, and I have always been helped and uplifted by the love of my family, by the fortitude and courage of our people, and by my faith in almighty God.

I pray that future generations will live in peace and prosperity, and I send to you all my heartfelt thanks for your kind message on my birthday.

10 Fire Safety (Houses in Multiple Occupation),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the installation of smoke detectors in houses in multiple occupation: And that Ms Karen Buck, Mr Iain Coleman, Mr Hilary Benn, Mr Adrian Sanders, Ms Margaret Moran, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Andrew Dismore, Angela Smith and Mr Gordon Marsden do prepare and bring it in.

11 Fire Safety (Houses in Multiple Occupation) Bill.—Ms Karen Buck accordingly presented a Bill to require the installation of smoke detectors in houses in multiple occupation: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st July and to be printed [Bill 165].

12 Export and Investment Guarantees.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Export and Investment Guarantees (Limit on Foreign Currency Commitments) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty).—It was agreed to.

13 Public Health.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979 Statutory Sum Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 5th July, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty).—It was agreed to.

14 Adjournment (Summer).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Friday 28th July, do adjourn till Monday 23rd October—(Mr Tony McNulty).—It was agreed to.

15 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 Tony McNulty.)

16 Finance Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

Other Amendments (Nos. 57, 10 to 13 and 58 to 60) made to the Bill. Another Amendment (No. 131) proposed to the Bill, in page 40, line 19, after the word 'be', to insert the words 'multiplied by 2.5 and'.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mrs Eleanor Laing: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Clive Betts: 315.
Other Amendments (Nos. 1 to 6 and 83 to 86) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 144) proposed to the Bill, in page 313, line 34, at the end to insert the words—

‘Where an option does not qualify by reason of an error in the scheme pursuant to which it has been granted, but would otherwise have been capable of being a qualifying option pursuant to paragraphs 9 to 17 inclusive of this Schedule, then that error may be corrected and be deemed to have been always corrected from the date of grant of the option.”.—([Mr Howard Flight].)

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

Another Amendment (No. 136) proposed to the Bill, in page 47, line 10, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) Following subsection (7) add—

“(7A) Where any individual retires or dies or ceases employment due to ill health, injury or disability, and as a result an asset ceases to be a business asset, then on a subsequent disposal of that asset taper relief shall be applied as if—

(a) there had been a disposal of a non-business asset which had been acquired for a consideration equal to the market value of the asset at the time it ceased to be a business asset, and which had been acquired two years prior to that time; and

(b) there had been a disposal of a business asset for a consideration equal to the market value of the asset on the date it ceased to be a business asset.”.—([Mr Howard Flight].)

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

Another Amendment (Nos. 97 and 99) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 147) proposed to the Bill, in page 66, line 21, to leave out the words ‘that are’, and to insert the words ‘who are not trustees of a settlement for the benefit of the persons named in paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 86 of the Inheritance Tax Act 1984 but who are’, instead thereof.—([Mr Howard Flight].)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 90 and 103 to 107) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 72, line 23, to leave out Clause 104.—([Mr Howard Flight].)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 120.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Jim Dowd: 344.

Another Amendment (No. 91) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 155) proposed to the Bill, in page 77, line 11, to leave out Clause 106.—([Mr Howard Flight].)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 64 to 79, 108 to 125, 80 to 82, 92, 93 and 126 to 130) 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 Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Don Touhig: 310

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 170.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
(b) she shall have notified the Royal Assent to Acts agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

18 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Mike Hall).

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

[Adjourned at 11.31 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Medicines,—(1) Medicines (Pharmacy and General Sale—Exemption) Amendment Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1919),

(2) Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1918), and

(3) Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Amendment Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1917), dated 17th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

2 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (EPIRB Registration) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1850), dated 14th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Social Security,—Social Security Amendment (Students and Income-related Benefits) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1922), dated 18th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

4 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Pesticides Safety Directorate for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 549] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

5 Broadcasting,—Account of Independent Television Commission Additional Payments and Financial Penalties by Licensees for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 824] [Clerk of the House].

6 Development of Tourism,—Report and Accounts of the English Tourism Council for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].


8 Gaming,—Report and Financial Statements of the Gaming Board for Great Britain for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 616] [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Central Office of Information for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 675] [Clerk of the House].

10 Health,—Department of Health Minute concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for any legal action against members of an independent inquiry conducted by Mr Barrie Atkinson into issues arising from the case of the King’s Mill Centre for Health Care Services NHS Trust [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


12 National Audit,—Tenth Report of the Public Accounts Commission [by Act]; to be printed [No. 754] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

14 National Lottery,—Account of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 826] [Clerk of the House].

15 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the 17th and 19th Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4798] [Mr Stephen Timms].


17 Severn Bridges,—Accounts prepared pursuant to section 28(1)(b) of the Severn Bridges Act 1992 for 1997–98, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 825] [Clerk of the House].

18 Treaty Series (No. 89, 2000),—First supplementary list of ratifications, accessions, withdrawals, etc., for 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4796] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers withdrawn:

19 Devolution,—Memorandum of Understanding and supplementary agreements between the United Kingdom Government, Scottish Ministers and the Cabinet of the National Assembly for Wales [Cm. 4444] [laid 1st October, in the last Session of Parliament].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Salary of the Data Protection Commissioner, from 1st April 2000:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Salary of the Data Protection Commissioner to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Sir David Madel Chairman, and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Jackie Ballard, Ms Hazel Blears, Dr Jack Cunningham, Mr Huw Edwards, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Mike Hall, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Robert Jackson, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Mike O'Brien, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Angela Smith and Mrs Betty Williams.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 65): Invest to Save Grant (House of Commons Paper No. 707):

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Peter Atkinson, Sir Paul Beresford, Mrs Helen Branton, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Jim Dobbin, Mr Don Foster, Mr Christopher Fraser, Ms Beverley Hughes, Mrs Joan Humble, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr David Rendel, Mr Jonathan R. Shaw, Mr Jon Trickett and Mr Nigel Waterson.

3 Draft Patents Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Neil Gerrard, Mrs Llin Golding and Mr Robert N. Wareing from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations), and nominated in substitution Lynne Jones, Mr Andrew Love and Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews.

4 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 68) on the 2000/2001 Special Grant for Kosovan Evacuees (House of Commons Paper No. 636)—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Colin Burgon and Dr Jack Cunningham from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report), and nominated in substitution Mr George Mudie and Ms Dari Taylor.

European Standing Committees

5 The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of European Committee C in respect of European Union Document No. 13540/99, relating to a General Framework for Equal Treatment in Employment and Occupation.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Eleventh Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Observations on the Seventh Report of the Committee: Gulf Veterans' Illnesses]; to be printed [No. 753], and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Armed Forces Personnel Issues], to be printed [No. 689-ii] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Higher Education], to be printed [No. 400-xxi] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Fifteenth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Road Haulage Industry], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 296]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [The Work of the Commission for Integrated Transport], to be printed [No. 725-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

4 European Scrutiny,—Twenty-fifth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xxv] [Mr Jim Marshall].

5 Procedure,—(1) Second Report from the Procedure Committee [Parliamentary Scrutiny of Treaties], 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. 210].
(2) Third Report from the Committee [Deadlines for Tabling of Oral Questions], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 735]; and
(3) Fourth Report from the Committee [Letters Sent by Ministers Following Undertakings in Debate], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 734] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

6 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Progress on Resource Accounting and the Adoption of Resource-based Supply]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 556].
(2) Thirtieth Report from the Committee [Compensating Victims of Violent Crime]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 472].
(3) Thirty-first Report from the Committee [National Insurance Fund 1998–99 and Wider Issues of Fraud and Error in Benefits Paid by the Department of Social Security]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 350].
(4) Thirty-second Report from the Committee [Appropriation Accounts 1998–99: Central Government Administered Social Security Benefits and Other Payments]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 521].
(6) Thirty-fourth Report from the Committee [State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme: the Failure to inform the Public about Reduced Pension Rights for Widows and Widowers]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 401].
(7) Thirty-fifth Report from the Committee [The Office of the Rail Regulator: Ensuring that Railtrack Maintain and Renew the Railway Network]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 536].
(8) Thirty-sixth Report from the Committee [Ministry of Defence: Appropriation Accounts 1998–99]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 265].
(9) Thirty-seventh Report from the Committee [The Office of Fair Trading: Protecting the Consumer from Unfair Trading Practices]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 501]; and
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(10) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Access to Properties grant-aided by English Heritage]
[Mr David Davis].

7 Social Security,—(1) Sixth Report from the Social Security Committee [Housing Benefit],
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.
385]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Housing Benefit]
[Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 136; WH, No. 83.]

Wednesday 19th July 2000.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].
The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be
now adjourned.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)
And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned, without Question put, till to-
morrow.
[Adjourned at 2 p.m.

[No. 137.]

Thursday 20th July 2000.
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey
Tunnels Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 27th July.

2 Standing Orders (Private Business),—Ordered, That the Amendments to Standing Orders
relating to Private Business set out in the Schedule be made.

SCHEDULE

Table of Fees
line 2, leave out ‘£3,500’ and insert ‘£4,000’.
line 3, leave out ‘£3,500’ and insert ‘£4,000’.
line 23, leave out ‘£3,500’ and insert ‘£4,000’.
line 29, leave out ‘£1,750’ and insert ‘£2,000’.
line 35, leave out ‘£1’ and insert ‘£1.60’.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways
and Means.)

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Dr Michael Clark reported from the
Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Patents Regulations 2000.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Dr Ashok Kumar reported from the
Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance
(England) Special Grant Report (No. 68) on the 2000–01 Special Grant for Kosovan
Evacuees (House of Commons Paper No. 636).
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Message from the Lords,—A Message was received from the Lords, as follows:—
The Lords have agreed to the Carers and Disabled Children Bill, without Amendment.

6 Adjournment (Public Expenditure),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed,
That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr David Jamieson);
7 Royal Assent.—The Deputy Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:

- Appropriation Act 2000
- Crown Prosecution Service Inspectorate Act 2000
- Terrorism Act 2000
- Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000
- Royal Parks (Trading) Act 2000
- Care Standards Act 2000
- Television Licences (Disclosure of Information) Act 2000
- Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000

8 Adjournment (Public Expenditure).—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;

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

9 Church of England (General Synod) (Measure).—Resolved, That the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament. — (Mr Stuart Bell.)

10 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Berkeley Vale Park against the Council Tax banding system for park or mobile homes; and

(2) residents of the London Borough of Bexley for a new Health Centre in Erith were presented and read; 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— (Mrs Anne McGuire);

And the Motion having been made after Seven o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twelve minutes to Eight o’clock, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 7.48 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Electricity,—Electricity Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1927), dated 17th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Gas,—Gas (Third Party Access and Accounts) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1937), dated 19th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


4 Professional Qualifications,—European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1960), dated 19th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 Road Traffic,—M621 Motorway (Speed Limit) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1811), dated 10th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
6 Water Industry.—Water and Sewerage Undertakers (Inset Appointments) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1842), dated 11th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

7 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Central Science Laboratory for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 650] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

8 Appropriation Accounts, 1999–2000.—Appropriation Account of the sums granted by Parliament for 1999–2000 for Class XVIII, B (National Audit Office) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 617] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

9 Cabinet Office Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 740] [Mr Andrew Smith].

10 Criminal Justice.—Report of the Serious Fraud Office for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 670] [Mr Solicitor General].

11 Crown Agents.—Report of the Chairman of the Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board for 1999 [by Act] [Secretary Clare Short].

12 Defence Executive Agencies.—Reports and Accounts of the—

(a) Armed Forces Personnel Administration Agency,

(b) British Forces Post Office,

(c) Duke of York’s Royal Military School, and

(d) Pay and Personnel Agency,

for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 691, 546, 657 and 673] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

13 Duchies of Cornwall and Lancaster.—Accounts of the Duchy of Lancaster for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

14 Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland).—Accounts of the Highlands & Islands Enterprise Network for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 822] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Report and Accounts of the Highlands & Islands Enterprise Network for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

15 Environmental Pollution.—Government Response to the Twenty-First Report from the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, on Setting Environmental Standards [by Command] [Cm. 4794] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

16 Environment, Transport and the Regions Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 598] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

17 Government Trading Funds.—Reports and Accounts of the—

(a) Driving Standards Agency for 1999–2000,

(b) Fire Service College for 1998–99,

(c) HM Land Registry for 1999–2000,

(d) Medicines Control Agency for 1999–2000, and

(e) Royal Mint for 1999–2000

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 663, 660, 661, 623 and 590] [Clerk of the House].

18 Health Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Medical Devices Agency for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 653] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

19 Home Office Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Passport Agency for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 814] [Mr Secretary Straw].

20 Housing.—Review and Accounts of the Housing Corporation for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
21 Human Fertilisation and Embryology.—Account of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 818] [Clerk of the House].

22 Human Rights.—Report by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on Human Rights for 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4774] [Mr Secretary Cook].

23 Inland Revenue Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Valuation Office for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 646] [Dawn Primarolo].

24 Medicines.—Reports of the Medicines Commission, Committee on Safety of Medicines, Advisory Board on the Registration of Homeopathic Products, Veterinary Products Committee and the British Pharmacopoeia Commission for 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

25 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Overseeing Focus Housing Association [by Act]; to be printed [No. 741] [Clerk of the House].

26 National Debt.—Accounts of the National Debt Commissioners Gilt-edge Official Operations for 1st April to 9th December 1999, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 778] [Clerk of the House].

27 National Lottery.—(1) Accounts of the Sportscotland National Lottery Fund, and

(2) Reports and Accounts of the Heritage Lottery Fund and National Heritage Memorial Fund

for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 823 and 645] [Clerk of the House].

28 Northern Ireland (Sentences).—Report of the Sentence Review Commissioners for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 685] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

29 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors.—Account of the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 694] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

30 Prisons (Northern Ireland).—Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Prison Service for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 668] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

31 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the Petition [29th March] from farmers in the Midlands in support of the viable production of British food and maintenance of the countryside [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

32 Radiological Protection.—Accounts of the National Radiological Protection Board for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 817] [Clerk of the House].

33 Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Scotland).—Report of the Registrar General for Scotland for 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

34 Science and Technology.—(1) Accounts of the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 759] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Report of the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

35 Trade and Industry Executive Agencies.—Reports and Accounts of the—

(1) Insolvency Service, and

(2) Radiocommunications Agency

for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 637 and 620] [Mr Secretary Byers].

36 Treaty Series (No. 90, 2000).—Agreement, done at Marrakesh on 15th April 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco on the International Carriage of Goods by Road with Administrative Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4801] [Mr Secretary Cook].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit,—Sixth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Budget 2000 and the Environment], together with an Appendix and 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. 404] [Mr John Horam].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Public Health]; to be printed [No. 786-i] [Mr David Hinchcliffe].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Physical Controls at UK Ports of Entry]; to be printed [No. 570-iii] [Mr Robin Corbett].

4 Liaison,—(1) Second Report from the Liaison Committee [Independence or Control? The Government’s Reply to the First Report from the Committee, on Shifting the Balance: Select Committees and the Executive]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 748]; and

(2) Third Report from the Committee [Resource Accounting and Budgeting], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 841].

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

5 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Spending Review 2000]; to be printed [No. 485-ii] [Mr Giles Radice].

6 Trade and Industry,—(1) Twelfth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Industrial and Trade Relations with the Baltic States], together with Appendices to the Report; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 835]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Post Office Services: Progress Report] to be printed [No. 724-ii]

[Mr Martin O’Neill].
Other Amendments (Nos. 48 to 52) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 27) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, to leave out from the word ‘person’ to the word ‘referred’.—(Maria Eagle.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 4, to leave out the word ‘may’, and to insert the word ‘shall’.—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, to leave out lines 22 to 28.—(Mr David Maclean.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 9, at the end, to insert the words ‘and the prosecutor shall be under a duty to maximise the proceeds of any such disposal in each case.’.—(Mr David Maclean.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 21) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 16, after the word ‘owner’, to insert the words ‘or keeper’.—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

3 Recycled Content of Newsprint Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 9th June, on consideration of the Recycled Content of Newsprint Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, That the Amendment (No. 26) be made;

Which Amendment was: in page 1, line 5, to leave out the words ‘shall within one year of the passing of this Act’, and to insert the word ‘may’, instead thereof.

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 3rd November.

4 Energy Efficiency Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 10th March, That the Energy Efficiency Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Monday 13th November.

5 Energy Conservation (Housing) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Energy Conservation (Housing) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday 13th November.

6 Export of Farm Animals Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Export of Farm Animals Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd November.

7 Scottish Adjacent Waters Boundaries (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Scottish Adjacent Waters Boundaries (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd November.

8 Retail Packaging Recycling Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Retail Packaging Recycling Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd November.

9 Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Parliamentary Commissioner (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd November.
10 Renewable Energy Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Renewable Energy Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Monday 13th November.

11 Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th October.

12 School Admissions (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the School Admissions (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd November.

13 Control of Hedgerows in Residential Areas Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Control of Hedgerows in Residential Areas Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd November.

14 Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th October.

15 Marine Wildlife Protection Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marine Wildlife Protection Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd November.

16 Corporate Homicide Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Corporate Homicide Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th October.

17 Zoo Licensing (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Zoo Licensing (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd November.

18 Discipline of Hospital Medical Practitioners Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Discipline of Hospital Medical Practitioners Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd November.

19 Strategic Export Controls (Breach of Embargo) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Strategic Export Controls (Breach of Embargo) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 3rd November.

20 Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th October.

21 Education.—Ordered, That the Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Target and Programmes of Study in Citizenship) (England) Order 2000 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

22 Education.—Ordered, That the Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in History) (England) Order 2000 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

23 Education.—Ordered, That the Rutland Sixth Form College, Oakham (Dissolution) Order 2000 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

24 Consumer Protection.—Ordered, That the Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Nickel) (Safety) Regulations 2000 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

25 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Tony McNulty).

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 seven minutes past Three o’clock, till Monday 24th July.

[Adjourned at 3.07 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2. Open Spaces,—Draft Royal Parks and Other Open Spaces (Park Trading) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

3. Social Security,—Social Security (Work-focused Interviews for Lone Parents) and Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1926), dated 18th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:


6. Export Controls,—Report on Strategic Export Controls for 1999 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Cook].


9. Treaty Series (No. 91, 2000),—International Natural Rubber Agreement, 1995, done at Geneva on 17th February 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 4802] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

The Salary of the Data Protection Commissioner, from 1st April 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Jack Cunningham, Dr Ian Gibson and Angela Smith from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Salary of the Data Protection Commissioner); and nominated in substitution Mr John McDonnell, Kali Mountford and Mr Colin Pickthall.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir David Madel reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation: The Salary of the Data Protection Commissioner, from 1st April 2000.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 65): Invest to Save Grant (House of Commons Paper No. 707).

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

3 European Standing Committee C,—Mr Roger Gale reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 13540/99, a draft Council Directive establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation, and supports the Government’s welcome for the principle of such action whilst remaining convinced of the need for the proposals to be made clear and workable; and notes the Government’s intention to negotiate to this end, and to ensure that the proposals take proper account of the legitimate concerns of employers and make a real difference to the lives of those whom they are designed to protect.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Local Government Bill [Lords], without Amendment; they have agreed to another of the Amendments made by this House and propose Amendments in lieu of the words so left out of the Bill, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; they have disagreed to certain other of the Amendments made by this House, for which they assign their Reasons; they have agreed to certain other of the Amendments made by this House, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; and they have agreed to the remaining Amendment made by this House, and have made a consequential Amendment to the Bill, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Local Government Bill [Lords],—Lords Amendments in lieu of words left out of the Local Government Bill [Lords] by a Commons Amendment to which the Lords have agreed, Lords Reasons for disagreeing to certain other Commons Amendments, Lords Amendments to certain other Commons Amendments, Lords consequential Amendment to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 169].

6 Juvenile Justice Bill,—Ordered, That the Juvenile Justice Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th October.

7 Crimes against Humanity and War Crimes Bill,—Mr Andrew Mackinlay, supported by Dr Norman A. Godman, presented a Bill to provide for the implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court respecting genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th July and to be printed [Bill 166].

8 Patents,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Patents Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 3rd July, be approved—(Mr David Clelland).—It was agreed to.

9 Consumer Protection,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Consumer Protection Act 1987 (Product Liability) (Modification) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 3rd July, be approved—(Mr David Clelland).—It was agreed to.
10 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved—(Mr David Clelland).—It was agreed to.

11 Broadcasting.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [7th July] and Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Amendment (Cm. 4797), dated 3rd July 2000, to the Agreement (Cm. 3152), dated 25th January 1996, between the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport and the British Broadcasting Corporation, a copy of which Amendment was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved—(Mr David Clelland).—It was agreed to.

12 Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider Lords Amendments to the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 16 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 17.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Jeff Rooker).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Jim Dowd: 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Donald Gorrie, Mr Andrew Stunell: 26.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 18 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 19 to 25 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 26 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 27 to 84 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 39.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 17, 18 and 26.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

Ordered, That Mr Richard Burden, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr John Randall and Mr Jeff Rooker be members of the Committee.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

Ordered, That Mr Jeff Rooker be the Chairman of the Committee.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

Ordered, That three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

13 Government Resources and Accounts Bill [Money] (No. 2).—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Government Resources and Accounts Bill [Money] (No. 2),

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Government Resources and Accounts Bill, it is expedient to authorise refunds of money paid into the National Loans Fund as the result of an error.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

14 Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill.—Mr Jeff Rooker reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reason, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 17, 18 and 26, for the following Reason:—

Because they would involve charges on public funds; 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 Amendments.

15 Government Resources and Accounts Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider Lords Amendments to the Government Resources and Accounts Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 4 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 3 and 4.
Lords Amendment No. 5.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Miss Melanie Johnson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Clive Betts: 311.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Peter Atkinson: 158.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 6 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 7 was disagreed to.

Amendments ((a) and (b)) were made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 8 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 9 to 15 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 16.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment;

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

16 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Government Resources and Accounts Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Graham Allen);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Tony McNulty: 296.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Andrew Stunell: 104.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, at this day’s sitting, the Government Resources and Accounts Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.

17 Government Resources and Accounts Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider Lords Amendments to the Government Resources and Accounts Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 16.

The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Question, That the House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment;

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

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 17 to 26 agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 17 to 23 and 26.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 5, 6 and 8.—(Mr Graham Allen.)

Ordered, That Mr Graham Allen, Mr John Healey, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Oliver Letwin and Mr Keith Simpson be members of the Committee.—(Mr Graham Allen.)

Ordered, That Miss Melanie Johnson be the Chairman of the Committee.—(Mr Graham Allen.)

Ordered, That three be the quorum of the Committee.—(Mr Graham Allen.)

Ordered, That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Graham Allen.)

18 Government Resources and Accounts Bill,—Miss Melanie Johnson reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 5, 6 and 8 to the Government Resources and Accounts Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reason, which it had directed her to report to the House:
The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 5, 6 and 8, for the following Reason:—

Because the Amendments would alter the financial accounting and audit arrangements made by the Commons; and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, hoping that the above Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill.

19 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Allen.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.50 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Gaming Clubs (Hours and Charges) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1879), dated 17th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].


4 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1813), dated 12th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Cook].

5 Housing,—Housing (Service Charge Loans) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1813), dated 12th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 Ministers of the Crown,—Transfer of Functions (Agriculture and Fisheries) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1812), dated 12th July [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

7 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1971), dated 20th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Employment Relations (Offshore Employment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1828), dated 12th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

9 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 632] [Mr Nicholas Brown].


11 Atomic Energy,—Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 847] [Clerk of the House].


13 Criminal Procedure (Scotland),—Accounts of the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 845] [Clerk of the House].

14 Defence Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of the—

(1) Logistic Information Systems Agency, and

(2) Royal Air Force Personnel Management Agency

for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 716 and 686] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
15 Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland),—Accounts of Scottish Enterprise for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 836] [Clerk of the House].

16 Environmental Protection,—Report and Financial Statements of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

17 Environment, Transport and the Regions Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 688] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

18 Further and Higher Education (Scotland),—Accounts of the—
   (1) Scottish Further Education Funding Council, and
   (2) Scottish Higher Education Funding Council,
for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 838 and 840] [Clerk of the House].


20 Home Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of HM Prison Service for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 622] [Mr Secretary Straw].

21 Housing,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) Castle Vale Housing Action Trust,
   (2) Liverpool Housing Action Trust, and
   (3) Tower Hamlets Housing Action Trust
for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

22 Housing (Scotland),—Accounts of Scottish Homes for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 839] [Clerk of the House].

23 National Lottery,—Accounts of the—
   (1) Arts Council of Wales Lottery Distribution, and
   (2) Scottish Arts Council National Lottery Distribution Fund,
for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 846 and 837] [Clerk of the House].

24 Science and Technology,—Report and Financial Statement of the Medical Research Council for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


26 Treaty Series (No. 92, 2000),—Convention, adopted at New York on 9th December 1994, on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [by Command] [Cm. 4803] [Mr Secretary Cook].

27 Treaty Series (No. 93, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Beijing on 14th April 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People’s Republic of China on establishing a Consulate-General at Chongqing [by Command] [Cm. 4804] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

The Salary of the Data Protection Commissioner, from 1st April 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Hazel Blears, Mr Huw Edwards and Ms Harriet Harman from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Salary of the Data Protection Commissioner); and nominated in substitution Dr David Clark, Mr Terry Davis and Mr Neil Turner.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees


(2) Tenth Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on the Future of the Export Credits Guarantee Department]; to be printed [No. 849]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Post Office Services: Progress Report]; to be printed [No. 724-in]

[Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 140.]

Tuesday 25th July 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Wednesday 25th October.

2 Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 25th October.

3 Made in Britain Mark,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a standard Made in Britain mark to be used on goods predominantly manufactured and foodstuffs produced in the United Kingdom; to provide for regulation of the use of the mark; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Tim Loughton, Mrs Angela Browning, Mr James Gray, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Nicholas Soames, Mrs Ann Winterton, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Mr Andrew Robathan and Mr Graham Brady do prepare and bring it in.

4 Made in Britain Mark Bill,—Mr Tim Loughton accordingly presented a Bill to establish a standard Made in Britain mark to be used on goods predominantly manufactured and foodstuffs produced in the United Kingdom; to provide for regulation of the use of the mark; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 13th November and to be printed [Bill 170].

5 A General Framework for Equal Treatment in Employment and Occupation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 13540/99, a draft Council Directive establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation; and supports the Government’s welcome for the principle of such action whilst remaining convinced of the need for the proposals to be made clear and workable; and notes the Government’s intention to negotiate to this end, and to ensure that the proposals take proper account of the legitimate concerns of employers and make a real difference to the lives of those whom they are designed to protect.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Mike Hall: 302.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Stephen Day: 115.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 13540/99, a draft Council Directive establishing a general framework for equal treatment in employment and occupation; and supports the Government’s welcome for the principle of such action whilst remaining convinced of the need for the proposals to be made clear and workable; and notes the Government’s intention to negotiate to this end, and to ensure that the proposals take proper account of the legitimate concerns of employers and make a real difference to the lives of those whom they are designed to protect.
6 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 67) on Heads', Deputies' and Advanced Skills Teachers' Performance Pay Progression and Deputies' Assimilation (House of Commons Paper No. 569), which was laid before this House on 28th June, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Mike Hall: 337.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Peter Atkinson: 115.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 67) on Heads', Deputies' and Advanced Skills Teachers' Performance Pay Progression and Deputies' Assimilation (House of Commons Paper No. 569), which was laid before this House on 28th June, be approved.

7 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 68) on the 2000/2001 Special Grant for Kosovan Evacuees (House of Commons Paper No. 636), which was laid before this House on 6th July, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Clelland, Mr David Jamieson: 351.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geo Clifton-Brown: 113.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 68) on the 2000/2001 Special Grant for Kosovan Evacuees (House of Commons Paper No. 636), which was laid before this House on 6th July, be approved.

8 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 65): Invest to Save Grant (House of Commons Paper No. 707), which was laid before this House on 12th July, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Clelland, Mr David Jamieson: 353.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr John Randall: 112.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 65): Invest to Save Grant (House of Commons Paper No. 707), which was laid before this House on 12th July, be approved.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation) and Order [17th July], That, in respect of service from 1st April 2000, the Data Protection Commissioner shall be paid a salary of £68,212 per annum—(Mr Greg Pope);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Clelland: 359.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Stephen Day: 113.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, in respect of service from 1st April 2000, the Data Protection Commissioner shall be paid a salary of £68,212 per annum.

10 Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) Bill—
Timetable

1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) Bill shall be completed at today’s sitting and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion five hours after the commencement of proceedings on this Motion.

Questions to be put

2.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on the Bill to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1.

(2) The Speaker shall put forthwith 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.

(3) On a Motion made for a new Clause or Schedule, the Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(4) If two or more Questions would otherwise fall to be put under sub-paragraph (2)(c) on amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.

Miscellaneous

3. Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply at today’s sitting to proceedings to which this Order applies.

4. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

5. No Motion shall be made to alter the order in which proceedings on the Bill are taken or to recommit the Bill.

6. No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to the Bill except by a Minister of the Crown; and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

7.—(1) This paragraph applies if—

(a) a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) has been stood over to Seven o’clock; and

(b) proceedings on this Motion have begun before then.

(2) 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 the Motion for the Adjournment of the House.

8. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply to the Bill.

Supplemental orders

9. 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 Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to those proceedings.

10. If at today’s sitting the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the expiry of the period at the end of 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—

(Mr Secretary Straw);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 6, to leave out the word ‘five’, and to insert the word ‘eight’, instead thereof.—(Mr Edward Garnier.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Peter Atkinson: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Clive Betts, Jim Dowd: 311.

So the Question was negatived.
And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Jim Dowd: 306.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Stephen Day: 180.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) Bill—

**Timetable**

1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading of the Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) Bill shall be completed at today’s sitting and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion five hours after the commencement of proceedings on this Motion.

**Questions to be put**

2.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on the Bill to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1.

(2) The Speaker shall put forthwith 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.

(3) On a Motion made for a new Clause or Schedule, the Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

(4) If two or more Questions would otherwise fall to be put under sub-paragraph (2)(c) on amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments or Motions.

**Miscellaneous**

3. Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply at today’s sitting to proceedings to which this Order applies.

4. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

5. No Motion shall be made to alter the order in which proceedings on the Bill are taken or to recommit the Bill.

6. No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to the Bill except by a Minister of the Crown; and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

7.—(1) This paragraph applies if—

(a) a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) has been stood over to Seven o’clock; and

(b) proceedings on this Motion have begun before then.

(2) 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 the Motion for the Adjournment of the House.

8. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply to the Bill.

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10. If at today’s sitting the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the expiry of the period at the end of 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.

11 Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Committal for sentence)—(Mr David Kidney)—was 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 12, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(aa) any written representations from the victim.’—(Mr Humfrey Malins.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;
And it being Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

12 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Local Government Bill [Lords] and the Learning and Skills Bill [Lords], may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Jim Dowd)—It was agreed to.

13 Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 5) be made;
And it being five hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Criminal Justice (Mode of Trial) (No. 2) Bill (Allocation of Time), the Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Bill be now read the third time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 282.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Stephen Day: 199.
So the Question was agreed to.

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

14 Local Government Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider Lords Amendments in lieu of words left out by a Commons Amendment to which the Lords have agreed, Lords Reasons for disagreeing to certain Commons Amendments, Lords Amendments to certain other Commons Amendments and a Lords Consequential Amendment to the Local Government Bill [Lords].

Lords Amendments in lieu of words left out of the Bill by Commons Amendment No. 10 (Nos. 2 to 12) agreed to.

Lords Reason for disagreeing to Commons Amendments Nos. 71 to 73 (Nos. 13 to 15) considered;

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendments to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Hilary Armstrong.)

Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments No. 74, 120 and 121 (Nos. 17, 19, 21 and 22) agreed to.

Lords Reason for disagreeing to Commons Amendment No. 225 (No. 23) considered;

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendment to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Hilary Armstrong.)

Lords Amendment to the Bill consequential on Commons Amendment No. 371 (No. 25) agreed to.

Lords Reason for disagreeing to Commons Amendment No. 377 (No. 26) considered;

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House does not insist on its Amendment to which the Lords have disagreed—(Hilary Armstrong),

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And the Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Don Touhig: 381.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John McDonnell, Dr Evan Harris: 36.
So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendment to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Hilary Armstrong.)

Lords Reason for disagreeing to Commons Amendments Nos. 378, 388 and 389 (Nos. 27 to 29) considered;

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendments to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Hilary Armstrong.)

Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments Nos. 437, 456, 474 and (Nos. 31 to 35, 37, 39 and 40) agreed to.

Lords Reason for disagreeing to Commons Amendment No. 482 (No. 41) considered;

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendment to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Hilary Armstrong.)

15 Learning and Skills Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider Lords Amendments to certain Commons Amendments to the Learning and Skills Bill [Lords].

Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments Nos. 180 and 182 agreed to.

16 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from post office users in the Ravenstone area of North West Leicester for post offices to continue to pay benefits and pensions was presented and read: and was ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

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

[Adjourned at 3.50 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Charities,—Draft Charities (The Rochester Bridge Trust) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Disabled Persons (Scotland),—Disability Rights Commission (Expenses) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1888), dated 17th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

3 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of the—

   (1) Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science,
   (2) Meat Hygiene Service, and
   (3) Veterinary Laboratories Agency

for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 752, 693 and 815] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

4 Culture, Media and Sport Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Royal Parks Agency for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 631] [Mr Secretary Smith].

5 Defence Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of the—

   (1) Defence Vetting Agency, and
   (2) Ministry of Defence Police Chief Constable

for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 718 and 609] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

6 Education,—Accounts of the Teacher Training Agency for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 853] [Clerk of the House].

7 Enterprise and New Towns (Scotland),—Report of the Scottish Enterprise Network for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].
8 Environment, Transport and the Regions Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Vehicle Certification Agency for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 828] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

9 Export Credits Guarantee Department,—Papers, entitled—
   (1) KPMG: HM Treasury and ECGD ECGD Risk Management Review
   (2) NERA—National Economic Research Associates: The Economic Rationale for the Public Provision of Export Credit Insurance by ECGD
   (3) Report on the Provision of ECGD Reinsurance for Exports Sold on Short Terms of Payment, and
   (4) Review of ECGD’s Mission and Status
   [by Command] [Cm. 4792, 4791, 4793 and 4790] [Mr Secretary Byers].

10 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) Companies House,
   (2) the Forensic Science Service, and
   (2) the Vehicle Inspectorate
   for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 651, 655 and 626] [Clerk of the House].

11 Hong Kong,—Six-monthly Report on Hong Kong, January–June 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4809] [Mr Secretary Cook].

12 Law Commission (Scotland),—Report of the Scottish Law Commission for 1998–99 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 736] [Mr Secretary Reid].


14 National Lottery,—(1) Account of the Sports Council for Wales Lottery Distribution for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 855] [Clerk of the House]; and
   (2) Report of the National Lottery Commission for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

15 Northern Ireland,—Report of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 715] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

16 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Report and Accounts of the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


18 Public Accounts,—Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the Eighteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4822] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].


20 Race Relations,—Account of the Commission for Racial Equality for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 854] [Clerk of the House].

21 Railways,—Report and Financial Statements of the Shadow Strategic Rail Authority for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

22 Science and Technology,—Accounts of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 852] [Clerk of the House].

23 Scottish Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Court Service for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 729] [Mr Secretary Reid].

24 Social Security Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of the—
   (1) Benefits Agency,
   (2) Child Support Agency,
(3) Information Technology Services Agency, and
(4) War Pensions Agency
for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by
Act]; to be printed [Nos. 618, 658, 680 and 615] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment,—(1) Sixth Special Report from the Education and Employment
Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session
1999–2000, on Work Permits for Overseas Footballers]; to be printed [No. 860];
(2) Seventh Special Report from the Committee [Government’s and OFSTED’s
Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee on Standards and Quality in
Education: the Annual Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools 1998–99]; to
be printed [No. 861]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education
and Employment Committee [Higher Education]; to be printed [No. 400-xiv]
[Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional A

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airs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the
Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Implications of the
European Commission Ruling on Gap Funding Schemes for Urban Regeneration in
England]; to be printed [No. 714-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 Foreign A

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airs Committee [Weapons of Mass
Destruction], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the
Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to
the Report [No. 407]; and
(2) Ninth Report from the Committee [Gibraltar: Follow Up], together with
Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to
the Report [No. 863]
[Mr Donald Anderson].

4 Home A

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airs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Lord
Chancellor’s Department: Annual Report 1999–2000 and Spending Plans 2000–01]; to be
printed [No. 856-i] [Mr Robin Corbett].

5 International Development,—(1) Eighth Report from the International Development
Committee [Department for International Development: 2000 Departmental 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. 475];
(2) Sixth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the First
Report from the Committee, on The Export Credits Guarantee Department—
Developmental Issues]; to be printed [No. 862]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [HIV/AIDS and Social and
Economic Development]; to be printed [No. 558-vii]
[Mr Bowen Wells].

6 Science and Technology,—(1) Sixth Report from the Science and Technology Committee
[Cancer Research—A Fresh Look], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence
taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the
Committee relating to the Report [No. 332-I]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Cancer Research—A Fresh Look]
[Dr Michael Clark].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory
Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-
xxvii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

8 Treasury,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Spending Review
2000]; to be printed [No. 485-iii]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Economic and Monetary Union];
to be printed [No. 573-vii]
[Mr Giles Radice].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.57 p.m.

[No. 141.]

Wednesday 26th July 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Hundredth Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That their Address of 19th July relating to the Hundredth Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother 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 concerning the One Hundredth Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. It give me great pleasure to hear of the loyal affection of the House and the nation on this special occasion and to ensure that your message is conveyed to Queen Elizabeth.

2 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 25th October.

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Government Resources and Accounts Bill, to which this House has disagreed, and do not insist on their remaining Amendment to that Bill, and have agreed without Amendment to the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of that Amendment.

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

4 Football (Disorder) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Football (Disorder) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 172].

5 Genetically Modified Food and Producer Liability Bill,—The Genetically Modified Food and Producer Liability Bill was withdrawn.

6 National Lottery (Community Chest),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the National Lottery Act 1998 to require a proportion of revenue from ticket sales to be kept in a community chest: And that Derek Wyatt, Mrs Diana Organ, Mr Alan Meale and Mr Lawrie Quinn do prepare and bring it in.

7 National Lottery (Community Chest) Bill,—Derek Wyatt accordingly presented a Bill to amend the National Lottery Act 1998 to require a proportion of revenue from ticket sales to be kept in a community chest: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd November and to be printed [Bill 171].

8 Retirement of Madam Speaker,—Madam Speaker addressed the House, as follows:

In 1992, when this House elected me to be Speaker, I pledged two things: to do my best to justify its confidence, and to do all in my powers to preserve and to cherish its traditions. Now, as I prepare to lay down this great office, it is for you to judge my performance against those promises. Be assured that on this occasion I shall not rule you out of order!
For my part, being Speaker has afforded me a unique opportunity to serve Parliament, for which I am immensely grateful. However, before I go further, I wish to thank those who have given me such loyal service throughout the years.

Although—thank goodness for me, and for you too—I have not come anywhere near Speaker Onslow’s record of 31 years in this Chair, I have nevertheless seen three Clerks of the House, each giving invaluable service—Sir Clifford Boulton, Sir Donald Limon and the current occupant, Bill McKay. To each of them I owe a very great deal.

I also wish to pay tribute to my two Secretaries. Sir Peter Kitcatt steered me through the first very strange and very demanding days of my new job and gave me absolutely splendid support. I was very fortunate, too, in his successor, Nicolas Bevan, who came new to the House, but swiftly acquired an encyclopaedic knowledge not of names and interests, but of the ways of Westminster. Since 1993 he has been constantly at my side, whether in this House or on visits abroad—never tiring, never ruffled, but showing great patience, great loyalty and personal commitment. My very best thanks go to Nicolas.

I owe a debt of thanks also to the others who have served on my office and constituency staff, and on my personal staff in Speaker’s House—and, of course, to the Deputy Speakers who throughout the years have supported me so well.

When I first entered the House, the Speaker was Selwyn Lloyd, and I recall his leaving speech. He paid very generous tribute to the Members of those days, but he went out of his way to mention what he described as their “collective faults”. He summed those up as “long-windedness, sedentary interruptions, points of order that are not points of order, and an inability to scrutinise Bills and statutory instruments as they should be scrutinised”. Things do not change much, do they?

One of the privileges of the Speaker is to be able to represent this House abroad, both at Speaker’s Conferences and on bilateral visits. I am glad to have been able to accept invitations to represent Westminster in every continent, and to have visited many countries, both large and small, on your behalf. What has always come across clearly to me is the respect felt abroad for the British system of parliamentary democracy. It comes across especially among the emerging democracies of central and eastern Europe, where there is a very keen desire to learn from our experience as they develop their own systems of governance. I know that the advice and assistance that we are able to give at both parliamentary and staff level is enormously appreciated.

Sadly, however, I have to say that the high reputation of Westminster abroad is not entirely reflected at home. I know from my postbag how much disillusionment about the political process there is among the general public. The level of cynicism about Parliament, and the accompanying alienation of many of the young from the democratic process, is troubling. It is an issue on which every Member of the House should wish to reflect. It is our responsibility, each and every one of us, to do what we can to develop and build public trust and confidence.

Let us make a start by remembering that the function of Parliament is to hold the Executive to account. That is the role for which history has cast the Commons. It is the core task of Members—not merely to act as the representatives of their constituents, important though that certainly is. It is in Parliament in the first instance that Ministers must explain and justify their policies. Since becoming Speaker in 1992, I have made my views known about that, both publicly and behind the scenes to both Governments. I have taken action to ensure that those who advise Ministers should never overlook the primacy of Parliament. This is the chief forum of the nation—today, tomorrow and, I hope, for ever.

Question time offers a prime opportunity to hold Ministers to account. I share the disappointment at the slow progress that is made. Too many backbench Members are being deprived, by the long-windedness of colleagues, of their chance to question Ministers. We are not moving down the Order Paper as we should. There is also an issue of quality as well as quantity. There is, from time to time, a risk that engagement with the real issues is seen to be overshadowed by political point-scoring simply for its own sake.

Parliament’s other prime function is the scrutiny of Government legislation. There is, I believe, throughout the House a general recognition that this is an area ripe for improvement. Committees of the House, as well as outside bodies, are making a substantial contribution to the debate. The issues are serious and complex, and there is no simple solution. The debate should not be conducted, however, on party lines—nor on the simplistic basis of the Executive versus the rest of us. The objective, to my mind, must be improved scrutiny leading to better legislation, perhaps through the greater use of pre-legislative arrangements. I think that they might be useful to us. In addition, the issue is as much one of quality of scrutiny as of quantity.

Furthermore, the House must be prepared to put in the hours necessary to carry out effective examination of the Government’s legislative programme. If that means long days, or rearrangement of the parliamentary year, so be it. Of course, I have been here
long enough to recognise the importance of enabling parliamentarians to enjoy a
domestic life. It should not be impossible to meet both objectives—but where there is a
clash, the requirements of effective scrutiny and the democratic process must take priority
over the convenience of Members.

Those of you who were here when I submitted myself to the will of the House in 1992
will recall that I said, in all honesty, that for me the Commons had never been just a career,
it had been my life. Now, after eight and a half years as Speaker, that is more true than
ever. Quite apart from the honour of being Speaker, and the many fascinations of the
work, I have enjoyed the job, every minute of it—well, almost every minute of it. That has
been helped by the fact that I have presided over a House containing so many characters
and so many stalwart Members, on whom it depends so much. I have not had a boring
day in my working life, and for all that, I am grateful to all of you.

When I came to the conclusion that it was right for me to go, my thoughts went to that
famous passage in the Book of Ecclesiastes, about there being “a time to weep, and a time
to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance”.

Well, my dancing days are long past, and I promise the House that I shall not weep,
but I shall certainly mourn the fact that an all-important phase of my life has come to a
natural end. However, it is time for laughter as well, as we remember all the lighter
moments that we have enjoyed. I say to you, rejoice in your inheritance, defend your
rights and remember always that the privileges the House enjoys were dearly won and
must never be squandered. You elected me in the springtime and I shall retire in the
autumn, which marks a fitting seasonal conclusion to my period in office.

Therefore I say to you all, in a phrase that you all know well, but which has never been
more true than now:

“Time’s up”.

Resolved, nemine contradicente, That this House records its appreciation of the great
distinction with which the Right Honourable Betty Boothroyd has occupied the office of
Speaker; congratulates her on the skilful manner in which she has upheld the authority
and dignity of this House; appreciates the wisdom, good humour and skill with which she
has presided over its affairs, which are universally admired both in this country and
abroad; and accordingly expresses its warmest thanks to the Right Honourable Member
for her many services to this House; and unites in wishing her a long and happy
retirement.—(The Prime Minister.)

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

A Motion was 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 Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider
the Census (Amendment) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 12, after the word ‘religion’,
to insert the words ‘or for giving a false answer to that question’.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mrs Eleanor Laing: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 331.

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 Robert Ainsworth, Mr Kevin Hughes: 355.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Dr Evan Harris: 4.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

11 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill [Money] (No. 2).—Her Majesty’s Recommendation
having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Regulation of Investigatory
Powers Bill [Money] (No. 2),
Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure attributable to arrangements under the Act for the making of contributions towards costs incurred by persons for purposes connected with, or with the provision of assistance in relation to, interception warrants; and

(b) any allowances payable under the Act to the Intelligence Services Commissioner.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

12 Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider Lords Amendments to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Bill. Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 163 agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 17 to 19, 86, 88 and 97.

13 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Cambridge and the County of Cambridgeshire against the current Education Standard Spending Assessment scheme, and

(2) residents of Aylesbury and surrounding areas opposing discrimination by the broadcasting authorities against religious bodies were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Dowd);

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

15 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Dowd);

And the Motion having been made at 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, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Prisons,—Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Amendment of Section 10) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2024), dated 25th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Employment Tribunals,—(1) Employment Tribunals (Constitution and Rules of Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1987), and


dated 24th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


Other Papers:

5 Defence Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) Queen Victoria School, and

(2) Royal Air Force Signals Engineering Establishment

for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 703 and 672] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
Devolution,—Paper entitled, Memorandum of Understanding and Supplementary Agreements between the United Kingdom Government, Scottish Ministers, the Cabinet of the National Assembly for Wales and the Northern Ireland Executive Committee [by Command] [Cm. 4806] [Mr David Lock].

Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) Registers of Scotland, and
(2) the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 649 and 633] [Clerk of the House].

Legal Aid (Scotland),—(1) Report and Accounts of the Scottish Legal Aid Board for 1999–2000, and
(2) Statement of Accounts for the Scottish Legal Aid Board for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Local Government,—Report and Accounts of the London Pensions Fund Authority for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Merchant Shipping,—Report and Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 851] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Shadow Strategic Rail Authority: Action to Improve Passenger Rail Services [by Act]; to be printed [No. 842] [Clerk of the House].

Post Office,—Report of the Post Office Users’ Council for Wales for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Prisons (Scotland),—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Prison Service for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 619] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Science and Innovation,—Paper entitled, Excellence and Opportunity: a science and innovation policy for the 21st century [by Command] [Cm. 4814] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Scottish Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the—
(1) Scottish Agricultural Science Agency,
(2) Scottish Public Pensions Agency for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 749 and 738] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Standards in Public Life,—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee on Standards in Public Life [by Command] [Cm. 4817] [The Prime Minister].

Treasury Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Debt Management Office for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 579] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

Treaty Series (No. 94, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Jakarta on 3rd and 5th April 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Indonesia Debt Agreement No. 2 (1998)) [by Command] [Cm. 4810] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Treaty Series (No. 95, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Lusaka on 5th August 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Zambia concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Zambia Debt Agreement No. 7 (1999)) [by Command] [Cm. 4811] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mrs Liz Blackman, Mr John Burnett, Mr Paul Clark, Mr Tony Colman, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Lindsay Hoyle,
Mr Alan Hurst, Ms Jenny Jones, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr David Lock, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Patrick Nicholls and Mr Bill Tynan.

2 Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Nickel) (Safety) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1668):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Dr Ashok Kumar Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Norman Baker, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Tom Brake, Julia Drown, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Nick Gibb, Dr Ian Gibson, Ms Harriet Harman, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Michael Jack, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Jon Trickett and Mr Derek Twigg.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Orders to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Mr Clive Betts, Mr David Borrow, Mrs Helen Brinton, Mr James Clappison, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr David Curry, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Ivan Henderson, Mr Lawrie Quinn, Jacqui Smith, Rachel Squire, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Mr Phil Willis and Mr David Winnick.

4 Rutland Sixth Form College, Oakham (Dissolution) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1684):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Mr Clive Betts, Mrs Liz Blackman, Ms Hazel Blears, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Alan Duncan, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Alan Hurst, Ms Jenny Jones, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Bill Rammell, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Malcolm Wicks.

European Standing Committees

5 European Document No. 9964/00, relating to Social Policy Agenda, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Eighth Report from the Agriculture Committee [Genetically Modified Organisms and Seed Segregation], 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. 812].

(2) Ninth Report from the Committee [MAFF/Intervention Board Departmental Report 2000], 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. 610].

(3) Sixth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, on the Government’s Proposals for Organophosphate Sheep Dips], together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 865]; and

(4) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Genetically Modified Organisms and Seed Segregation; Organic Farming]

[Mr David Curry].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Eighth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Marking the Millennium in the United Kingdom], 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. 578].

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Marking the Millennium in the United Kingdom].

(3) Ninth Report from the Committee [Report and Accounts of the BBC for 1999-2000]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 719]; and
3 Defence.—(1) Twelfth Report from the Defence Committee [The Adaptation of the Treaty on Conventional Forces in Europe], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 295]; and

(2) Thirteenth Report from the Committee [Iraqi No-Fly Zones], 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. 453]

[Mr Bruce George].

4 Education and Employment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Higher Education]; to be printed [No. 400-xxvii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

5 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Sixteenth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Implications of the European Commission Ruling on Gap Funding Schemes for Urban Regeneration in England], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 714];

(2) Seventeenth Report from the Committee [The Departmental Annual Report 2000 and Expenditure Plans 2000–01 to 2001–02], 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. 471];

(3) Eighteenth Report from the Committee [Air Service Agreements between the United Kingdom and the United States], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 532];

(4) Third Special Report from the Committee [Environment Agency Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, on The Environment Agency] [No. 870];

(5) Fourth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, on Travelling Fairs] [No. 871];

(6) Fifth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, on Light Rapid Transit Systems] [No. 872]; and

(7) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Ten-Year Plan for Transport]; to be printed [No. 726-i]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

6 European Scrutiny,—Twenty-sixth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xxvi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Fourth Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Northern Ireland Railways: Financial Provision for New Rolling Stock in 2000–01], 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. 512];

(2) Fifth Report from the Committee [Public Expenditure in Northern Ireland: Inward Investment], 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. 198]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Miscellaneous]

[Mr Peter Brooke].

8 Public Administration.—(1) Third Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [The Review of Public Sector Ombudsmen], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 612]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Special Advisers]; to be printed [No. 821-ii]

[Tony Wright].
6 Social Security.—(1) Seventh Report from the Social Security Committee [Pensioner Poverty], 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. 606].
(2) Fourth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, on Social Security and Child Support Commissioners], to be printed [No. 868]; and
(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Pensioner Poverty]
[Mr Archy Kirkwood].

9 Treasury,—Sixth Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, on The Government’s Cash and Debt Management]; to be printed [No. 869];
(2) Eighth Report from the Committee [Economic and Monetary 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. 573]; and
(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Economic and Monetary Union]
[Mr Giles Radice].

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].
The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.
Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed at today’s sitting and, if not previously concluded, shall be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of proceedings on this Order.

2.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

(3) If that Question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment, the Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single Question on any further Amendments of the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in the Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

(7) 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 single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent stages

3.—(1) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the consideration forthwith of any further Message from the Lords on the Bill.

(2) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

(3) Sub-paragraphs (4) to (7) apply for the purpose of bringing those proceedings to a conclusion.

(4) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

(5) The Speaker 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.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message.

(7) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

Reasons Committee

4. The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the appointment of its Chairman.

5.—(1) A Committee appointed to draw up Reasons shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.

(2) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.

(3) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) the Chairman shall—

(a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided; and
(b) then put forthwith successively Questions on motions which may be made by a Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in any of their Amendments.

(4) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question being put.

Miscellaneous

6. If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the expiry of the period at the end of which 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.

7.—(1) In this paragraph ‘the proceedings’ means proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments and on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill.

(2) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

(3) The proceedings shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(4) No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a Minister of the Crown; and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

8.—(1) This paragraph applies if—

(a) a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) has been stood over to Seven o’clock; and

(b) proceedings on this Motion have begun before then.

(2) 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 the Motion for the Adjournment of the House—(Mr David Jamieson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Mike Hall: 276.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 141.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Order of the House of 17th July be supplemented as follows:

Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed at today’s sitting and, if not previously concluded, shall be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of proceedings on this Order.

2.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

(3) If that Question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment, the Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single Question on any further Amendments of the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in the Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.
(7) 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 single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent stages

3.—(1) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the consideration forthwith of any further Message from the Lords on the Bill.

(2) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

(3) Sub-paragraphs (4) to (7) apply for the purpose of bringing those proceedings to a conclusion.

(4) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

(5) The Speaker 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.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message.

(7) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

Reasons Committee

4. The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the appointment of its Chairman.

5.—(1) A Committee appointed to draw up Reasons shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.

(2) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.

(3) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-paragraph (2) the Chairman shall—

(a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided; and

(b) then put forthwith successively Questions on motions which may be made by a Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in any of their Amendments.

(4) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question being put.

Miscellaneous

6. If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the expiry of the period at the end of which 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.

7.—(1) In this paragraph 'the proceedings' means proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments and on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill.

(2) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

(3) The proceedings shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(4) No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a Minister of the Crown; and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

8.—(1) This paragraph applies if—

(a) a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) has been stood over to Seven o’clock; and

(b) proceedings on this Motion have begun before then.

(2) 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 the Motion for the Adjournment of the House.
7 Football (Disorder) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Football (Disorder) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 4 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 5.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment;

And it being two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Football (Disorder) Bill (Supplemental Allocation of Time), the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day] put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment (No. 5), put and agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendments Nos. 6 to 22 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 16 and 17.

8 Utilities Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Utilities Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 11 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 8, 9 and 11.

Lords Amendment No. 12.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House agrees with the Lords in the said Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 281.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 116.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 13 to 72 were agreed to.

And it being Seven 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. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Utilities Bill and the Postal Services Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour— (Mr Greg Pope)—It was agreed to.

10 Utilities Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Utilities Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 73 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 74.

An Amendment ((c)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 3, to leave out from the word ‘holder’ to the end of line 8 and to insert the words ‘the turnover being determined on the applicable turnover for the business year preceding the date when the infringement ended and shall in any case not exceed a period of 12 months’—(Mr Nick Gibb.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr John Randall: 120.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Dowd, Mr Don Touhig: 257.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 75 to 245 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 203.

11 Postal Services Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Postal Services Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 65 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 33 and 34.
Lords Amendment No. 66.

An Amendment (\(\text{(a)}\)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 4, to leave out from the word 'calculated' to the end and to insert the words 'in accordance with market rates'.—(Mr John Bercow.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 107.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 226.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 67 to 171 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 124, 125, 149 and 154.

12 Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund,—Resolved, That Bernard Harold Ian Halley Stewart, Baron Stewartby of Portmoak, shall be appointed as a Managing Trustee of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund, in pursuance of Section 1 of the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1987.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

13 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of the Don Valley constituency and others for the proposed Doncaster Finningley Airport, and

(2) residents of Thorrington and others against the housing of asylum seekers at Silver Springs in Thorrington

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

14 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the residents of Blackburn and others opposing discrimination by the broadcasting authorities against religious bodies was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 9.17 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Education,—Education Maintenance Allowance (Pilot Areas) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2012), dated 24th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1972), dated 20th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Social Security,—(1) Jobseeker’s Allowance (Joint Claims) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1978), and

(2) Social Security (Joint Claims: Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1982),

dated 24th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


6 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 2) 2000 (S.R.(N.I.) No. 243), dated 24th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

Other Papers:

7 Administration of Justice,—Accounts of the National Debt Commissioners Northern Ireland Court Service Investment Account for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 881] [Clerk of the House].
8 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Intervention Board for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 643] [Mr Nicholas Brown].


10 Cabinet Office Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of the—

(1) Civil Service College, and
(2) Government Car and Despatch Agency

for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 829 and 816][Marjorie Mowlam].

11 Coal Industry,—Report and Accounts of the Coal Authority for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

12 Criminal Procedure (Scotland),—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Criminal Cases Review Commission for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

13 Crown Agents,—Accounts of the Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board for 1999, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 876] [Clerk of the House].

14 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the—

(1) Defence Analytical Services Agency, and
(2) Defence Storage and Distribution Agency

(3) Disposal Sales Agency

for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 827, 654 and 711] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

15 Education and Employment Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Employment Service for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 756] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

16 Electoral Law (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 873] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

17 El Salvador (No.1, 2000),—Agreement, done at London on 14th October 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of El Salvador for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, with Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4820] [Mr Secretary Cook].

18 Environment,—Report and Accounts of the Environment Agency for 1999–2000[by Act][Mr Secretary Prescott].

19 Environmental Audit,—Government Response to the Fifth and Sixth Reports of the Environmental Audit Committee, on the first annual report of the Green Ministers and on the Greening Government Initiative [by Command] [Cm. 4819] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

20 Environment, Transport and the Regions Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 648] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

21 European Community Finances,—Statement on the 2000 EC Budget and measures to counter fraud and financial mismanagement [by Command] [Cm.4771][Miss Melanie Johnson]

22 Foreign and Commonwealth Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of Wilton Park for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 676][Mr Secretary Cook].


24 Further and Higher Education,—Accounts of the Further Education Funding Council for England for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No.879] [Clerk of the House].
25 Health,—(1) Account of the Commission for Health Improvement for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 875] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Paper, entitled The NHS Plan: a plan for investment, a plan for reform, and

(3) Paper, entitled The NHS Plan: The Government’s Response to the Royal Commission on Long Term Care

[by Command] [Cm. 4818-I and —II] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

26 Health Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the NHS Pensions Agency for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 701] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


28 Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland),—Account of the Legal Aid Fund (Northern Ireland) for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 591] [Clerk of the House].

29 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) The Acquisition of German Parcel,

(2) The Cancellation of the Benefits Payment Card Project, and

(3) Supporting Innovation: managing risk in government departments

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 858, 857 and 864] [Clerk of the House].

30 National Health Service,—Accounts of the Public Health Laboratory Service Board for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 874] [Clerk of the House].

31 National Health Service (Scotland),—Summarised Accounts of the Health Boards in Scotland, NHS Trusts in Scotland, the Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service, the Health Education Board for Scotland, the State Hospital Management Committee, State Hospital, Carstairs, the Scottish Council for Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education and the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 850] [Clerk of the House].

32 Northern Ireland Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Forensic Science Agency of Northern Ireland for 1999-2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 844] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

33 Police,—Report of the Police Information Technology Organisation for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

34 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Transport and the Regions on the Petition [13th April] from Prestonville Community Association for the protection of allotment land and wildlife areas in urban environments [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].


36 Regional Development Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) Advantage West Midlands: West Midlands Regional Development Agency,

(2) East of England Development Agency,

(3) East Midlands Development Agency,

(4) Northwest Development Agency,

(5) One North East: North East of England Regional Development Agency,

(6) SEEDA: South East of England Regional Development Agency,

(7) South West of England Regional Development Agency, and

(8) Yorkshire Forward: Yorkshire and Humber Regional Development Agency for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; [Mr Secretary Prescott].
37 Registration Service,—Marriage, divorce and adoption statistics: Review of the Registrar General on marriages, divorces and adoptions in England and Wales, 1998 [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

38 School Standards and Framework,—Account of the Leicester Education Action Zone for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 877] [Clerk of the House].

39 Scottish Office Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) Fisheries Research Services for 1999–2000,
   (2) Historic Scotland for 1999–2000, with Corporate Plan for 2000–2001, and
   (3) the Student Awards Agency for Scotland for 1999–2000,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 750, 712 and 737] [Mr Secretary Reid].

40 Trade and Industry Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the National Weights and Measures Laboratory for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 621] [Mr Secretary Byers].

41 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Accounts of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, the Certification Officer and the Central Arbitration Committee for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 878] [Clerk of the House].


43 Treasury Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of Property Advisers to the Civil Estate (PACE) for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 751] [Mr Andrew Smith].

44 Treaty Series (No. 96, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Belgrade on 9th and 17th March 2000, between the Federative Republic of Brazil, on behalf of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and the Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia reviving the Agreement concerning Air Services signed at London on 3rd February 1959, as amended [by Command] [Cm. 4815] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Trustee Bill [Lords].—The Speaker appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Rutland College, Oakham (Dissolution) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1684).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Hilton Dawson from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr David Kidney.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Tenth Report from the Agriculture Committee [Regional Service Centres], 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. 509]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Genetically Modified Organisms and Seed Segregation]
   [Mr David Curry].

2 International Development,—Ninth Report from the International Development Committee [The Effectiveness of EC Development Assistance], 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. 669] [Mr Bowen Wells].

3 Science and Technology,—Seventh Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Government Expenditure on Research and Development: The Forward Look—The Government’s Reply], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 723] [Dr Michael Clark].
Thursday 27th July 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Crime Reduction Partnerships).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Jim Dowd.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 24th October.

[Adjourned at 5.44 p.m.

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Friday 28th July 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, without Amendment.

2 Adjournment (Matters to be considered before the forthcoming adjournment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Kevin Hughes);

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

3 Royal Assent.—The Deputy Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses, and to the following Measure passed under the provisions of the Church of England (Assembly Powers) Act 1919:

Finance Act 2000
Sea Fishing Grants (Charges) Act 2000
Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act 2000
Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000
Learning and Skills Act 2000
Local Government Act 2000
Census (Amendment) Act 2000
Football (Disorder) Act 2000
Postal Services Act 2000
Utilities Act 2000

4 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of the city of Chichester for aid to be directed to education for child labourers, and

(2) Sean Woodward and others for changes in the valuation of land purchased for road schemes

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

5 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 23rd October, pursuant to Order [19th July].

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Social Security,—Draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Joint Claims: Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Industrial Development,—Assisted Areas Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2038), dated 27th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

3 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 704] [Mr Secretary Straw].

4 Social Security,—Social Security (Therapeutic Earnings Limits) Amendments Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2028), dated 26th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Telegraphs,—Wireless Telegraphy (Broadband Fixed Wireless Access Licences) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2039), dated 27th July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

6 Agricultural Marketing,—Report and Accounts of Food from Britain for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

7 Broadcasting,—Report and Accounts of Comataidh Craolaidh Gàidhlig, the Gaelic Broadcasting Committee, for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

8 Comprehensive Spending Review,—Paper, entitled 2000 Spending Review: Public Service Agreements 2001–2004 [by Command] [Cm. 4808] [Mr Andrew Smith].


10 Education and Employment,—Department for Education and Employment Minute, dated 28th July 2000, concerning a contingent liability in respect of arrangements to provide indemnities to TEC National Council, Training and Enterprise Councils and Chambers of Commerce, Training and Enterprise for liabilities which arise after their licence with government ceases [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

11 Home Affairs,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1998–99, on Freemasonry in Public Life [by Command] [Cm. 4813] [Mr Secretary Straw].

12 Income and Corporation Taxes,—Treasury Minute, dated 28th July 2000, amending the Treasury General Consents 1988 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

13 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Training New Pilots [by Act]; to be printed [No. 880] [Clerk of the House].

14 National Heritage (Scotland),—Accounts of the Royal Botanical Garden, Edinburgh, for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 866] [Clerk of the House].

15 Police,—Report of the Chief Surveillance Commissioner for 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4816] [The Prime Minister].

16 Railways,—Report of the Rail Regulator for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

17 Treasury Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Office for National Statistics for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 834] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—The Speaker has appointed Sir David Madel Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Dangerous Substances (Nickel) (Safety) Regulations 2000, in place of Dr Ashok Kumar.
PRAYERS.

1 Sir Edward Heath took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order No. 1 (Election of the Speaker).

2 Queen gives leave to the House to choose new Speaker.—The Prime Minister acquainted the House that Her Majesty, having been informed of the resignation of the Right honourable Miss Betty Boothroyd, lately Speaker of this House, gives leave to the House to proceed forthwith to the choice of a new Speaker.

Mr Peter Snape proposed to the House for its Speaker Mr Michael J. Martin, and moved, That Mr Michael J. Martin do take the Chair of this House as Speaker, which Motion was seconded by Ann Keen.

And the Question being proposed, That Mr Michael J. Martin do take the Chair of this House as Speaker;

Mr Michael J. Martin then stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

Mr David Winnick proposed an Amendment to the Question, to leave out the words ‘Mr Michael J. Martin’ and to insert the words ‘Sir Alan Haselhurst’, instead thereof, which Amendment was seconded by Mr Peter Brooke.

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

Sir Alan Haselhurst then stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir David Madel, Mr Bill Rammell: 140.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Snape, Ann Keen: 345.

So the Question was negatived.

Mr Dafydd Wigley proposed an Amendment to the Question, to leave out the words ‘Mr Michael J. Martin’ and to insert the words ‘Mr A. J. Beith’, instead thereof, which Amendment was seconded by Jackie Ballard.

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

Mr A. J. Beith then stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Lembit Öpik, Mr Elfyn Llwyd: 83.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Snape, Ann Keen: 409.

So the Question was negatived.

Mr David Davis proposed an Amendment to the Question, to leave out the words ‘Mr Michael J. Martin’ and to insert the words ‘Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody’, instead thereof, which Amendment was seconded by Marjorie Mowlam.

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

Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody then stood up in her place, and expressed the sense she had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon her, and submitted herself to the House.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Maclean, Helen Jones: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Snape, Ann Keen: 341.

So the Question was negatived.

Mr John MacGregor proposed an Amendment to the Question, to leave out the words ‘Mr Michael J. Martin’ and to insert the words ‘Sir George Young’, instead thereof, which Amendment was seconded by Helen Jackson.
And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;

Sir George Young then stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Martin Salter: 241.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Snape, Ann Keen: 317.

So the Question was negatived.

Mr Martin O'Neill proposed an Amendment to the Question, to leave out the words 'Mr Michael J. Martin' and to insert the words 'Mr Menzies Campbell', instead thereof, which Amendment was seconded by Derek Wyatt.

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

Mr Menzies Campbell then stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Paul Keetch, Mr Don Foster: 98.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Snape, Ann Keen: 381.

So the Question was negatived.

Mr John Maxton proposed an Amendment to the Question, to leave out the words 'Mr Michael J. Martin' and to insert the words 'Dr David Clark', instead thereof, which Amendment was seconded by Joan Ruddock.

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

Dr David Clark then stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Hilton Dawson: 192.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Snape, Ann Keen: 257.

So the Question was negatived.

Mr John Wilkinson proposed an Amendment to the Question, to leave out the words 'Mr Michael J. Martin' and to insert the words 'Mr Nicholas Winterton', instead thereof, which Amendment was seconded by Mr Stephen Pound.

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

Mr Nicholas Winterton then stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Wilkinson, Mr Stephen Pound: 116.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Snape, Ann Keen: 340.

So the Question was negatived.

Mr Jamie Cann proposed an Amendment to the Question, to leave out the words 'Mr Michael J. Martin' and to insert the words 'Mr John McWilliam', instead thereof, which Amendment was seconded by Mrs Helen Brinton.

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

Mr John McWilliam then stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Helen Brinton, Mr Eric Martlew: 30.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Snape, Ann Keen: 309.

So the Question was negatived.
Mr Tom King proposed an Amendment to the Question, to leave out the words ‘Mr Michael J. Martin’ and to insert the words ‘Mr Michael Lord’, instead thereof, which Amendment was seconded by Mr Andrew Reed.

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

Mr Michael Lord then stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tom King, Mr Andrew Reed: 146.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Snape, Ann Keen: 290.

So the Question was negatived.

Mrs Gillian Shephard proposed an Amendment to the Question, to leave out the words ‘Mr Michael J. Martin’ and to insert the words ‘Sir Patrick Cormack’, instead thereof, which Amendment was seconded by Mr Tam Dalyell.

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

Sir Patrick Cormack then stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Raymond Powell, Mr Gerald Howarth: 130.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Snape, Ann Keen: 287.

So the Question was negatived.

Mr Martin Bell proposed an Amendment to the Question, to leave out the words ‘Mr Michael J. Martin’ and to insert the words ‘Mr Richard Shepherd’, instead thereof, which Amendment was seconded by Tony Wright.

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

Mr Richard Shepherd then stood up in his place, and expressed the sense he had of the honour proposed to be conferred upon him, and submitted himself to the House.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr Eric Forth: 136.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Snape, Ann Keen: 282.

So the Question was negatived.

*Then Mr Peter Snape and Mr Hilton Dawson, Tellers in the Division this day on the Question, That the Amendment be made, which Amendment was, to leave out the words ‘Mr Michael J. Martin’ and to insert the words ‘Dr David Clark’, instead thereof, came to the Table and stated that they had erroneously reported the number of the Noes as 296, instead of 257, which was the correct number.

Whereupon Sir Edward Heath directed the Clerk to correct the number in the Journal accordingly, viz.: Ayes, 192, Noes 257.

And the Main Question being put, That Mr Michael J. Martin do take the Chair of this House as Speaker;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Snape, Ann Keen: 370.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr David Maclean: 8.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That Mr Michael J. Martin do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

Whereupon Sir Edward Heath left the Chair, and Mr Michael J. Martin was taken out of his place and conducted to the Chair by Mr Peter Snape and Ann Keen, and, standing on the upper step, he expressed his respectful and humble acknowledgement to the House of the great honour the House had been pleased to confer upon him, and sat down in the Chair.

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

Whereupon the Prime Minister, Mr William Hague, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mr Alex Salmond, Sir Alan Haselhurst, Mr Tony Benn, Mr Dennis Canavan, Mr Simon Hughes
and Caroline Flint congratulated the Speaker Elect; and the Prime Minister signified the pleasure of Her Majesty that the House should present its Speaker this day at a quarter past Eleven o’clock in the House of Peers, for Her Majesty’s Royal Approbation.

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

Mr Speaker Elect,

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

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

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

5 The House having returned;

6 The Speaker reported, That the House had been in the House of Peers, where Her Majesty was pleased by Her Majesty’s Commissioners to approve the choice the House had made of him to be its Speaker.

And then the Speaker repeated his very respectful acknowledgements and grateful thanks to the House for the great honour it had conferred upon him, and renewed the assurance of his entire devotion to the service of the House.

7 Madam Speaker Boothroyd’s Retirement.—Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty that she will be most graciously pleased to confer some signal mark of Her Royal favour upon the Right honourable Miss Betty Boothroyd for her eminent services during the important period in which she presided with such distinguished ability and dignity in the Chair of this House; and assuring Her Majesty that whatever expense Her Majesty shall think fit to be incurred upon that account this House will make good the same.—(Margaret Beckett.)

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.

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Margaret Beckett.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.36 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 138 (Presentation of command papers):

Monday 31st July 2000

1 Prisons,—Prison Statistics for England and Wales for 1999 [Cm. 4805] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Monday 7th August 2000

2 Customs and Excise,—Paper, comprising the Export of Goods (Control) (Amendment No. 4) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2140), dated 4th August 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

Tuesday 8th August 2000

3 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Fourth Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Kosovo [Cm. 4825] [Mr Secretary Cook].

4 Sustainable Development,—Government Response to the Sixth Annual Report from the Government Panel on Sustainable Development [Cm. 4831] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Treaty Series (No. 97, 2000),—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 [Cm. 4823] [Mr Secretary Cook].
Wednesday 9th August 2000

6 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 1999–2000, on UK Climate Change Programme [Cm. 4748] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

7 Treaty Series (No. 98, 2000).—Exchange of Notes, done at Ankara on 12th January 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Turkey concerning the Employment in Turkey and the United Kingdom of the Dependants of Diplomatic and Consular Personnel [Cm. 4826] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Thursday 10th August 2000

8 Treaty Series (No. 99, 2000).—Convention on Social Security, done at Seoul on 20th April 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Korea [Cm. 4827] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Tuesday 15th August 2000

9 Human Fertilisation and Embryology.—(1) Paper, entitled Stem Cell Research: Medical Progress with Responsibility—Report from the Chief Medical Officer’s Expert Group reviewing the potential of developments in stem cell research and cell nuclear replacement to benefit human health, and

(2) Government Response to the Recommendations made in the Chief Medical Officer’s Expert Group Report “Stem Cell Research: Medical Progress with Responsibility” [Cm. 4833] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Wednesday 16th August 2000

10 Miscellaneous (No. 19, 2000).—Agreement, done at Karachi on 14th September 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan concerning Air Services, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 4821] [Mr Secretary Cook].


12 Treaty Series (No. 101, 2000).—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 9th December 1998 and 9th March 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning Privileges and Immunities for the Liaison Officers at Europol [Cm. 4830] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Thursday 17th August 2000

13 Animals.—Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals in Great Britain for 1999 [Cm. 4841] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Friday 18th August 2000

14 Marshall Aid Commemoration.—Report of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for 1st October 1998 to 30th September 1999 [Cm. 4828] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Monday 21st August 2000

15 Commonhold and Leasehold Reform.—Paper, entitled Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Draft Bill and Consultation Paper [Cm. 4843] [Mr David Lock].

Wednesday 23rd August 2000

16 Customs and Excise.—Paper, comprising the Export of Goods (Control) (Amendment No. 5) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2264), dated 22nd August 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

17 Treaty Series (No. 102, 2000).—Exchange of Notes, done at Amman on 26th April and 7th May 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Jordan Debt Agreement No. 5 (1999)) [Cm. 4836] [Mr Secretary Cook].
Thursday 24th August 2000

18 Culture, Media and Sport,—Department of Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 24th August 2000, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for works of art lent to the Wallace Collection for the exhibition “Queen Victoria and Thomas Sully: An American Painter at Buckingham Palace” [Mr Secretary Smith].

19 International Criminal Court,—Paper, entitled International Criminal Court: Consultation on Draft Legislation [Cm. 4847] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Wednesday 30th August 2000

20 Prisons (Scotland).—(1) Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Prisons for Scotland for 1999–2000 [Cm. 4824], and
(2) Report of the Scottish Prisons Complaints Commission for 1999 [Cm. 4848] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Thursday 31st August 2000

21 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the merger situation between Air Canada and Canadian Airlines Corporation [Cm. 4838] [Mr Secretary Byers].

22 Croatia (No. 1, 2000).—Agreement, done at Zagreb on 22nd February 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Croatia on International Road Transport, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 4834] [Mr Secretary Cook].

23 Slovenia (No. 1, 2000).—Agreement, done at Prague on 30th May 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on International Road Transport, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 4835] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Friday 1st September 2000

24 Education and Employment,—Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Education and Employment Committee, Session 1999–2000, on the Role of Private Sector Organisations in Public Education [Cm. 4844] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

Wednesday 6th September 2000

25 Treaty Series (No. 103, 2000).—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 [Cm. 4837] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Friday 8th September 2000

26 Treaty Series (No. 104, 2000).—Amending Protocol, done at London on 16th June 1999, to the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic concerning the European Air Group [Cm. 4839] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Wednesday 13th September 2000

27 Treaty Series (No. 105, 2000).—Agreement, done at London on 5th May 1998, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Italian Republic concerning the Co-Production of Films [Cm. 4840] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Thursday 14th September 2000

28 Miscellaneous (No. 20, 2000).—Amendments, adopted at Strasbourg on 15th June 1999, to the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data (ETS No. 108) allowing the European Communities to Accede, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 4846] [Mr Secretary Cook].

29 Treaty Series (No. 106, 2000).—European Charter of Local Self-Government, done at Strasbourg on 15th October 1985 [Cm. 4845] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Tuesday 19th September 2000

30 Legal Aid (Northern Ireland).—Paper, entitled The Way Ahead: Legal Aid Reform in Northern Ireland [Cm. 4849] [Mr David Lock].
31 Netherlands (No. 1, 2000),—Agreement, done at London on 10th January 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of The Netherlands concerning Air Services between and beyond the United Kingdom Overseas territories of Anguilla, Bermuda, The British Virgin Islands, The Cayman Islands, Montserrat and The Turks and Caicos Islands on the one hand, and The Netherlands Antilles on the other, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 4850] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Wednesday 20th September 2000

32 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [Cm. 4851] [Mr Secretary Straw].

33 Treaty Series (No. 107, 2000),—Convention, done at Paris on 17th December 1997, on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions [Cm. 4852] [Mr Secretary Cook].

34 Treaty Series (No. 108, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 9th June 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Russian Federation concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Russia Debt Agreement No. 4 (1996)) [Cm. 4854] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Thursday 21st September 2000

35 Social Security,—Paper, entitled Opportunity for All: One Year on: making a difference [Cm. 4865] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Friday 22nd September 2000

36 Treaty Series (No. 109, 2000),—Food Aid Convention, 1999, adopted at London on 13th April 1999 [Cm. 4856] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Monday 25th September 2000

37 Customs and Excise,—Paper, comprising the Export of Goods (Control) (Amendment No. 6) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2618), dated 20th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

Wednesday 27th September 2000

38 Treaty Series (No. 110, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Oslo on 9th August 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway amending the Agreement relating to the Exploitation of the Murchison Field Reservoir and the Offtake of Petroleum therefrom, signed at Oslo on 16th October 1979 [Cm. 4857] [Mr Secretary Cook].

39 Treaty Series (No. 111, 2000),—Amendments to the Appendix to the Anti-Doping Convention, Strasbourg, 16th November 1989 [Cm. 4858] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Friday 29th September 2000

40 Social Security,—(1) Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Social Security Committee, Session 1999–2000, on the Contributory Principle [Cm. 4867], and (2) Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Social Security Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Housing Benefit [Cm. 4869] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Monday 2nd October 2000


Tuesday 3rd October 2000

42 Home Affairs,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Controls Over Firearms [Cm. 4864] [Mr Secretary Straw].

43 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Third Report from the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Science and Society [Cm. 4875] [Mr Secretary Byers].
Wednesday 4th October 2000

44 Treaty Series (No. 112, 2000),—Amendment, agreed by the Standing Committee in Helsinki on 25th and 26th May 1998, of Annexes I and II to the Convention on the Control and Marking of Articles of Precious Metals [Cm. 4859] [Mr Secretary Cook].

45 Treaty Series (No. 113, 2000),—Amendment to Annex I and Adoption of Annexes VIII and IX to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal, done at Kuching on 23–27 February 1998 [Cm. 4860] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Monday 9th October 2000

46 Deer (Scotland),—Report of the Deer Commission for Scotland for 1999–2000 [Mr Secretary Reid].

47 National Lottery,—Report and Statement of Account of sportscotland Lottery Fund for 1999–2000 [Mr Secretary Reid].

Tuesday 10th October 2000

48 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on Supermarkets: the supply of groceries from multiple stores in the United Kingdom [Cm. 4842] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Wednesday 11th October 2000

49 Miscellaneous (No. 21, 2000),—Protocol, done at Vilnius on 3rd June 1999, for the Modification of the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF) of 9 May 1980 (Protocol 1999), with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 4873] [Mr Secretary Cook].

50 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Twentieth to Twenty-fourth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1999–2000 [Cm. 4863] [Mr Stephen Timms].

51 Treaty Series (No. 114, 2000),—Exchange of Letters, done at Ottawa on 11th and 18th October 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Canada concerning Consolidated Agreements on Social Security [Cm. 4861] [Mr Secretary Cook].

52 Treaty Series (No. 115, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Beijing on 21st and 29th October 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the People’s Republic of China concerning Consular Accreditation in Macao [Cm. 4862] [Mr Secretary Cook].

53 Treaty Series (No. 116, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Rabat on 3rd April and Nouakchott on 10th May 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania amending the United Kingdom/Mauritania Debt Agreement No. 6 (1995) (The United Kingdom/Mauritania Debt Agreement No. 6 (1995) Amendment) [Cm. 4866] [Mr Secretary Cook].

54 Treaty Series (No. 118, 2000),—Decision concerning Amendments to the Agreement for Co-operation in dealing with Pollution of the North Sea by Oil and other Harmful Substances, 1983, done at Bonn on 22nd September 1999 [Cm. 4868] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Thursday 12th October 2000

55 Immigration,—Paper, entitled Control of Immigration: Statistics United Kingdom 1999 [Cm. 4876] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Friday 13th October 2000

56 Treaty Series (No. 117, 2000),—Second Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2000 [Cm. 4870] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Wednesday 18th October 2000


58 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the 25th to 26th and 28th Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts [Cm. 4886] [Mr Stephen Timms].
59 Treasury,—Treasury Minute, dated 18th October 2000, concerning the proposed writing
down of public dividend capital lent to British Shipbuilders [Mr Andrew Smith].

60 Treaty Series (No. 119, 2000),—Amendments to the Regulations under the Patent
Cooperation Treaty (PCT), adopted by the Assembly of the International Patent
Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its twenty-fourth session (11th ordinary) on 1st
October 1997 [Cm. 4871] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Friday 20th October 2000

61 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Government Response to the Thirteenth Report
from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 1999–2000,
on The Planning Inspectorate and Public Inquiries [Cm. 4891] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

62 Treaty Series (No. 120, 2000),—Agreement, done at London on 23rd February 1999, between
the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the
State of Kuwait for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal
Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital, with Protocol [Cm. 4878] [Mr
Secretary Cook].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the
adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

Tuesday 12th September 2000

63 Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Energy Act 1976 (Reserve Powers) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000,
No. 2449), dated 11th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

Friday 22nd September 2000

64 Investigatory Powers,—Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Notification of Authorisations
etc.) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2563), dated 20th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Straw].

Friday 29th September 2000

dated 28th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Monday 31st July 2000

66 Disabled Persons,—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Connex South Eastern Class 375 Vehicles)
Exemption Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2050), dated 28th July 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

67 Ecclesiastical Law,—(1) Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2000
(S.I., 2000, No. 2045), dated 7th July 2000,

(2) Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2047), dated 10th July 2000,

(3) Faculty Jurisdiction (Care of Places of Worship) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2048),
dated 10th July 2000,

(4) Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2046), dated 11th July
2000, and

[Clerk of the House].

68 Income Tax,—(1) Charitable Deductions (Approved Schemes) (Amendment No. 2)
Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2083), dated 28th July 2000 [Miss Melanie Johnson],

(2) Donations to Charity by Individuals (Appropriate Declarations) Regulations 2000
(S.I., 2000, No. 2074),

(3) Income Tax (Benefits in Kind) (Exemption for Welfare Counselling) Regulations
2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2080),

(4) Individual Learning Accounts (Separate Employers Under the Crown) Regulations
2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2076),

(5) Individual Savings Account (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000,
No. 2079),
dated 28th July 2000 [Dawn Primarolo] and

69 Social Security,—(1) Social Security Amendment (Personal Allowances for Children) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1993), dated 24th July 2000 [Mr Secretary Darling]; and


Tuesday 1st August 2000

71 Competition,—Supply of New Cars Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2088), dated 31st July 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

72 Income Tax,—(1) Individual Savings Account (Insurance Companies) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2075), dated 28th July 2000 [Miss Melanie Johnson]; and

(2) Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2084), dated 29th July 2000 [Mr Stephen Timms].


Wednesday 2nd August 2000

75 Community Charges,—Community Charges, Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rating (Enforcement) (Magistrates’ Courts) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2026), dated 26th July 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

76 Criminal Law,—Costs in Criminal Cases (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2094), dated 25th July 2000 [Mr David Lock].


79 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—(1) Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2092), dated 22nd July 2000, and

Thursday 3rd August 2000

80 Agriculture,—Evaluation of Active Substances for Pesticides (Fees) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2119), dated 2nd August 2000 [Mr Nicholas Brown].


82 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Kent) (Borough of Tonbridge and Malling) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2120), dated 2nd August 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].
Friday 4th August 2000

(3) Education (Grants) (Musical, Ballet and Choir Schools) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2113), dated 1st August 2000,
(4) Education (Grants) (Wells Cathedral School) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2115), dated 27th July 2000,
(5) Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2123), dated 2nd August 2000,
(7) Local Education Authority (Post-Compulsory Education Awards) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2057), dated 26th July 2000, and
[Mr Secretary Blunkett].

84 Sea Fisheries,—(1) Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Quota and Third Country Fishing Measures) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2008), and

85 Social Security,—Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2085), dated 29th July 2000 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Monday 7th August 2000

86 Antarctica,—Antarctic (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2147), dated 26th July 2000 [Mr Secretary Cook].

87 Competition,—Foreign Package Holidays (Tour Operators and Travel Agents) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2110), dated 27th July 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

88 Criminal Law,—Football (Disorder) (Legal Advice and Assistance) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2127), dated 3rd August 2000 [Mr Secretary Straw].

89 Education,—(1) Melton Mowbray College (Dissolution) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2124), dated 2nd August 2000, and
[Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Tuesday 8th August 2000

92 Education,—(1) Education (Grants) (Dance and Drama) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2144),
(2) Further Education Funding Council for England (Supplementary Functions) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2143),
(3) Individual Learning Accounts (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2146), and


Wednesday 9th August 2000

97 Education.—Education (Induction Arrangements for School Teachers) (Amendment No. 3) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2171), dated 8th August 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

98 Employment and Training.—Training Programmes (Cessation of Funding) (Prescribed Actions) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2170), dated 7th August 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

99 Highways.—Dartford-Thurrock Crossing (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2151), dated 7th August 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

100 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Bolton) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2169), dated 8th August 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

101 Taxes.—Tonnage Tax (Training Requirement) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2129), dated 3rd August 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Thursday 10th August 2000


(2) General Teaching Council for England (Registration of Teachers) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2176), dated 7th August 2000,

(3) Kingsway: Camden’s College (Dissolution) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2172), dated 8th August 2000,

(4) Teacher Training Agency (Additional Functions) (No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2174), dated 8th August 2000,


[Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Friday 11th August 2000

103 Education.—(1) Education (Bursaries for School Teacher Training Pilot Scheme) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2193), dated 9th August 2000,

(2) Education (Change of Category of Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2195), dated 9th August 2000,

(3) Education (Fees and Awards) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2192), dated 9th August 2000,


[Mr Secretary Blunkett].


105 Social Security.—(1) Jobseeker’s Allowance (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2194), dated 28th July 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett]; and

106 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—(1) Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 8) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2208), and (2) Tax Credits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2189), dated 10th August 2000 [Dawn Primarolo].

Tuesday 15th August 2000

107 Food,—Meat (Disease Control) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2215), dated 14th August 2000 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Wednesday 16th August 2000


Thursday 17th August 2000

109 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Legal Aid Act 1988 (Modification) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2227), and (2) Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2226), dated 10th August 2000 [Mr David Lock].

Friday 18th August 2000

110 Education,—Education (Grants) (Dance and Drama) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2240), dated 16th August 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

111 Environmental Protection,—Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2211), dated 11th August 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

112 Trade Unions,—Employment Code of Practice (Industrial Action Ballots and Notice to Employers) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2241), dated 17th August 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].


Monday 21st August 2000


Tuesday 22nd August 2000


Wednesday 23rd August 2000


Thursday 24th August 2000


120 Immigration,—(1) Asylum (Designated Safe Third Countries) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2245), and (2) Immigration and Asylum Appeals (Notices) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2246),
(3) Immigration and Asylum Appeals (One-Stop Procedure) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2244), and
(4) Immigration (Removal Directions) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2243),
dated 16th August 2000 [Mr Secretary Straw].

121 Social Security,—Social Security Amendment (Bereavement Benefits) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2239), dated 17th August 2000 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Friday 25th August 2000


Wednesday 30th August 2000

125 Education,—Education (School Teachers' Pay and Conditions) (No. 3) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2321), dated 25th August 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Thursday 31st August 2000

127 Education,—Education (Grants for Disabled Postgraduate Students) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2330), dated 30th August 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

(2) Personal Pension Schemes (Establishment of Schemes) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2317), dated 31st August 2000,
(3) Personal Pension Schemes (Information Powers) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2316), dated 29th August 2000,
(4) Personal Pension Schemes (Relief at Source) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2315), dated 29th August 2000, and
(5) Personal Pension Schemes (Restriction on Discretion to Approve) (Establishment of Schemes under Trusts) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2314), dated 29th August 2000
[Miss Melanie Johnson].

129 Legal Aid and Advice,—Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2328), dated 28th August 2000 [Mr David Lock].

Friday 1st September 2000

130 Consumer Protection,—Consumer Protection (Distance Selling) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2334), dated 31st August 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

131 Disabled Persons,—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Gatwick Express Class 460 Vehicles) Exemption (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2327), dated 30th August 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].


133 Immigration,—(1) Immigration and Asylum Appeals (Procedure) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2333), dated 24th August 2000 [Mr David Lock]; and
(2) Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2326), dated 30th August 2000 [Mr Secretary Straw].
Monday 4th September 2000

134 National Health Service,—(1) National Health Service (Clinical Negligence Scheme) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2341), and
   (2) National Health Service (Property Expenses Scheme) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2342), dated 30th August 2000 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

135 Social Security,—(1) Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2331), dated 30th August 2000, 
   (2) Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2340), dated 1st September 2000, and
   (3) Social Security (Attendance Allowance and Disability Living Allowance) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2313), dated 29th August 2000, [Mr Secretary Darling]; and 


Tuesday 5th September 2000


Wednesday 6th September 2000

140 Children and Young Persons,—Children (Performances) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2384), dated 3rd September 2000 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

141 National Health Service,—(1) National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2383), and
   (2) National Health Service (Liabilities to Third Parties Scheme) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2385), dated 5th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

142 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2322), dated 28th August 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Thursday 7th September 2000

143 Defence,—(1) Administration of Oaths (Summary Appeal Court) (Air Force) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2378),
   (2) Administration of Oaths (Summary Appeal Court) (Army) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2377),
   (3) Administration of Oaths (Summary Appeal Court) (Navy) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2376),
   (5) Army Custody Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2368),
   (9) Naval Custody Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2367),
   (10) Reserve Forces Act 1996 (Reserve Association) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2379),
   (11) Summary Appeal Court (Army) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2371),
   (12) Summary Appeal Court (Air Force) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2372), and
(13) Summary Appeal Court (Navy) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2370), dated 4th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Hoon].

144 Harbours, Docks, Piers and Ferries,—Harbour Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2391), dated 5th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

145 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2393), dated 5th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

146 Social Security,—Social Security (Payments on account, Overpayments and Recovery) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2336), dated 31st August 2000 [Mr Secretary Darling].


148 Telecommunications,—Telecommunications (Services for Disabled Persons) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2410), dated 6th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].


Friday 8th September 2000


151 Disabled Persons,—(1) Rail Vehicle Accessibility (The Chiltern Railway Company Limited Class 168/1 Vehicles) Exemption (No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2397), and

(2) Rail Vehicle Accessibility (South West Trains Class 458 Vehicles) Exemption (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2398), dated 6th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

152 Electricity,—Electricity (Class Exemptions from the Requirement for a Licence) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2424), dated 6th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

153 Investigatory Powers,—(1) Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Authorisations Extending to Scotland) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2418), and


154 Medicines,—Medicines (Data Sheets for Veterinary Drugs) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2386), dated 4th September 2000 [Mr Nicholas Brown].


Monday 11th September 2000

156 Children and Young Persons,—Protection of Children (Child Care Organisations) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2432), dated 11th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

157 Education,—(1) Education (Restriction of Employment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2419), dated 5th September 2000, and

(2) Teachers’ Pensions (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2431), dated 8th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

158 Health and Safety,—(1) Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2381), and

(2) Construction (Design and Management) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2380), dated 4th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].
159 National Health Service.—(1) Ashworth, Broadmoor and Rampton Hospital Authorities (Functions and Membership) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2435),
(2) National Health Service Litigation Authority (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2433), and

160 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Kent) (Borough of Ashford) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2430), dated 11th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

161 Prison and Young Offenders Centres.—Prison and Young Offenders Centre (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.R.(N.I.), 2000, No. 267), dated 7th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

Tuesday 12th September 2000

162 Control of Fuel and Electricity.—Motor Fuel (Designated Filling Stations and Fuel Depots) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2484), dated 12th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

163 National Health Service.—National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2459), dated 11th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

164 Road Traffic.—Community Drivers’ Hours (Passenger and Goods Vehicles) (Temporary Exception) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2483), dated 12th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Wednesday 13th September 2000

165 Control of Fuel and Electricity.—(1) Liquid and Gaseous Fuel (Designated Filling Stations and Fuel Depots) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2522), and
(2) Liquid and Gaseous Fuel (Designated Filling Stations and Fuel Depots) (No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2523), dated 13th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

166 Immigration.—(1) Immigration Appeals (Family Visitor) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2302), dated 23rd August 2000, and
(2) Immigration Appeals (Family Visitor) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2446), dated 11th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Straw].

167 London Government.—GLA Roads and Side Roads (Transfer of Property etc.) (Modification) (College Farm, Finchley) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2493), dated 12th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

168 Medicines.—Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2494), dated 13th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

169 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Time off for Public Duties (No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2463), dated 11th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Thursday 14th September 2000

170 Control of Fuel and Electricity.—Liquid and Gaseous Fuel (Designated Filling Stations and Fuel Depots) (No. 3) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2530), dated 14th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

171 Social Security.—Social Security (Students and Income-related Benefits) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2422), dated 6th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Friday 15th September 2000


173 Control of Fuel and Electricity.—Liquid and Gaseous Fuel (Designated Filling Stations and Fuel Depots) (No. 4) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2533), dated 14th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].
174 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (District of York) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2534), dated 14th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Monday 18th September 2000


176 Control of Fuel and Electricity.—Liquid and Gaseous Fuel (Designated Filling Stations and Fuel Depots) (No. 5) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2535), dated 15th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

Tuesday 19th September 2000

177 Health and Safety.—Health and Safety (Fees) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2482), dated 11th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Wednesday 20th September 2000

178 Children and Young Persons.—Children (Protection at Work) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2548), dated 19th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Milburn].


180 Taxes.—(1) Capital Gains Tax (Definition of Unit Trust Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2550), and
(2) Stamp Duty and Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (Definitions of Unit Trust Scheme) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2549), dated 20th September 2000 [Miss Melanie Johnson].

Friday 22nd September 2000

181 Agriculture.—(1) Feeding Stuffs Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2481), dated 10th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Milburn], and
(2) Integrated Administration and Control System (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2573), dated 21st September 2000 [Mr Nicholas Brown].

182 Building and Buildings.—(1) Building (Approved Inspectors etc.) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2532), and
(2) Building Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2531), dated 13th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

183 Competition.—Merger Reference (Interbrew SA and Bass PLC) (Interim Provision) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2566), dated 21st September 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

184 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances for Ships Other Than Ships of Classes III to VII(A)) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2568), dated 20th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Monday 25th September 2000

185 Children and Young Persons.—Protection of Children Act Tribunal Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2619), dated 25th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

186 Criminal Procedure.—Road Traffic (Owner Liability) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2546), dated 16th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Straw].

187 Customs and Excise.—Dual-Use Items (Export Control) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2620), dated 20th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

188 Social Security.—Social Security Amendment (Capital Limits and Earnings Disregards) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2545), dated 18th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Tuesday 26th September 2000

189 London Government.—GLA Roads (Continuity of Orders etc.) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2615), dated 23rd September 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].
190 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2552), dated 19th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Thursday 28th September 2000

191 Road Traffic,—Community Drivers’ Hours (Passenger and Goods Vehicles) (Temporary Exception) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2658), dated 27th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Friday 29th September 2000


194 Medicines,—Medicines (Exemptions for Merchants in Veterinary Drugs) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2686), dated 29th September 2000 [Mr Nicholas Brown].

195 Social Security,—Social Security Amendment (Enhanced Disability Premium) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2629), dated 22nd September 2000 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Monday 2nd October 2000

196 Control of Fuel and Electricity,—Liquid and Gaseous Fuel (Designated Filling Stations and Fuel Depots) (No. 5) (Revocation) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2676), dated 29th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].


198 Health and Safety,—Railways (Safety Case) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2688), dated 2nd October 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

199 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ships on Domestic Voyages) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2687), dated 29th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Tuesday 3rd October 2000


201 Prisons,—Prison (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2641), dated 23rd September 2000 [Mr Secretary Straw].

202 Young Offender Institutions,—Young Offender Institution (Amendment) (No. 3) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2642), dated 23rd September 2000 [Mr Secretary Straw].

Wednesday 4th October 2000


204 Education,—Education (Teachers’ Qualifications and Health Standards) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2704), dated 1st October 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


206 Pensions,—(1) Pension Sharing (Consequential and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2691), dated 30th September 2000, and

(2) Sharing of State Scheme Rights (Provision of Information and Valuation) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2693), dated 28th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Darling].

207 Road Traffic,—The M65 Motorway (Junction 1A) (Speed Limit) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2705), dated 29th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].
208 Electricity. — Electricity from Non-Fossil Fuel Sources Saving Arrangements Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2727), dated 4th October 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

209 Education. — (1) Chippenham, Lackham and Trowbridge Colleges (Dissolution) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2728), and
(2) Education Transfer Council (Winding up) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2729), dated 3rd October 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


211 Social Security. — Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2690), dated 1st October 2000 [Mr Secretary Darling].

212 Immigration. — Immigration Services Commissioner (Registration Fee) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2735), dated 5th October 2000 [Mr Secretary Straw].


216 Landlord and Tenant. — Assured and Protected Tenancies (Lettings to Students) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2706), dated 3rd October 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

217 Children and Young Persons. — Children’s Homes Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2764), dated 10th October 2000 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

218 Consumer Protection. — Cosmetic Products (Safety) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2765), dated 9th October 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].


220 Road Traffic. — Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2766), dated 10th October 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

221 Criminal Law. — Fixed Penalty Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2792), dated 10th October 2000 [Mr Secretary Straw].

222 Landlord and Tenant. — Assured and Protected Tenancies (Lettings to Students) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2706), dated 3rd October 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

223 Pensions. — Social Security (Contracting-out and Qualifying Earnings Factor and Revision of Relevant Pensions) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2736), dated 5th October 2000 [Mr Secretary Darling].

224 Education. — Education (Funding for Teacher Training) Designation (No. 3) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2801), dated 12th October 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Monday 16th October 2000

226 Investigatory Powers,—(1) Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Cancellation of Authorisations) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2794), and
    (2) Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Juveniles) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2793),
    dated 10th October 2000 [Mr Secretary Straw].

227 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (EC Type Approval) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2000
    (S.I., 2000, No. 2730), dated 4th October 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Tuesday 17th October 2000

228 Education,—Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 2000 (Amendment) Regulations
    2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2825), dated 16th October 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

229 Legal Aid and Advice,—Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings (General) (Amendment) (No. 5)
    Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2824), dated 16th October 2000 [Mr David Lock].

Wednesday 18th October 2000

230 Education,—Education (School Performance Information) (England) (Amendment No. 3)
    Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2832), dated 17th October 2000 [Mr Secretary
    Blunkett].

Thursday 19th October 2000

231 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—(1) Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits) (No. 2)
    Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2803), and
    (2) Gaming (Small Charges) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2802),
    dated 11th October 2000 [Mr Secretary Straw].

232 Social Security,—Social Security Commissioners (Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2000
    (S.I., 2000, No. 2854), dated 17th October 2000 [Mr David Lock].

Friday 20th October 2000

233 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Merseyside Transport Limited) Regulations
    2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2826), dated 16th October 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

Monday 14th August 2000

    2213), and
    (2) Land Registration (No. 2) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2214),
    dated 3rd August 2000 [Mr David Lock].

Tuesday 29th August 2000

235 County Courts,—County Court Fees (Amendment No. 4) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2310),
    dated 24th August 2000 [Mr David Lock].

Tuesday 5th September 2000

236 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Supreme Court Fees (Amendment No. 4) Order 2000
    (S.I., 2000, No. 2382), dated 4th September 2000 [Mr David Lock].

Thursday 7th September 2000

237 Defence,—Armed Forces Discipline Act 2000 (Commencement and Transitional Provisions)
    Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2366), dated 4th September 2000 [Mr Secretary Hoon].

Monday 9th October 2000

238 Immigration,—Immigration (Designation of Travel Bans) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2724),
    dated 3rd October 2000 [Mr Secretary Straw].

239 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Civil Courts (Amendment No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I.,
    2000, No. 2738), dated 5th October 2000 [Mr David Lock].
Monday 16th October 2000


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 23rd October:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

241 Companies,—Draft Companies Act 1985 (Electronic Communications) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

242 Flags,—Draft Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

243 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 3) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2812), dated 11th October 2000 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].


246 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2870), dated 20th October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

247 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Bedfordshire) (Borough of Bedford) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2871), dated 23rd October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


(2) Public Telecommunications System Designation (Formus Communications-UK Ltd) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2860),

(3) Public Telecommunications System Designation (Louis Dreyfus Communications S.A.) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2862), and

(4) Public Telecommunications System Designation (Redstone Network Services Limited) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2861), dated 18th October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


Other Papers:

251 Aircraft and Shipbuilding,—Report and Accounts of the British Shipbuilders for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

252 Air Force (Constitution),—(1) Amendment (No. 1) to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition),

(2) Amendment 10 to the Royal Air Force Manual of Assessment of Medical Fitness: Air Publication 1269A (Third Edition), and

(3) Pre-charge Custody and Summary Dealing (Royal Air Force) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

253 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Department of Culture, Media and Sport Minute concerning the proposed gifting of the Museum of Childhood, Bethnal Green, to the Board of Trustees of the Victoria and Albert Museum [by Command], and

(2) Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Marking the Millennium in the United Kingdom [by Command] [Cm. 4899] [Mr Secretary Smith].
254 Development of Tourism,—(1) Report of the British Tourist Authority for 1999–2000, and
    (2) Statement of appointment and salary of Peter Cardnell as a member of the English Tourism Council
    [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

255 Fisheries,—Report and Accounts of the Sea Fish Industry Authority for 1999–2000 [by Act]
    [Mr Nicholas Brown].

256 Flags,—Report by the Ad Hoc Committee established by the Northern Ireland Assembly on
    Draft Regulations proposed under Article 3 of the Flags (Northern Ireland) Order 2000 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

257 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office Minute, dated 23rd
    October 2000, concerning the gifting of Funds to the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government for the Vietnamese Refugee Programme [by Command] [Mr Secretary Cook].

258 Housing (Scotland),—Report and Summary of Accounts of Scottish Homes for 1999–2000
    [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

259 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Horticultural
    Development Council for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

260 Local Government (Scotland),—Reports and Accounts of—
    (1) North of Scotland Water Authority, and
    (2) West of Scotland Water
    for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

261 National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health
    on 31st August 2000 on loans proposed to be raised by the East Anglian Ambulance National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

262 New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 10th August 2000 under the

263 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—(1) Report and Financial Statement of the National
    Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland for 1999–2000 [by Act]
    [Mr Secretary Reid], and
    (2) Report of the National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Wales
    for 1998–99 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].


265 Police (Scotland),—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Constabulary for Scotland for
    1999–2000 [Cm. 4881] [Mr Secretary Reid].

266 Public Petitions,—(1) Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Transport and
    the Regions on the Petition [20th July] from residents of Berkeley Vale Park against the
    Council Tax banding system for park or mobile homes, and
    (2) Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [12th
    April] from Mrs Thelma Budd and other members of Teignmouth Townswomen’s Guild
    against the Government’s plans for automated credit transfer at village post offices
    [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].


268 Reserve Forces,—(1) Change 6 to the Regulations for the Naval and Marine Reserve (BR
    64), and
    (2) The Reserve Forces’ and Cadets’ Associations (Amendment) Regulations 2000
    [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

269 School Teachers,—Report of the School Teachers’ Review Body on Special review of the
    threshold standards for classroom teachers and related matters [by Command] [Cm. 4898] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

270 Severn Bridges,—Financial Statements of Severn River Crossing Plc for the year ended 31st
    December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

272 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:

Liquid and Gaseous Fuel (Designated Filling Stations and Fuel Depots) (No. 4) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2533),
Liquid and Gaseous Fuel (Designated Filling Stations and Fuel Depots) (No. 5) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2535), and
Liquid and Gaseous Fuel (Designated Filling Stations and Fuel Depots) (No. 5) (Revocation) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2676)
[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

273 Telecommunications,—Licences granted under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—

(1) CommsTec Limited,
(2) Formus Communications-UK Limited,
(3) Louis Dreyfus Communications S.A., and
(4) Redstone Network Services Limited
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

274 Transport (Scotland).—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) Caledonian MacBrayne, and
(2) David MacBrayne Limited
for 1999–2000 [by Act] Mr Secretary Reid.

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Trustee Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Hawkins from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Stephen O’Brien.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—(1) Fourteenth Report from the Defence Committee [Lessons of Kosovo], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 10th October; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 347];

(2) Twelfth Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Ninth Report from the Committee, on the Future of DERA]; to be printed [No. 901]; and

(3) Thirteenth Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Tenth Report from the Committee, on Major Procurement Projects]; to be printed [No. 902]
[ordered to be printed in the adjournment pursuant to S.O. No. 137 (Select committees (adjournment of the House))] [Clerk of the House].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—Memoranda laid before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Delivering Sustainable Waste Management]; to be printed [No. 903-II] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 Health.—Memoranda laid before the Health Committee [Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2000]; to be printed [No. 882] [ordered to be printed in the adjournment pursuant to S.O. No. 137 (Select committees (adjournment of the House))] [Clerk of the House].

4 Home Affairs.—(1) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 17th October; to be printed [No. 904-i];
PRAYERS.

1 Madam Speaker Boothroyd’s Retirement (Answer to an Address).—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household acquainted the House, on behalf of the Prime Minister, that the Address yesterday to Her Majesty, praying Her Majesty that she will be most graciously pleased to confer some signal mark of Her Royal Favour upon the Right honourable Miss Betty Boothroyd for her eminent services during the important period in which she presided with such distinguished ability and dignity in the Chair of this House; and assuring Her Majesty that whatever expense Her Majesty shall think fit to be incurred upon that account this House will make good the same, had been presented to Her Majesty, and Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously, and had commanded him to acquaint this House that Her Majesty is desirous, in compliance with the request of her faithful Commons, to confer upon the Right honourable Miss Betty Boothroyd some signal mark of Her Royal Favour.

2 Deaths of Members.—The Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to report to the House the deaths of Audrey Wise, Member for Preston, and the Right honourable Donald Dewar, Member for Glasgow, Anniesland. I am sure that Members in all parts of the House will join me in mourning the loss of our two colleagues during the recess and extending our sympathy to the Members’ families and friends.

3 Writs issued during the Adjournment.—The Speaker acquainted the House that, during the Adjournment, pursuant to the Recess Elections Act 1975, the Speaker had issued her warrant to the Clerk of the Crown for Northern Ireland to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County Constituency of South Antrim, in the room of Mr Clifford Forsythe, deceased.

4 Disqualification of a Member.—The Speaker laid upon the Table a notification, That Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer had on 23rd October appointed the Right honourable Miss Betty Boothroyd, Member for West Bromwich West, to the office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty’s Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham in the county of Buckingham.

5 Trustee Bill [Lords].—Mrs Irene Adams reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Trustee Bill [Lords], and directed her 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. 914].

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

Wireless Telegraphy (Television Licence Fees) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about fees for television licences in residential care accommodation: to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
7 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—The Order for Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill on Thursday was read and discharged.

8 Standing Orders (Private Business).—Ordered, that the Standing Orders relating to Private Business be printed [No. 897].

9 New Member makes Affirmation.—The Reverend Robert Thomas William McCrea, Member for South Antrim, made the affirmation required by law.

10 Employment (Religious Beliefs).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to allow certain employers to have regard to the religious beliefs of those whom they employ; to make provision with respect to the application of European Community law to those employers; and for connected purposes—(Mr Edward Leigh);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business)—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Donald Anderson, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Bowen Wells, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr Colin Breed, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Christopher Chope and Mr Nigel Waterson do prepare and bring in the Bill.

11 Employment (Religious Beliefs) Bill.—Mr Edward Leigh accordingly presented a Bill to allow certain employers to have regard to the religious beliefs of those whom they employ; to make provision with respect to the application of European Community law to those employers; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 3rd November and to be printed [Bill 175].

12 Insolvency Bill [Lords].—The Insolvency Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

13 Non-sitting Fridays.—Ordered, That the House shall not sit on Friday 27th October and Friday 3rd November, and the provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4) of Standing Order No. 12 (House not to sit on certain Fridays) shall apply to those days.—(Mr Greg Pope.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter past Eight o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.15 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) Scheme 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2890), dated 23rd October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

Other Papers:

2 Disability Rights Commission,—Account of the Disability Rights Commission for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 921] [Clerk of the House].

3 Education Reform,—Account of the Education Transfer Council for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 922] [Clerk of the House].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Weapons of Mass Destruction [by Command] [Cm. 4884] [Mr Secretary Cook].


6 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of the—

(1) Imperial War Museum,

(2) National Gallery,

(3) Natural History Museum, and
for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; and


to be printed [Nos. 909, 913, 911, 912 and 910][Clerk of the House].

7 National Lottery,—Accounts of the—

(1) Arts Council of England Lottery Distribution,
(2) English Sports Council Lottery Distribution,
(3) National Endowment for Science Technology and the Arts, and
(4) National Lottery Charities Board

for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 917, 920, 918 and 919] [Clerk of the House]; and

(5) Report and Accounts of the New Opportunities Fund for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 892] [Clerk of the House].

8 Police,—Revised Code of Practice on Financial Management for police authorities [by Act]; to be printed [No. 883] [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Report of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Trustee Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Liz Blackman from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mrs Linda Gilroy.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Delivering Sustainable Waste Management]; to be printed [No. 903-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 International Development.—(1) Seventh Special Report from the International Development Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, on ECGD, Developmental Issues and the Ilisu Dam]; to be printed [No. 923]; and

(2) Eighth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, on the Department for International Development: 2000 Departmental Report]; to be printed [No. 924] [Mr Bowen Wells].

3 Standards and Privileges,—(1) Sixteenth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr Michael Portillo], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 915]; and

(2) Seventeenth Report from the Committee [Complaint against Mr Robert Sheldon], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 916] [Mr Alan Williams].

4 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xxviii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

5 Trade and Industry.—(1) Eleventh Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Observations on the Twelfth Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Industrial and Trade Relations with the Baltic States]; to be printed [No. 907];
(2) Twelfth Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Tenth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, Session 1999–2000, on UK Space Policy]; to be printed [No. 908]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Vehicle Manufacturing in the UK]; to printed [No. 534-iii]

[Mr Martin O’Neill].

6 Welsh Affairs,—Seventh Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Response of the National Assembly For Wales to the Third Report of the Committee, Session 1998–99, on Childcare in Wales]; to be printed [No. 900] [Mr Martyn Jones].

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[No. 145; WH, No. 88.]

Tuesday 24th October 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.59 p.m.]

[No. 146.]

Wednesday 25th October 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 31st October.

2 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 1st November.

3 Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 31st October.

4 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Ray Michie reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Nickel) (Safety) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1668).

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


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6 Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill,—Ordered, That the Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th November.

7 Rogue Traders,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Fair Trading Act 1973 to introduce further powers to regulate rogue traders: And that Ms Margaret Moran, Norman Baker, Mr David Davis, Mr Kerry Pollard, Helen Jackson, Helen Jones, Mr Jim Dobbin, Rosemary McKenna, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dr Alan Whitehead, Mr Alan Keen and Judy Mallaber do prepare and bring it in.
8 Rogue Traders Bill.—Ms Margaret Moran accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Fair Trading Act 1973 to introduce further powers to regulate rogue traders: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th November and to be printed [Bill 176].

9 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. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Fuel Protests.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that, despite warnings from Her Majesty’s Official Opposition, the Government refused to listen to the grievances brought to them by business and commerce, most particularly by hauliers, farmers, pensioners, the disabled and by those on low incomes or living in rural areas, thereby provoking the fuel protests in September; condemns the Government’s initial complacency about the protests which later turned to panic; deplores the Government’s repeated increases in taxation, despite having no mandate to do so; and notes that the increases in tax on petrol and diesel have become the symbol of the Government’s betrayal of their tax promises; urges the Government to address the problems their tax increases have caused, by reducing tax on hard-working families, pensioners and businesses, including an immediate reduction in road fuel duty; and, in fact that, despite the increases in tax on the travelling public, the Government has allowed the road system to deteriorate and has failed to deliver the improvements in the transport system which it promised and which the public expected—(Mr Archie Norman); 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 ‘applauds the tough, long-term economic decisions taken by the Government to create a platform of stability on which to invest in education, health, transport and law and order, building a Britain where there is opportunity and security for all; recognises the difficulty that has been caused to some sectors of the economy due to the rapid increase in world oil prices over the past 18 months; welcomes the Government’s determination to set its economic and fiscal policy within the context of the normal budget and democratic processes; deplores the previous Government’s record of boom and bust and under-investment in the nation’s vital public services; notes that the proportion of the cost of petrol accounted for by VAT and duty is lower than when this Government took office in May 1997; welcomes the Government’s environmental record which has seen Britain lead the world in the fight against global warming; and welcomes the Government’s 10-year plan to modernise the nation’s transport system, cut congestion, deliver real choice and see a 42 per cent. real terms increase in spending’, instead thereof.—(Mr Michael Meacher.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 144.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Mike Hall: 378.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Mike Hall: 322.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 159.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House applauds the tough, long-term economic decisions taken by the Government to create a platform of stability on which to invest in education, health, transport and law and order, building a Britain where there is opportunity and security for all; recognises the difficulty that has been caused to some sectors of the economy due to the rapid increase in world oil prices over the past 18 months; welcomes the Government’s determination to set its economic and fiscal policy within the context of the normal budget and democratic processes; deplores the previous Government’s record of boom and bust and under-investment in the nation’s vital public services; notes that the proportion of the cost of petrol accounted for by VAT and duty is lower than when this Government took office in May 1997; welcomes the Government’s environmental record which has seen Britain lead the world in the fight against global warming; and welcomes the Government’s 10-year plan to modernise the nation’s transport system, cut congestion, deliver real choice and see a 42 per cent. real terms increase in spending.
Supply and Recruitment of Teachers.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House views with concern the growing crisis of teacher supply and recruitment which is affecting the quality of education in the country’s schools; notes that there has been a net outflow of teachers from the profession since 1997; deprecates the Government’s complacency and failure to deal with the underlying problems leading to the decline of the teaching profession; recognises that, unless action is taken, educational standards will fall in the future; and calls on the Government to set the schools free, give heads the power to exercise discipline policy in their schools, rid teachers of the excessive bureaucratic burdens they face and let teachers teach—(Mrs Theresa May).

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 successful new measures introduced by the Government to support teacher recruitment, including training salaries, incentives for shortage subjects and an expanded graduate teacher programme; welcomes the fact that there has been a significant increase in applications and acceptances for teacher training as a result; further welcomes the support given by the School Teachers Review Body for the Government’s plans to better reward good teaching; notes that there are nearly 7,000 more teachers in post now than in 1998; further notes that primary and infant class sizes have fallen after rising annually under the previous administration; recognises that headteachers have got both the resources and the powers to deal effectively with discipline for the first time; and commends the work of the Government in addressing specific recruitment difficulties in London and the positive and pro-active approach of this administration towards recruiting and rewarding teachers more generally’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Blunkett.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Luft, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 143.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mrs Anne McGuire: 353.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 306.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luft: 176.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the successful new measures introduced by the Government to support teacher recruitment, including training salaries, incentives for shortage subjects and an expanded graduate teacher programme; welcomes the fact that there has been a significant increase in applications and acceptances for teacher training as a result; further welcomes the support given by the School Teachers Review Body for the Government’s plans to better reward good teaching; notes that there are nearly 7,000 more teachers in post now than in 1998; further notes that primary and infant class sizes have fallen after rising annually under the previous administration; recognises that headteachers have got both the resources and the powers to deal effectively with discipline for the first time; and commends the work of the Government in addressing specific recruitment difficulties in London and the positive and pro-active approach of this administration towards recruiting and rewarding teachers more generally.

10 Flags.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000, which were laid before this House on 23rd October, be approved—(Mr Secretary Mandelson).

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. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents)—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000, which were laid before this House on 23rd October, be approved.

11 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—Ordered, That Sir George Young be discharged from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons and Mrs Angela Browning be added to the Committee—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

12 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Earl Shilton Bypass Action Group calling for progress in constructing the Earl Shilton bypass was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
13 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Mike Hall).

Thursday 26th October 2000

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.27 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Census,—Draft Census (Amendment) Order 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

2 Charities,—Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2868), dated 19th October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Consumer Protection,—Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety) (Consolidation) and Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2897), dated 20th October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

4 Education,—Education (Foundation Body) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2872), dated 20th October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Health and Safety,—Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2831), dated 17th October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


(2) Royal Ulster Constabulary (Appeals) Regulations 2000(S.R. (N.I.), 2000, No. 317),

(3) Royal Ulster Constabulary (Complaints etc.) Regulations 2000 (S.R. (N.I.), 2000, No. 318),


(6) Royal Ulster Constabulary (Conduct) (Senior Officers) Regulations 2000 (S.R. (N.I.), 2000, No. 320), and


dated 23rd October 2000 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

7 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Alpha Telecom (UK) Ltd) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2857),

(2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (i-21 Limited) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2855),

(3) Public Telecommunication System Designation (M3COM (UK) Limited) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2859),

(4) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Pacific Gateway Exchange (UK) Limited) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2856), and

(5) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Sonera UK Ltd) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2858),

dated 18th October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


dated 18th October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
Other Papers:

9 Development of Tourism,—Statement of reappointment and salaries of Jennifer Robson OBE and David Lunn as members of the English Tourism Council [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

10 Further and Higher Education (Scotland),—Report by the Scottish Ministers on Further Education in Scotland for 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].


13 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the National Portrait Gallery for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 925] [Clerk of the House].

14 National Lottery,—(1) Report of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts for 1999–2000, and
(2) Report and Summary Financial Statement of the National Lottery Charities Board for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

15 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Account of the Welsh National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 888] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

16 Police,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Constabulary for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 895] [Mr Secretary Straw].

17 Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation,—Report and Financial Statements of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for 1999 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

18 Telecommunications,—Licences granted under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—
(1) Alpha Telecom (UK) Limited,
(2) i-21 Limited,
(3) M3COM (UK) Limited,
(4) Pacific Gateway Exchange (UK) Limited, and
(5) Sonera UK Limited
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

19 Treaty Series (No. 121, 2000),—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. 4879][Mr Secretary Cook].

20 Treaty Series (No. 122, 2000),—Exchange of Letters, done at London on 29th May 1998, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Australia constituting an Agreement to amend the Agreement on Health Services [by Command] [Cm. 4880] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Insolvency Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mrs Ray Michie Chairmen; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Graham Brady, Mr John Burnett, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr David Crausby, Barbara Follett, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Helen Jones, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Richard Page, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Derek Twigg and Mr Brian White.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order and Rules to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bowen Wells Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Jackie Ballard, Mr John Burnett, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Frank Dobson, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Michael Jack, Ms Oona King, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West), Dr George Turner, Mr Andrew Tyrie and Ms Claire Ward.

3 Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Nickel) (Safety) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 1668):

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mrs Ray Michie Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (in respect of the Regulations) in place of Sir David Madel; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Eleanor Laing from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Graham Brady.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jim Cunningham Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Desmond Browne, Mr Colin Burgen, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr James Cran, Jim Dowd, Paul Flynn, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mrs Eileen Gordon, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr Peter Kiffoye, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Lembit Opik, Mr William Ross and Mr John M. Taylor.

5 Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Target and Programmes of Study in Citizenship) (England) Order (S.I., 2000, No. 1603), and the Education (National Curriculum) (Attainment Targets and Programmes of Study in History) (England) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, 1606).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr John Randall.

6 Draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mrs Liz Blackman, Mr Peter Bradley, Mr Jim Cousins, Dr Jack Cunningham, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Huw Edwards, Caroline Flint, Mr Peter Hain, Mr Paul Keetch, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Chris Ruane, Mr Richard Spring, Mr Desmond Swayne and Mr Robert N. Wareng.

European Standing Committees

7 European Union Document No. 9712/00, relating to the Statute for Members of the European Parliament; together with European Union Document No. 9560/00, relating to the Audit of Expenditure by EP Political Groups, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

8 The Speaker has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document No. 9964/00, relating to the Social Policy Agenda.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Seventh Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, on the Implications for UK Agriculture and EU Agricultural Policy of Trade Liberalisation and the WTO]; to be printed [No. 926];

(2) Eighth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, on Horticulture Research International]; to be printed [No. 927];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Organic Farming]; to be printed [No. 681-iii]; and
(4) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Horticulture Research International; Organic Farming; Regional Service Centres]

Mr David Curry.

2 Defence.—(1) Fourteenth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Further Evidence relating to the Defence Geographic and Imagery Intelligence Agency], to be printed [No. 928];

(2) Fifteenth Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Twelfth Report from the Committee, the Adaption of the Treaty on Conventional Forces in Europe], to be printed [No. 929];

(3) Sixteenth Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Thirteenth Report from the Committee, Iraq No-Fly Zones], to be printed [No. 930]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Armed Forces Personnel Issues], to be printed [No. 689-iii]

Mr Bruce George.

3 European Scrutiny.—Twenty-Seventh Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xxvii] Mr Jim Dobbins.

4 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [China]; to be printed [No. 574-iv] Mr Donald Anderson.

5 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Prison Service in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 931-i] Mr Peter Brooke.

6 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Inherited SERPS and the Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration]; to be printed [No. 433-iv] Tony Wright.

7 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Science Budget]; to be printed [No. 898-i] Dr Michael Clark.

No. 146; WH, No. 89.

Wednesday 25th October 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr David Clelland)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

Adjourned at 12.57 p.m.

No. 147.

Thursday 26th October 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Report of Inquiry into Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy,—Ordered, That there shall be laid before this House a Return of the Report, evidence and supporting papers of the Inquiry into the emergence and identification of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) in the United Kingdom, and the action taken in response to it up to 20th March 1996, by Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers.—(Mr Elliot Morley.)

2 Adjournment (Defence Procurement),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Greg Pope)

And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to Order [25th October, in the last Session of Parliament].
3 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 30th October, pursuant to Order [24th October].

[Adjourned at 7.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

(2) Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2853),
(3) Local Authorities (Proposals for Alternative Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2850), and
(4) Local Authorities (Referendums) (Petitions and Directions) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2852),
dated 19th October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Medicines,—Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2899), dated 26th October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

3 Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy,—Report, evidence and supporting papers of the Inquiry into the emergence and identification of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) and variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) in the United Kingdom, and the action taken in response to it up to 20th March 1996 (16 volumes) [pursuant to Order this day]; to be published; Report to be printed [No. 887 I-XVI] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

4 Development of Tourism,—Statement of appointment and salary of Ian Burke as a member of the British Tourist Authority [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

5 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of the—
(1) National Maritime Museum, and
(2) National Museum of Science and Industry for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 934 and 933] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Development in Israel and the Occupied Territories]; to be printed [No. 935-i] [Mr Donald Anderson].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bowen Wells reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Notification of Authorisations etc.) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2563), and the Investigatory Powers Tribunal Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2665).

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Amendment of Section 10) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2024).

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

3 Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Assisting cases under the Human Rights Act 1998 involving complaint of racial discrimination)—(Mr Simon Hughes)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Annual report on level of damages awarded)—(Mr David Lidington)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 2) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, to leave out from the beginning of line 18 to the end of line 31 on page 3.—(Mr Harry Cohen.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 3 to 53) made to the Bill.

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

Mr Paul Boateng, 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 prerogative and 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.

4 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Wales, England, Scotland and Northern Ireland for the amendment of census forms to allow people resident outside Wales to describe themselves as Welsh speakers was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

5 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.09 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 27th October 2000 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O., No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Environment, Transport and the Regions.—Government Response to the Fourteenth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Funding of London Underground [Cm. 4877][Mr Secretary Prescott].
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 27th October 2000 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O., No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Developments at the Intergovernmental Conference 2000 [Cm. 4893] [Mr Secretary Cook].

3 Health,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Health Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Mental Health Services [Cm. 4888] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 Overseas Territories,—Paper, entitled Review of Financial Regulation in the Caribbean Overseas Territories and Bermuda: Anguilla, Bermuda, The British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Montserrat and The Turks and Caicos Islands [Cm. 4855 I-VI] [Mr Secretary Cook].


6 Treaty Series (No. 124, 2000),—Agreement, done at London on 3rd December 1997, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil on Cooperation in Science and Technology [Cm. 4885] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 30th October 2000:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

9 Agriculture,—Farm Waste Grant (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) (England) (No. 2) Scheme 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2911), dated 30 October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

10 International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft EUTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Cook].

11 Social Security,—Draft Social Security (New Deal Pilot) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

12 Local Government,—Recreation Grounds (Revocation of Parish Council Byelaws) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2884), dated 23rd October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

13 Social Security,—Child Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2891), dated 23rd October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

14 Criminal Justice,—Report and Accounts of the Parole Board for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 894] [Mr Secretary Straw].

15 Health,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Health Committee, Session 1999–2000, on the Tobacco Industry and the Health Risks of Smoking [by Command] [Cm. 4905] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

16 National Lottery,—Annual Review and Accounts of the Arts Council of England and Arts Council of England Lottery Distribution Accounts for 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

17 Treasury Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of National Savings for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 884] [Miss Melanie Johnson].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Insolvency Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Graham Brady from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr James Gray.

2 Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Notification of Authorisations etc.) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2563), and the Investigatory Powers Tribunal Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2665).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Burnett, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Frank Dobson, Mrs Louise Elliman, Mr Mike Hall, Ms Oona King and Ms Claire Ward from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order and Rules); and nominated in substitution Mr Brian Cotter, Mrs Linda Gilroy, Mr David Jameson, Helen Jones, Chris McCafferty, Mr Syd Rapson and Betty Williams.

   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (in respect of the Orders) in place of Mr Jim Cunningham; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Desmond Browne, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Adam Ingram and Mr Peter Kilfoyle from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr George Howarth, Dr Brian Iddon, Helen Jackson and Ms Linda Perham.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Accounts Committee [Managing Reductions in the Number of Vacant Family Quarters]; to be printed [No. 943-i] [Mr David Davis].

2 Treasury.—(1) Tenth Report from the Treasury Committee [The Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England: Confirmation Hearing], together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 940];
   (2) Eighth Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, on the Spending Review 2000]; to be printed [No. 941]; and
   (3) Ninth Special Report from the Committee [Supplementary Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, on The Private Finance Initiative]; to be printed [No. 942] [Mr Giles Radice].

3 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Devolution in practice; Wales in the World: the role of the UK Government in promoting Wales abroad]; to be printed [Nos. 938-i and 939-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].

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

PRAYERS.

1 Preston Writ,—Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Preston in the room of Audrey Wise, deceased.—(Mrs Ann Taylor.)

2 Glasgow Anniesland Writ,—Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Burgh Constituency of Glasgow Anniesland in the room of the Right honourable Donald Dewar, deceased.—(Mrs Ann Taylor.)
3 West Bromwich, West Writ,—Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of West Bromwich, West in the room of the Right honourable Betty Boothroyd, who since her election for the said Borough Constituency hath accepted the office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty’s Three Chiltern Hundreds of Stoke, Desborough and Burnham in the county of Buckingham.—(Mrs Ann Taylor.)

4 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 7th November.

5 Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 7th November.

6 Stem Cell Research,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 to allow the use of early embryonic tissue for the purposes of research into the development of regenerative therapies—(Dr Evan Harris);

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. 23 (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 Crispin Blunt, Dr Ian Gibson: 83.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Ann Winterton, Mr Jim Dobbin: 175.

So the Question was negatived.

7 Prisons,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Amendment of Section 10) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2024) dated 25th July 2000, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th July, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—It was agreed to.

8 Investigatory Powers,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Notification of Authorisations etc.) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2563) dated 20th September 2000, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd September, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—It was agreed to.

9 Investigatory Powers,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Investigatory Powers Tribunal Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2665) dated 28th September 2000, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th September, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—It was agreed to.

10 Children (Leaving Care) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Children (Leaving Care) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 16, at the end to insert the words—

'( ) The Secretary of State may by regulations specify persons or classes of person who are unpersons or classes of person who are not suitable to act as personal advisers under the provisions of sections 19C, 23B(2), 23C(3) and 23D(1).'—(Mrs Caroline Spelman.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—

'23CA—(1) Any person aged eighteen or over who makes a valid election not to be treated as a former relevant child shall not, so long as such an election is in force, be a former relevant child for the purposes of this section.

(2) The Secretary of State may by regulations make provision as to the procedure for the making and withdrawal of elections under subsection 1.

(3) In respect of a person in respect of whom a valid election is in force, a local authority shall not discharge any of the duties in subsections (2) and (3) of section 23C.'
Subject to subsection (3), a local authority may in respect of any person in respect of whom a valid election is in force offer services or assistance of a type required or permitted to be provided under this Act to former relevant children, but shall be under no duty to do so.”—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 2, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(4) The assistance given under subsection (4)(a) and (b) may be subject to such conditions regarding adherence by the former relevant child to his pathway plan as the local authority shall reasonably determine.’.—(Mrs Caroline Spelman.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 13 to 18, 20, 19 and 21) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) Every local authority shall make arrangements to ensure that any person qualified under subsection (1) to make representations has access to appropriate independent advice and support to assist him in making such representations.’.—(Mrs Caroline Spelman.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 24, to leave out subsection (3).—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, to leave out lines 26 and 27, and to insert the words—

‘is

(a) disabled within the meaning of section 120(2) of the Care Standards Act 2000, or
(b) a mother of a child under four years of age.

(3A) Where the Secretary of State provides by regulations that this section does not apply to a person by virtue of subsection (3)(b) he may provide by regulations such conditions as he shall determine to be in the best interest of that person and her child and if that person fails to comply with those conditions she shall cease to be a person to whom this section does not apply.’.—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr James Gray: 135.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Clelland: 312.

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 41, to leave out subsection (7).—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 22 and 23) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

1 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Court Funds (Amendment) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2918), dated 30th October 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

[Adjourned at 9.04 p.m.]

3 Education.—Education (Student Support) Regulations 2000 (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2912), dated 30th October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

4 Companies.—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on Companies in 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 Education and Employment.—Department for Education and Employment Minute, dated 31st October 2000, concerning a contingent liability in respect of arrangements to acquire premises for the Learning and Skills Council [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

6 Environmental Protection.—(1) Accounts of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, (2) Audit of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, and (3) Report and Accounts of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

7 Foreign Affairs.—(1) Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Gibraltar: Follow-up [by Command] [Cm. 4892] [Mr Secretary Cook].

8 Judicial Appointments.—Report by the Lord Chancellor on Judicial Appointments for 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4783] [Mr David Lock].

9 Procedure.—Government Response to the Second Report from the Procedure Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Parliamentary Scrutiny of Treaties [by Command] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Cultural Property: Return and Illicit Trade: Initial Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee]; to be printed [No. 944]; and (2) Fifth Special Report from the Committee [Report and Accounts of the BBC for 1999–2000: Responses from the Government and the BBC to the Ninth Report from the Committee]; to be printed [No. 945] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Delivering Sustainable Waste Management]; to be printed [No. 903-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 International Development.—(1) Ninth Special Report from the International Development Committee [Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, on The Effectiveness of EC Development Assistance]; to be printed [No. 949]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Corruption]; to be printed [No. 950-i] [Mr Bowen Wells].

4 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xxix] [Mr David Tredinnick].

5 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Impact on Trade and Industry of Motor Fuel Taxation]; to be printed [No. 946-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Don Touhig);

And it being One o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 1 p.m.

[No. 150.]

Wednesday 1st November 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 8th November.

2 European Standing Committee C,—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 9964/00, a European Commission Communication on a European Social Policy Agenda for the next five years, supports the Government’s welcome for the Commission’s analysis of the challenges facing employment and social policy in the next five years and for the emphasis placed on increasing employability, on combating social exclusion, on promoting entrepreneurship, whilst opposing proposals that impose unnecessary burdensome new legislation particularly upon business, and remaining convinced of the need for proposals to codify, adapt or improve existing legislation or for new legislation to be made clear and workable; and notes the Government’s intention to negotiate to this end, and to ensure that the proposals take proper account of the legitimate concerns of employers and the need to raise employment rates across the Community.

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

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

Administration and Works,—The Lords request that the Commons will be please to give leave to Mr Michael Barram, Director of Finance Policy and an Officer of this House, to attend and to be examined before the Administration and Works Sub-Committee of the Select Committee appointed by the Lords on House of Lords’ Offices.

4 Companies Act (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law to require directors of public companies, in cases where there is a takeover, to have regard to the interests of employees as well as shareholders: And that Mr Dafydd Wigley, Mr Kevin Barron, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr Paul Flynn, Mr Ieuan Wyn Jones, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Lembit Opik, Mr Andrew Rowe, The Reverend Martin Smyth and Mr Simon Thomas do prepare and bring it in.

5 Companies Act (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Dafydd Wigley accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law to require directors of public companies, in cases where there is a takeover, to have regard to the interests of employees as well as shareholders: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th November and to be printed [Bill 177].

6 Adjournment (Defence and the Armed Forces),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);

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

7 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Formby, Hightown and Ainsdale against changes in night time staffing arrangements at Formby fire station; and
(2) The Reverend Robert Leslie Short, pupils and other members of staff of Repton School, Repton, Derbyshire for aid to be directed to education for child labourers were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

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 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Video recording of interviews) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

2 Broadcasting,—Draft Broadcasting (Limit on the Holding of Licences to Provide Television Multiplex Services) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Environmental Protection,—Highways Noise Payments and Movable Homes (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2887), dated 23rd October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

5 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed transfers of newspaper titles and related assets of Regional Independent Media Limited to Gannett UK Limited, Johnston Press plc and Guardian Media Group plc [by Command] [Cm. 4887] [Mr Secretary Byers].

6 Home Office,—Home Office Minute, dated 30th October 2000, concerning a contingent liability in respect of a contract to supply information technology systems and applications to the proposed Electoral Commission [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 Justices of the Peace,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of the Magistrates’ Courts Service for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 886] [Mr David Lock].

8 Miscellaneous (No. 22, 2000),—Framework Agreement, done at Farnborough on 27th July 2000, between the French Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Italian Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the Kingdom of Sweden, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, concerning Measures to Facilitate the Restructuring and Operation of the European Defence Industry, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4895] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2000,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

2 Farm Waste Grant (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) (England) (No. 2) Scheme 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2911):

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Scheme to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jim Cunningham Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr David Curry, Mr David Drew, Mr Christopher Fraser, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr David Heath, Ms Oona King, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr James Paine and Mr Owen Paterson.

3 Draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Joint Claims: Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2000, and the draft Social Security (New Deal Pilot) Regulations 2000:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Harold Best, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr Jeff Ennis, Mr Andrew George, Mr John Hayes, Mr Gerald Howarth, Ms Fiona Jones, Tessa Jowell, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Mr James Plaskitt, Mr John Randall and Ms Rosie Winterton.

4 Draft Companies Act 1985 (Electronic Communications) Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Sir David Madel Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Dr Vincent Cable, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr William Cash, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr Alan Duncan, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mrs Lorna Fitzsimons, Mr James Gray, Ms Patricia Hewitt, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Kerry Pollard, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Lawrie Quinn, Mr Geoffrey Robinson and Mr Mike Wood.

European Standing Committees

5 European Union Document No. 9431/00, relating to the support scheme for olive oil, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Organic Farming]; to be printed [No. 681-iv]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Organic Farming]

[Mr David Curry].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Armed Forces Personnel Issues]; to be printed [No. 689-iv] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Environmental Audit,—(1) Seventh Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Water Prices 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. 597]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Government Observations on the Sixth Report from the Committee—Budget 2000 and the Environment]

[Mr John Horam].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Nineteenth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Work of the Commission for Integrated Transport]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 725];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Inland Waterways]; to be printed [No. 947-i]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee [Recent Events on the Railway]; to be printed [No. 948-i]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

5 European Scrutiny,—Twenty-eighth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xviii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Third Report from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [Thursday Sittings]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the report [No. 954] [Margaret Beckett].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Prison Service in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 931-ii] [Mr Peter Brooke].

8 Public Accounts Committee,—(1) Thirty-ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Revenue from Gambling Duties]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 423].
(2) Fortieth Report [National Savings: Public-Private Partnership with Siemens Business Services]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 566];

(3) Forty-first Report from the Committee [The Gaming Board: Better Regulation]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 611]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Refinancing of the Fazakerley Prison PFI Contract]; to be printed [No. 955-i]

[Mr David Davis].

9 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Administration Committee [Making Government Work]; to be printed [No. 238-iv] [Tony Wright].

10 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Corus plc]; to be printed [No. 899-iv] [Dr Lynne Jones].

11 Social Security,—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Social Security Committee [Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, on Pensioner Poverty]; to be printed [No. 952]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Integrated Child Credit]; to be printed [No. 951-iv]

[Mr Archy Kirkwood].

12 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Impact on Trade and Industry of Motor Fuel Taxation]; to be printed [Nos. 946-ii and 946-iii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

13 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-committee of the Treasury Committee [HM Customs and Excise and the Inland Revenue: Progress Reports]; to be printed [No. 953-iv] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 150; WH, No. 92.]

Wednesday 1st November 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.56 p.m.

[No. 151.]

Thursday 2nd November 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—Ordered, That the promoters of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due up to that date have been paid;

That on the fifth sitting day in the next Session the Bill shall be presented to the House by deposit in the Private Bill Office;

That a declaration signed by the agent shall be annexed to the Bill, stating that it is the same in every respect as the Bill presented in this House in the present Session;

That on the next sitting day following presentation, the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay the Bill on the Table of the House;

That in the next Session the Bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it has passed in the present Session, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;
That no further fees shall be charged to such stages.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

2 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—The Order for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill on Wednesday 8th November was read and discharged.

3 Accommodation and Works,—Ordered, That the Lords Message yesterday be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Ordered, That Michael Barram, Esquire, Director of Finance Policy and an Officer of this House, have leave to go to the House of Lords, as requested by their Lordships.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

4 First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.—Ordered, That Mrs Sylvia Heal be First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.—(Margaret Beckett.)

5 Adjournment (Defence and the Armed Forces),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Mike Hall),

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

6 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Peter Wright and others for restoration of the link between earnings and the state pension was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 6th November, pursuant to Order [24th October].

[Adjourned at 7.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—(1) Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) (No. 2) Order 2000, and

(2) draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2000

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

2 Income Tax,—(1) Draft Double Taxation Relief (Shipping Transport) (Hong Kong) Order 2000, and

(2) draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Norway) Order 2000

[by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

3 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Reduced Rate) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2954), dated 2nd November 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Education,—Education (Fees and Awards) (Amendment No. 2) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2945), dated 25th October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Museums and Galleries,—The Museums and Galleries Act 1992 (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2955), dated 1st November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Other Papers:

6 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the merger situation of Sylvan International Ltd and Locker Group plc [by Command] [Cm. 4883] [Mr Secretary Byers].
7 Education and Employment,—Department of Education and Employment Minutes, dated 2nd November 2000, concerning contingent liabilities consequent upon:—
   (1) arrangements to acquire premises for the Learning and Skills Council,
   (2) indemnification in relation to the use of software provided by Oracle Corporation to the National College for School Leadership, and
   (3) indemnification in relation to the use of the BBC trademark by the National College for School Leadership
   [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 Intelligence Services,—Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee for 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4897] [The Prime Minister].

9 Natural Heritage (Scotland),—Accounts of Scottish Natural Heritage for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 956] [Clerk of the House].

10 Road Traffic Reduction,—Reports prepared for the Secretary of State by each of the eighty-five principal councils of England, containing assessments of levels of local road traffic, forecasts of traffic growth and targets for the reduction in levels of traffic or traffic growth [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

Draft Companies Act 1985 (Electronic Communications) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Fabricant from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Michael Trend.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Subcommittee of the Education and Employment Committee [on 1st November] [The Work of OFSTED]; to be printed [No. 960] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Public Expenditure and the National Plan]; to be printed [No. 957-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

[No. 151; WH, No. 93.]
Thursday 2nd November 2000.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].
The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Future of the Export Credits Guarantee Department),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 7th November.

[Adjourned at 4.49 p.m.]
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[No. 152.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.—Ordered, That the promoters of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present session and that all fees due up to that date have been paid;

That on the fifth sitting day in the next Session the Bill shall be presented to the House by deposit in the Private Bill Office;

That a declaration signed by the agent shall be annexed to the Bill, stating that it is the same in every respect as the Bill presented in this House in the present Session;

That on the next sitting day following presentation, the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay the Bill on the Table of the House;

That in the next Session the Bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it has passed in the present Session, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;

That no further fees shall be charged to such stages;

That all petitions relating to the Bill which stand referred to the Committee on the Bill, shall stand referred to the Committee on the Bill in the next session;

That no petitioners shall be heard before the Committee unless their petition has been presented within the time provided for petitioning or has been deposited pursuant to Private Business Standing Order 126(b);

That, in relation to the Bill, Private Business Standing Order 127 shall have effect as if the words ‘under Standing Order 126 (Reference to committee of petitions against bill)’ were omitted.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

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

Private Bills [Lords](Suspension).—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution in respect of the Colchester Borough Council Bill [Lords], to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House, viz.:

That the promoters of the Bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than 12 noon on Monday 27th November and that all fees due on or before that day have been paid;

That the Bill be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than noon on the second sitting day in the next session with a declaration annexed, signed by the agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session;

That the proceedings on 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 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.

3 Opposition Day [19th 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. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Pensions and Pensioners.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that pensioners have been betrayed by both Conservative and Labour Governments over the last twenty years; notes that the Conservatives devalued the basic state pension, slashed future SERPS entitlements and oversaw the scandalous mis-selling of personal pensions; notes that the Labour Manifesto promised that pensioners would ‘share fairly in the increasing prosperity of the nation’, but that the Government now spends a smaller share of national income on pensioners than when Labour came to power; notes that pensioner poverty rose by 400,000 in the first two years of the present Government and that there were nearly 50,000 excess winter deaths in 1998–99 alone, mainly among pensioners; further notes that this year’s 75p pension rise
was an insult to pensioners and that despite a multi-million pound take-up campaign half a million pensioners still do not receive the means-tested assistance to which they are entitled; believes that the failure to adopt the recommendations of the Royal Commission on long-term care will still leave tens of thousands of pensioners having to sell their homes to pay for care; is concerned that hundreds of thousands of pensioners have faced delays in receiving their pension because of the Government’s failure to deal with the problems of the NIRS2 computer system; and therefore calls upon the Chancellor of the Exchequer to announce a substantial increase in the rate of the basic state pension, with additional increases for the oldest pensioners, and to apologise for failing to deliver a decent pension to all pensioners—(Steve Webb);

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 ‘endorses the Government’s approach to pensions and other policies for pensioners; notes that the Government has already committed £6.5 billion more to pensioner benefits during this Parliament than was planned by the Conservatives, while ensuring that this additional expenditure is funded prudently and consistently with the Government’s fiscal rules; strongly agrees with the Government that the basic state pension should be retained as the foundation of pension provision, and that most should be done for those pensioners who need most help through the Minimum Income Guarantee; supports the additional help for pensioner households, including winter fuel payments, which now gives them the equivalent of a further £3 a week and free TV licences for the over 75s, which were introduced from 1st November 2000; also supports the wide range of other measures taken by the Government for pensioners, the record investment in the National Health Service, free eye tests, help with home insulation and concessionary public transport fares and reductions in income taxation; and further agrees with the Government that the next priority should be to help pensioners with moderate savings and small occupational pensions to ensure that their thrift is rewarded and that they are able to share in the rising prosperity of the nation’ instead thereof.—(Mr Jeff Rooker.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tom Brake, Sir Robert Smith: 38.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr David Jameson: 280.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr David Jameson: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr John Randall: 81.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House endorses the Government’s approach to pensions and other policies for pensioners; notes that the Government has already committed £6.5 billion more to pensioner benefits during this Parliament than was planned by the Conservatives, while ensuring that this additional expenditure is funded prudently and consistently with the Government’s fiscal rules; strongly agrees with the Government that the basic state pension should be retained as the foundation of pension provision, and that most should be done for those pensioners who need most help through the Minimum Income Guarantee; supports the additional help for pensioner households, including winter fuel payments, which now gives them the equivalent of a further £3 a week and free TV licences for the over 75s, which were introduced from 1st November 2000; also supports the wide range of other measures taken by the Government for pensioners, the record investment in the National Health Service, free eye tests, help with home insulation and concessionary public transport fares and reductions in income taxation; and further agrees with the Government that the next priority should be to help pensioners with moderate savings and small occupational pensions to ensure that their thrift is rewarded and that they are able to share in the rising prosperity of the nation.

Privatisation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes public concern about the effects of railway privatisation and about current plans to privatise National Air Traffic Services and London Underground and opposes the dogmatic pursuit of privatisation in public services—(Mr Don Foster);

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 ‘deplores the previous Government’s incompetent privatisation of the railways which left the network fragmented, cost taxpayers billions of pounds and brought rail travellers hours of delays;
welcomes the Government’s creation of the Strategic Rail Authority to give direction to the industry from an industry-wide perspective rather than from the narrow interests of individual companies; recognises that the Government’s 10-year plan is delivering the largest investment programme for the railways for generations to tackle the problems caused by years of under-investment in the public and private sectors; welcomes the Government’s pragmatic policy of developing Public Private Partnerships for National Air Traffic Services and the London Underground, enabling much needed investment and private sector financial and management skills to be introduced to the public services while safeguarding safety and the public interest; and regrets the official Opposition’s dogmatic pursuit of privatisation for the London Underground and the National Air Traffic Services’ instead thereof.—(Mr Keith Hill.)

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

Mr Paul Tyler 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 David Heath, Sir Robert Smith: 43.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Clive Betts, Jim Dowd: 272.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Jim Dowd: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr David Heath: 68.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House deplores the previous Government’s incompetent privatisation of the railways which left the network fragmented, cost taxpayers billions of pounds and brought rail travellers hours of delays; welcomes the Government’s creation of the Strategic Rail Authority to give direction to the industry from an industry-wide perspective rather than from the narrow interests of individual companies; recognises that the Government’s 10-year plan is delivering the largest investment programme for the railways for generations to tackle the problems caused by years of under-investment in the public and private sectors; welcomes the Government’s pragmatic policy of developing Public Private Partnerships for National Air Traffic Services and the London Underground, enabling much needed investment and private sector financial and management skills to be introduced to the public services while safeguarding safety and the public interest; and regrets the official Opposition’s dogmatic pursuit of privatisation for the London Underground and the National Air Traffic Services.

4 Social Policy Agenda,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That the House takes note of European Union Document No. 9964/00, a European Commission Communication on a European Social Policy Agenda for the next five years; and supports the Government’s welcome for the Commission’s analysis of the challenges facing employment and social policy in the next five years and for the emphasis placed on increasing employability, on combating social exclusion, on promoting entrepreneurship, whilst opposing proposals that impose unnecessary burdensome new legislation particularly upon business, and remaining convinced of the need for proposals to codify, adapt or improve existing legislation or for new legislation to be made clear and workable; and notes the Government’s intention to negotiate to this end, and to ensure that the proposals take proper account of the legitimate concerns of employers and the need to raise employment rates across the Community.—(Mr Don Touhig):—It was agreed to.

5 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Truro and St Austell for the basic state pension to reflect a real share of the nation’s wealth was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
6 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Don Touhig);

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 six minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 3rd November 2000 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O., No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):


2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Government Response to the Eighteenth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Air Service Agreement between the United Kingdom and the United States [Cm. 4907] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions Minute, dated 4th October 2000, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon an agreement with Midland Main Line Limited entered into by the Director of Passenger Rail Franchising (and Chief Executive of the Shadow Strategic Rail Authority) [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 European Communities (No. 1, 2000),—Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 21st June 1999, between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other, on the Free Movement of Persons, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 4904] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 3rd November 2000 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O., No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Disabled Persons,—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (South West Trains Class 170/3 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2953), dated 2nd November 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].


8 Road Traffic,—Community Drivers’ Hours (Tankers) (Temporary Exception) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2960), dated 3rd November 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

9 Social Security,—Social Security Amendment (Employment Zones) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2910), dated 28th October 2000 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 6th November 2000:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

10 Social Security,—Draft Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

11 National Health Service,—(1) National Clinical Assessment Authority (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2961), and (2) National Clinical Assessment Authority Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2962) dated 6th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

12 Pensions,—Sharing of State Scheme Rights (Provision of Information and Valuation) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2914), dated 26th October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].
Other Papers:

13 Food,—Statement by the Food Standards Agency on General Objectives and Practices [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

14 Health,—Department of Health Minute, dated 4 November 2000, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon an investigation into the backlog of histopathology samples at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


16 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the Petition [27th July] from residents of the Don Valley constituency and others concerning the planning application for the proposed Doncaster Finningley Airport [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].


18 Water,—(1) Water Bill—Consultation on draft legislation [by Command] [Cm. 4908], and
(2) Draft Water Bill—Regulatory, Environmental and Equal Treatment Appraisals [by Command]
[Mr Secretary Prescott].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Farm Waste Grant (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) (England) (No. 2) Scheme 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2911).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (in respect of the Scheme) in place of Mr Jim Cunningham.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [UK Steel Industry]; to be printed [No. 965-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 153.]

Tuesday 7th November 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 14th November.

2 Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 14th November.

3 Insolvency Bill [Lords].—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Insolvency Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 179].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 972].

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Farm Waste Grant (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) (England) (No. 2) Scheme 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2911).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
5 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That at today's sitting the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Margaret Beckett relating to Programming of Bills and Deferred Divisions not later than Ten o'clock, and such Questions shall include the Questions on any amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; and those Questions may be decided, though opposed, after the expiration of the time for opposed business.—(Margaret Beckett); 

Mr Keith Bradley 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 Clive Betts, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 251.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Sir Archie Hamilton: 164.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 251.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Sir Archie Hamilton: 168.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That at today's sitting the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Margaret Beckett relating to Programming of Bills and Deferred Divisions not later than Ten o'clock, and such Questions shall include the Questions on any amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; and those Questions may be decided, though opposed, after the expiration of the time for opposed business.

6 Programming of Bills.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That in the next Session of Parliament Orders A to I below shall have effect:

A. Programme Motions

(1) If, before second reading of a bill, notice of a motion providing for—

(a) committal of the bill, and

(b) an allocation of time to proceedings in committee on the bill,

is given by a Minister of the Crown, the motion may be made immediately after second reading and Standing Order No. 63 (committal of bills) shall not apply to the bill.

(2) Such a motion is to be called a programme motion.

(3) An order made by the House as the result of a programme motion is to be called a programme order.

(4) A motion to vary or supplement a programme order is also to be called a programme motion.

(5) The question on a programme motion to vary or supplement a programme order shall be put forthwith unless paragraph (7) applies.

(6) Otherwise, any question necessary to dispose of proceedings on a programme motion shall be put not later than three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of the proceedings.

(7) This paragraph applies to a programme motion to—

(a) reduce the amount of time allocated under a programme order for any proceedings on the bill (whether or not it also increases the amount of time allocated for other proceedings on the bill);

(b) bring forward the date on which the bill is to be reported to the House in accordance with a programme order; or

(c) add to the proceedings to which a programme order applies.

(8) Standing Order No. 15(1) (exempted business) applies to proceedings on a programme motion.

(9) Standing Order No. 83 (allocation of time) does not apply to a programme motion.

(10) If a programme order applies to a bill, neither Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) nor Standing Order No. 120 (Business Sub-Committee) applies to the bill.
**B. Programming Committees**

(1) This order applies if a bill is subject to a programme order which makes provision for proceedings in committee of the whole House or on consideration and third reading.

(2) There is to be a committee for the bill consisting of—
   (a) the Chairman of Ways and Means (who is to be chairman of the committee); and
   (b) not more than eight other Members, nominated by the Speaker.

(3) The committee is to be called the Programming Committee.

(4) The quorum of the Programming Committee is four.

(5) The Programming Committee shall—
   (a) consider the allocation of periods of time to such of the proceedings in committee of the whole House (or on consideration and third reading) as it thinks appropriate to designate; and
   (b) report any resolution which it makes to the House.

(6) On a motion being made in the House in the terms of a resolution of the Programming Committee, any question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motion shall be put not later than half an hour after the commencement of those proceedings.

(7) If such a motion is agreed to, its provisions shall have effect as if they were included in the programme order for the bill.

(8) Proceedings on a motion made under paragraph (6) may be entered upon and decided, though opposed, at any hour.

(9) Resolutions of the Programming Committee—
   (a) may be reported from time to time; and
   (b) subject to the powers of the Speaker or Chairman to select the amendments, new clauses and new schedules to be proposed, may include alterations in the order in which designated proceedings on the bill are to be taken.

**C. Programming Sub-Committees**

(1) If a bill is subject to a programme order which commits it to a standing committee, the order stands referred to the committee and shall be considered by a sub-committee of the committee.

(2) The sub-committee is to be called the Programming Sub-Committee.

(3) The Programming Sub-Committee shall consist of—
   (a) the chairman or one of the chairmen of the committee (who is to be chairman of the sub-committee); and
   (b) seven members of the committee, nominated by the Speaker.

(4) The quorum of the Programming Sub-Committee is four.

(5) The Programming Sub-Committee shall report to the committee any resolution which it makes about—
   (a) the number of sittings to be allotted to the consideration of the bill in the committee;
   (b) the allocation of the proceedings to each sitting;
   (c) the time at which any proceedings, if not previously concluded, are to be brought to a conclusion.

(6) On a motion being made in the committee in the terms of a resolution of the Programming Sub-Committee, any question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motion shall be put not later than half an hour after the commencement of those proceedings.

(7) If such a motion is agreed to, its provisions shall have effect as if they were included in the programme order for the bill.

(8) Resolutions of the Programming Sub-Committee—
   (a) may be reported from time to time; and
   (b) subject to the powers of the chairman to select the amendments, new clauses and new schedules to be proposed, may include alterations in the order in which specified proceedings are to be taken.
D. Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings in Standing Committee or in Committee of the whole House

(1) This order applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings in standing committee or in committee of the whole House to a conclusion in accordance with a programme order.

(2) The chairman shall put forthwith 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, new clause or new schedule selected by the chairman for separate division;
   (d) the question on any amendment moved or motion made by a Minister of the Crown;
   (e) any other question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded.

(3) On a motion made for a new clause or a new schedule, the chairman shall put only the question that the clause or schedule be added to the bill.

(4) If two or more questions would fall to be put under paragraph (2)(d) on successive amendments moved or motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the chairman shall instead put a single question in relation to those amendments or motions.

(5) If two or more questions would fall to be put under paragraph (2)(e) in relation to successive provisions of the bill, the chairman shall instead put a single question in relation to those provisions.

(6) On conclusion of the proceedings in a committee, the chairman shall report the bill (or such of the bill’s provisions as were committed to it) to the House without putting any question.

E. Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on consideration or third reading

(1) This order applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on consideration and third reading to a conclusion in accordance with a programme order.

(2) The Speaker shall put forthwith 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, new clause or new schedule selected by the Speaker for separate division;
   (d) the question on any amendment moved or motion made by a Minister of the Crown;
   (e) any other question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded.

(3) On a motion made for a new clause or a new schedule, the Speaker shall put only the question that the clause or schedule be added to the bill.

(4) If two or more questions would fall to be put under paragraph (2)(d) on successive amendments moved or motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Speaker shall instead put a single question in relation to those amendments or motions.

F. Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments

(1) This order applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments to a conclusion in accordance with a programme order.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet decided.

(3) If that question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment, the Speaker shall then put forthwith—
   (a) a single question on any further amendments of the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown; and
   (b) the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—
   (a) a single question on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment; and
   (b) the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.
(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the question that this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

(7) As soon as the House has—
   (a) agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of their Amendments, or
   (b) disposed of an amendment relevant to a Lords Amendment which has been disagreed to,
        the Speaker shall put forthwith a single question on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to the Lords Amendment.

G. Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on further messages from the Lords

   (1) This order applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on any further message from the Lords to a conclusion in accordance with a programme order.
   
   (2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet decided.
   
   (3) The Speaker 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.
   
   (4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the question on any motion made by a Minister on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords message.
   
   (5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the question that this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords proposals.

H. Programme orders: Reasons Committee

   (1) This order applies in relation to any Committee to be appointed to draw up Reasons after proceedings have been brought to a conclusion in accordance with a programme order.
   
   (2) The Speaker shall put forthwith the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the appointment of its chairman.
   
   (3) The Committee shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.
   
   (4) Proceedings in the Committee shall be brought to a conclusion not later than half an hour after their commencement.
   
   (5) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (4), the chairman shall—
        (a) first put forthwith any question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet decided; and
        (b) then put forthwith successively questions on motions which may be made by a Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in any of their Amendments.
   
   (6) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further question being put.

I. Programme orders: supplementary provisions

   (1) The provisions of this order apply to proceedings in the House or in Committee of the whole House on a bill which is subject to a programme order.
   
   (2) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) applies to the proceedings for any period after Ten o'clock (or on Thursday, seven o'clock) allocated to them in accordance with the programme order.
   
   (3) The proceedings may not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.
   
   (4) If, on a day on which the bill has been set down to be taken as an order of the day, a motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) would, apart from this order, stand over to Seven o’clock—
        (a) that motion stands over until the conclusion of any proceedings on the bill which, in accordance with the programme order, are to be brought to conclusion at or before that time; and
        (b) the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the bill which, in accordance with the programme order, are to be brought to a conclusion after that time is postponed for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings on that motion.
   
   (5) If a day on which the bill has been set down to be taken as an order of the day is one to which a motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24
stands over from an earlier day, the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the bill which, in accordance with the programme order, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day is postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that motion.

(6) No dilatory motion may be made in relation to the proceedings except by a Minister of the Crown, and the question on any such motion is to be put forthwith.

(7) If at any sitting the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the expiry of the period at the end of which proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under a programme order, no notice is required of a motion made at the next sitting by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of the programme order—(Margaret Beckett).

And it being Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions on Programming of Bills and Deferred Divisions, pursuant to Order [this day].

An Amendment ((g)) was proposed to the Question, in line 30, at the end to insert the words—

'(11) On a day on which a programme motion is to be moved, the Speaker shall put the Question on a second reading of the bill to which that Motion applies not later than 9.30 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and 6.30 p.m. on Thursdays.'—(Mrs Anne Campbell).

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Lorna Fitzsimons, Mr Frank Doran: 174.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr James Gray: 253.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Mike Hall: 296.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr James Gray: 137.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That in the next Session of Parliament Orders A to I below shall have effect:

A. Programme Motions

(1) If, before second reading of a bill, notice of a motion providing for—

(a) committal of the bill, and

(b) an allocation of time to proceedings in committee on the bill,

is given by a Minister of the Crown, the motion may be made immediately after second reading and Standing Order No. 63 (committal of bills) shall not apply to the bill.

(2) Such a motion is to be called a programme motion.

(3) An order made by the House as the result of a programme motion is to be called a programme order.

(4) A motion to vary or supplement a programme order is also to be called a programme motion.

(5) The question on a programme motion to vary or supplement a programme order shall be put forthwith unless paragraph (7) applies.

(6) Otherwise, any question necessary to dispose of proceedings on a programme motion shall be put not later than three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of the proceedings.

(7) This paragraph applies to a programme motion to—

(a) reduce the amount of time allocated under a programme order for any proceedings on the bill (whether or not it also increases the amount of time allocated for other proceedings on the bill); or

(b) bring forward the date on which the bill is to be reported to the House in accordance with a programme order, or

(c) add to the proceedings to which a programme order applies.

(8) Standing Order No. 15(1) (exempted business) applies to proceedings on a programme motion.
Standing Order No. 83 (allocation of time) does not apply to a programme motion.

If a programme order applies to a bill, neither Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) nor Standing Order No. 120 (Business Sub-Committee) applies to the bill.

**B. Programming Committees**

(1) This order applies if a bill is subject to a programme order which makes provision for proceedings in committee of the whole House or on consideration and third reading.

(2) There is to be a committee for the bill consisting of—
   (a) the Chairman of Ways and Means (who is to be chairman of the committee); and
   (b) not more than eight other Members, nominated by the Speaker.

(3) The committee is to be called the Programming Committee.

(4) The quorum of the Programming Committee is four.

(5) The Programming Committee shall—
   (a) consider the allocation of periods of time to such of the proceedings in committee of the whole House (or on consideration and third reading) as it thinks appropriate to designate; and
   (b) report any resolution which it makes to the House.

(6) On a motion being made in the House in the terms of a resolution of the Programming Committee, any question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motion shall be put not later than half an hour after the commencement of those proceedings.

(7) If such a motion is agreed to, its provisions shall have effect as if they were included in the programme order for the bill.

(8) Proceedings on a motion made under paragraph (6) may be entered upon and decided, though opposed, at any hour.

(9) Resolutions of the Programming Committee—
   (a) may be reported from time to time; and
   (b) subject to the powers of the Speaker or Chairman to select the amendments, new clauses and new schedules to be proposed, may include alterations in the order in which designated proceedings on the bill are to be taken.

**C. Programming Sub-Committees**

(1) If a bill is subject to a programme order which commits it to a standing committee, the order stands referred to the committee and shall be considered by a sub-committee of the committee.

(2) The sub-committee is to be called the Programming Sub-Committee.

(3) The Programming Sub-Committee shall consist of—
   (a) the chairman or one of the chairmen of the committee (who is to be chairman of the sub-committee); and
   (b) seven members of the committee, nominated by the Speaker.

(4) The quorum of the Programming Sub-Committee is four.

(5) The Programming Sub-Committee shall report to the committee any resolution which it makes about—
   (a) the number of sittings to be allotted to the consideration of the bill in the committee;
   (b) the allocation of the proceedings to each sitting;
   (c) the time at which any proceedings, if not previously concluded, are to be brought to a conclusion.

(6) On a motion being made in the committee in the terms of a resolution of the Programming Sub-Committee, any question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motion shall be put not later than half an hour after the commencement of those proceedings.

(7) If such a motion is agreed to, its provisions shall have effect as if they were included in the programme order for the bill.

(8) Resolutions of the Programming Sub-Committee—
   (a) may be reported from time to time; and
   (b) subject to the powers of the chairman to select the amendments, new clauses and new schedules to be proposed, may include alterations in the order in which specified proceedings are to be taken.
D. Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings in Standing Committee or in Committee of the whole House

(1) This order applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings in standing committee or in committee of the whole House to a conclusion in accordance with a programme order.

(2) The chairman shall put forthwith 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, new clause or new schedule selected by the chairman for separate division;
   (d) the question on any amendment moved or motion made by a Minister of the Crown;
   (e) any other question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded.

(3) On a motion made for a new clause or a new schedule, the chairman shall put only the question that the clause or schedule be added to the bill.

(4) If two or more questions would fall to be put under paragraph (2)(d) on successive amendments moved or motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the chairman shall instead put a single question in relation to those amendments or motions.

(5) If two or more questions would fall to be put under paragraph (2)(e) in relation to successive provisions of the bill, the chairman shall instead put a single question in relation to those provisions.

(6) On conclusion of the proceedings in a committee, the chairman shall report the bill (or such of the bill’s provisions as were committed to it) to the House without putting any question.

E. Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on consideration or third reading

(1) This order applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on consideration and third reading to a conclusion in accordance with a programme order.

(2) The Speaker shall put forthwith 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, new clause or new schedule selected by the Speaker for separate division;
   (d) the question on any amendment moved or motion made by a Minister of the Crown;
   (e) any other question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded.

(3) On a motion made for a new clause or a new schedule, the Speaker shall put only the question that the clause or schedule be added to the bill.

(4) If two or more questions would fall to be put under paragraph (2)(d) on successive amendments moved or motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Speaker shall instead put a single question in relation to those amendments or motions.

(5) If two or more questions would fall to be put under paragraph (2)(e) in relation to successive provisions of the bill, the Speaker shall instead put a single question in relation to those provisions.

(6) On conclusion of the proceedings in a committee, the chairman shall report the bill (or such of the bill’s provisions as were committed to it) to the House without putting any question.

F. Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments

(1) This order applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments to a conclusion in accordance with a programme order.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet decided.

(3) If that question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment, the Speaker shall then put forthwith—
   (a) a single question on any further amendments of the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown; and
   (b) the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—
   (a) a single question on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment; and
   (b) the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.
(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the question that this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

(7) As soon as the House has—
(a) agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of their Amendments, or
(b) disposed of an amendment relevant to a Lords Amendment which has been disagreed to,
the Speaker shall put forthwith a single question on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to the Lords Amendment.

G. Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on further messages from the Lords
(1) This order applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on any further message from the Lords to a conclusion in accordance with a programme order.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet decided.

(3) The Speaker 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.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the question on any motion made by a Minister on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords message.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the question that this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords proposals.

H. Programme orders: Reasons Committee
(1) This order applies in relation to any Committee to be appointed to draw up Reasons after proceedings have been brought to a conclusion in accordance with a programme order.

(2) The Speaker shall put forthwith the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the appointment of its chairman.

(3) The Committee shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.

(4) Proceedings in the Committee shall be brought to a conclusion not later than half an hour after their commencement.

(5) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (4), the chairman shall—
(a) first put forthwith any question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet decided; and
(b) then put forthwith successively questions on motions which may be made by a Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in any of their Amendments.

(6) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further question being put.

I. Programme orders: supplementary provisions
(1) The provisions of this order apply to proceedings in the House or in Committee of the whole House on a bill which is subject to a programme order.

(2) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) applies to the proceedings for any period after Ten o’clock (or on Thursday, seven o’clock) allocated to them in accordance with the programme order.

(3) The proceedings may not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(4) If, on a day on which the bill has been set down to be taken as an order of the day, a motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) would, apart from this order, stand over to Seven o’clock—
(a) that motion stands over until the conclusion of any proceedings on the bill which, in accordance with the programme order, are to be brought to conclusion at or before that time; and
(b) the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the bill which, in accordance with the programme order, are to be brought to a conclusion after that time is postponed for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings on that motion.

(5) If a day on which the bill has been set down to be taken as an order of the day is one to which a motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24
stands over from an earlier day, the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the
bill which, in accordance with the programme order, are to be brought to a conclusion
on that day is postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that
motion.

(6) No dilatory motion may be made in relation to the proceedings except by a Minister
of the Crown; and the question on any such motion is to be put forthwith.

(7) If at any sitting the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the expiry
of the period at the end of which proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under a
programme order, no notice is required of a motion made at the next sitting by a Minister
of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of the programme order.

7 Deferred Divisions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant
to Order [this day]. That in the next Session of Parliament the following Order shall
have effect:

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), Standing Order No. 38 (Procedure on
divisions) shall not apply if, after the time for the interruption of business, the opinion of
the Speaker as to the decision on a question is challenged in respect of any question.

(2) Standing Order No. 38 (Procedure on divisions) shall apply (and this order shall not
apply) to questions—

(a) on motions or amendments in the course of proceedings on bills or allocating time
to or programming such proceedings;
(b) on motions which may be made without notice;
(c) on motions to be disposed of immediately following the disposal of amendments
proposed thereto, and on such amendments;
(d) on motions made under—

(i) paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business);
(ii) paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 51 (Ways and means motions);
(iii) sub-paragraph (1)(a) of Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and
ways and means resolutions in connection with bills);
(iv) paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates); and
(v) paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates,
&c.);

(e) on motions made under paragraph 3 below or to which an order made under that
paragraph applies.

(3) After the moment of interruption and the conclusion of proceedings under any
other Standing Order which fall to be taken immediately after it, a Minister of the Crown
may make a motion to the effect that this order shall not apply to questions on any
specified motions; such motion may be proceeded with, though opposed, and the question
thereon shall be put forthwith.

(4) If the opinion of the Speaker is challenged under paragraph (1) of this order, he shall
deffer the division until half-past Three o’clock on the next Wednesday on which the
House shall sit.

(5) On any Wednesday to which a division has been deferred under paragraph (4)
above—

(a) Members may record their votes on the question under arrangements made by
the Speaker;
(b) votes may be recorded for one and a half hours after half-past Three o’clock, no
account being taken of any period during which the House or committee proceeds
to a division; and
(c) the Speaker, or the Chairman, shall announce the result of the deferred division
as soon as may be after the expiry of the period mentioned in sub-paragraph (b)
above—(Margaret Beckett);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Mike Hall: 271.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr John Randall: 152.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Mr Charles Wardle and Mr David Curry be discharged
from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr Simon Burns and Mr David Faber be
added to the Committee.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)
9 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Carshalton and Wallington urging the Secretary of State to increase the basic state pension 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 Gerry Sutcliffe.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.07 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Rural Development Grants (Agriculture and Forestry) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2907), dated 25th October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

2 Social Security,—Tax Credits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments No.4) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2978), dated 7th November 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

3 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Tax Credits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments No.4) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2979), dated 7th November 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

4 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Annual Reports of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and British Trade International 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4894] [Mr Secretary Cook].

5 Mental Health (Scotland),—Report and Financial Statement of the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

6 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of English Heritage for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

7 National Heritage (Scotland),—Review and Accounts of National Galleries of Scotland for 1997/1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Joint Claims: Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2000, and the draft Social Security (New Deal Pilot) Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Hayes and Ms Fiona Jones from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Graham Brady and Mr Tom Pendry.

2 Draft Companies Act 1985 (Electronic Communications) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Louise Ellman and Mr Kerry Pollard from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mrs Janet Dean and Mr Gwyn Prosser.

3 Draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2000,—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mr Eric Illsley.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment,—Eighth Special Report from the Education and Employment Committee [Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 1999-2000, on New Deal for Young People: Two Years On]; to be printed [No. 969] [Mr Derek Foster].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Delivering Sustainable Waste Management]; to be printed [No. 903-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].
3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Physical Controls at UK Ports of Entry]; to be printed [No. 570-iv] [Mr Robin Corbett].

4 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Annual Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank]; to be printed [No. 966-i] [Mr Bowen Wells].

5 Statutory Instruments,—Thirty-first Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xxx] [Mr David Tredinnick].

6 Trade and Industry,—(1) Thirteenth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [The Post Office and the Future of the Network], 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. 724]; and

(2) Fourteenth Report from the Committee [What Would the Euro Cost UK Business?], 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. 755]

[Mr Martin O’Neill].

7 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Financial Services Authority]; to be printed [No. 336-ii] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 153; WH, No. 94.]

Tuesday 7th November 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.59 p.m.

[No. 154.]

Wednesday 8th November 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension),—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [6th November] as relates to the Colchester Borough Council Bill [Lords] be now considered.

Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2000.

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

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Irene Adams reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Joint Claims: Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2000 and the draft Social Security (New Deal Pilot) Regulations 2000.

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

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir David Madel reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Companies Act 1985 (Electronic Communications) Order 2000.

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:

The Lords have agreed to the Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 180].

7 Lifelong Learning (Paid Study Time).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish an entitlement to a national minimum time allowance for training and educational purposes for people in employment: And that Mr David Chaytor, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Hilary Benn, Mr John Cryer, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Alice Mahon, Judy Mallaber, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Allan Rogers and Ms Debra Shipley do prepare and bring it in.

8 Lifelong Learning (Paid Study Time) Bill,—Mr David Chaytor accordingly presented a Bill to establish an entitlement to a national minimum time allowance for training and educational purposes for people in employment: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 17th November and to be printed [Bill 178].

9 Trustee Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Trustee Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

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

Mrs Helen Liddell, 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.

Mrs Helen Liddell, 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.

10 Adjournment (Proposed Public Private Partnership for BNFL).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Greg Pope);

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 Gerry Sutcliffe.)

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 Constitutional Law,—Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Animals,—Cattle (Identification of Older Animals) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2976), dated 6th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

3 Charities,—Draft Charities (Most Honourable and Loyal Society of Ancient Britons (Known as St. David’s School)) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

4 Civil Aviation,—Yugoslavia (Prohibition of Flights) (No. 2) (Revocation) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2981), dated 6th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


6 Food,—Dairy Produce Quotas (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2977), dated 3th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

7 Legal Services,—Collective Conditional Fee Agreements Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2988), dated 7th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].
8 Plant Health,—Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Amendment) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2963), dated 2nd November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

9 Social Security,—Social Fund Winter Fuel Payment (Temporary Increase) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2997), dated 7th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

10 Supreme Court,—Crown Court (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2987), dated 7th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

Other Papers:

11 Pre-Budget Report,—(1) Paper, entitled Pre-Budget Report, November 2000: Building long-term prosperity for all [by Command] [Cm. 4917] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

(2) Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Audit of Assumptions for the Pre-Budget 2000 Report [by Act], to be printed [No. 959] [Clerk of the House].

12 Sierra Leone (No. 1, 2000),—Agreement, done at Freetown on 13th January 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone, for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4896] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Broadcasting (Limit on the Holding of Licences to Provide Television Multiplex Services) Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Janet Anderson, Norman Baker, Mr Hilary Benn, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Terry Davis, Jim Dowd, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr John Greenway, Mr Win Griffiths, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Fiona Mactaggart and Mr Owen Paterson.

2 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Video recording of interviews) Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Sir David Madel Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Tony Baldry, Mr Desmond Browne, Mr James Cran, Mr Geraint Davies, Jim Dowd, Mr Frank Field, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Adam Ingram, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Mr Lembt Opik, Dr Phyllis Starkey, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr William Thompson and Mr David Winnick.

3 Value Added Tax (Reduced Rate) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2954):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Dr Ashok Kumar Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr James Clappison, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Dr Evan Harris, Mr David Lammy, Mr David Lepper, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Austin Mitchell, Ms Julie Morgan, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, Mr William Ross and Mr Nicholas Soames.

4 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Shipping Transport) (Hong Kong) Order 2000, and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxation on Income) (Norway) Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr David Atkinson, Miss Anne Beeg, Mr James Clappison, Mr David Crausby, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Matthew Taylor, Ms Claire Ward and Mr Shaun Woodward.

5 Draft Social Security (Incacity Benefit) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Dr Ashok Kumar Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Kevin Hughes, Glenda Jackson, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Dr Julian Lewis, Dr Desmond Turner and Steve Webb.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Organic Farming]; to be printed [No. 681-v]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Badgers and Bovine Tuberculosis: Follow-up; Organic Farming]
   [Mr David Curry].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [The Reserve Forces]; to be printed [No. 976-i] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Recent Developments at National Air Traffic Services]; to be printed [No. 974-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

4 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Public Expenditure and the National Plan]; to be printed [No. 957-ii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

5 International Development,—Tenth Report from the International Development Committee [After Seattle—The World Trade Organisation and Developing Countries], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 227] [Mr Bowen Wells].

6 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Fourth Report from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [Sittings in Westminster Hall], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 906] [Margaret Beckett].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Prison Service in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 931-ii] [Mr Peter Brooke].

8 Public Accounts,—(1) Thirty-eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Sheep Annual Premium Scheme in England]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 362];
   (2) Forty-second Report [The Management and Control of Hospital Acquired Infection in Acute NHS Trusts in England] together with an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 306]; and
   (3) Forty-third Report [Hip Replacements: Getting it right first time]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 513] [Mr David Davis].

9 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Administration Committee [Making Government Work]; to be printed [No. 238-vi] [Tony Wright].

10 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Drinks Industry in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 973-i] [Mr David Marshall].

[No. 154; WH, No. 95.]

Wednesday 8th November 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Jamieson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 12.55 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

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

   Private Bills (Suspension),—The Lords concur with the Commons in their Message [2nd November] relating to the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, and in their Message [6th November] relating to the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.

2 Adjournment (First Report from the Liaison Committee, 1999–2000: Shifting the Balance—Select Committees and the Executive),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Gerry Sutchief); And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

3 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.) 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 Negative Resolution:


2 Telecommunications,—Telecommunications (Licence Modifications) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2998), dated 9th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

3 Air Force (Constitution),—(1) Designation of Officers (Royal Air Force) (Reduction in Rank) Regulations 2000; and (2) Amendment list 2 to the Regulations for the Reserve Air Forces (Air Publication 3392 Volume 7 (First Edition)) dated 16th October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

4 Child Support, Pensions and Social Security,—Report by the Government Actuary on the cost of uprating the basic retirement pension in line with the general level of earnings [by Command] [Cm. 4920] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Millennium Dome [by Act]; to be printed [No. 936] [Clerk of the House].

6 Reserve Forces,—Change 7 to the Regulations for the Naval and Marine Reserves (BR 64) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the Salford and Trafford Education Action Zone for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 977] [Clerk of the House].

8 Social Security,—Paper, entitled The Pension Credit: a consultation paper [by Command] [Cm. 4900] [Mr Secretary Darling].

9 Sports Councils,—Financial Statements of the United Kingdom Sports Council for 1999–2000 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

10 Treasury Executive Agencies,—Resource Accounts of the Intervention Board for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 833] [Mr Stephen Timms].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [The Operation of the National Lottery]; to be printed [No. 958-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Home Affairs,—(1) Fourth Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Blantyre House Prison], 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. 904].
   (2) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 17th October [Blantyre House Prison]; to be printed [No. 904-i]; and
   (3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Blantyre House Prison] [Mr Robin Corbett].

3 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [HM Treasury]; to be printed [No. 492-vi] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 155; WH, No. 96.]

Thursday 9th November 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Electronic Conveyancing),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 14th November.

[Adjourned at 4.37 p.m.]

[No. 156.]

Friday 10th November 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

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

   The Lords have agreed to the Transport Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Transport Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Transport Bill to be considered on Monday 13th November; and to be printed [Bill 181].

3 Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill,—Ordered, That the Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill be read a second time on Friday 24th November.

4 Adjournment,—(Government Support for Sport)—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Kevin Hughes);

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

5 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Dowd);

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

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)

   And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 13th November.

[Adjourned at 2.42 pm]
APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1. Education,—Teachers' Pensions (Sharing of Pensions on Divorce or Annulment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3028), dated 8th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


3. National Health Service,—National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3029), dated 9th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


   (2) Judicial Pensions and Retirement Act 1993 (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2986), dated 1st November 2000,

   (3) Judicial Pensions (Implementation of Pension Credits) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2983), dated 2nd November 2000, and

   (4) Judicial Pensions (Specification of Alternative Scheme) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2984), dated 2nd November 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock]; and

   (5) Local Government Pension Scheme (Pension Sharing on Divorce) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3025), dated 9th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott]; and

   (6) Pension Sharing (Contracting-out) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2975), dated 5th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5. Pensions (Scotland),—Sheriffs' Pensions (Scotland) Act 1961 (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3032), dated 2nd November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Other Papers:


7. Science and Technology,—Paper, entitled Science, Engineering and Technology Statistics 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4902] [Mr Secretary Byers].

8. Treaty Series (No. 125, 2000),—European Convention, done at Strasbourg on 18th March 1986, for the Protection of Vertebrate Animals used for Experimental and other Scientific Purposes [by Command] [Cm. 4906] [Mr Secretary Cook].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 182].

3 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. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

London Underground Public Private Partnership.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the widespread concern about the viability of the Government’s public private partnership proposed for London Underground; further notes that the Government has established Transport for London, which is answerable to Londoners, and whose Director, Mr Robert Kiley, has a proven track record of modernising the New York subway system and who will take on responsibility for London Underground in due course; deplores the failure of Ministers to include Mr Kiley and Transport for London in any meaningful consultations about the contracts under negotiation; condemns the Government’s lack of openness with Londoners and their representatives about the bidding process; and urges the Government to work with Mr Kiley and Transport for London with an open mind about what is best for London Underground and for Londoners—(Mr Bernard Jenkin);

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 implementation of its manifesto commitment to create a Public Private Partnership for London Underground which will bring in £8 billion of new investment and up to £5 billion worth of maintenance over the next fifteen years—leading to faster, more reliable journeys and a safer, more attractive Underground of the kind Londoners deserve; supports the doubling of the resources available to the Mayor for transport in London over the next three years; condemns the previous Government’s record of under-investment in transport and in particular their erratic investment in London Underground, which left it with a £1.2 billion backlog; and depletes the Official Opposition’s plans to privatise London Underground, which will fundamentally undermine public accountability’, instead thereof.—(Mr Keith Hill.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 180.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Mike Hall: 287.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Mike Hall: 283.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 177.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Government’s implementation of its manifesto commitment to create a Public Private Partnership for London Underground which will bring in £8 billion of new investment and up to £5 billion worth of maintenance over the next fifteen years—leading to faster, more reliable journeys and a safer, more attractive Underground of the kind Londoners deserve; supports the doubling of the resources available to the Mayor for transport in London over the next three years; condemns the previous Government’s record of under-investment in transport and in particular their erratic investment in London Underground, which left it with a £1.2 billion backlog; and depletes the Official Opposition’s plans to privatise London Underground, which will fundamentally undermine public accountability.
Millennium Dome.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the financial mismanagement of the New Millennium Experience Company; notes with concern that the cost to Lottery funds has exceeded the budget by £229 million; believes that this represents a serious waste of public funds; and regrets that Ministers have neither apologised nor accepted responsibility for the failure of this national project—(Mr Peter Ainsworth).

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 National Audit Office report, which gives a detailed account of events at the Dome; agrees that politicians of all parties involved in the project share responsibility both for the successes in regenerating this depressed part of South East London and its failings to reach its original visitor estimates; and deplores the decision by Her Majesty’s Opposition not to support the original bi-partisan nature of this national project’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Smith.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 182.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Don Touhig: 304.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Don Touhig: 300.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 174.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the publication of the National Audit Office report, which gives a detailed account of events at the Dome; agrees that politicians of all parties involved in the project share responsibility both for the successes in regenerating this depressed part of South East London and its failings to reach its original visitor estimates; and deplores the decision by Her Majesty’s Opposition not to support the original bi-partisan nature of this national project.

4 Control of Fuel and Electricity.—Resolved, That the Energy Act 1976 (Reserve Powers) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2449), dated 11th September 2000, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th September, be approved.—(Mrs Helen Liddell.)

5 Fees and Charges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—It was agreed to.

6 Education and Employment.—Ordered, That Mr Phil Willis be discharged from the Education and Employment Committee and Mr Richard Allan be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Foreign Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr David Wilshire be discharged from the Foreign Affairs Committee and Mr John Maples be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Health.—Ordered, That Mr Robert Syms be discharged from the Health Committee and Mrs Marion Roe be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from cleft lip and/or palate NHS patients and others calling for a quality audit of cleft lip and palate services was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the constituency of Warrington North calling for residents to have a greater say in the siting of telecommunications masts 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—(Mrs Anne McGuire);

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.05 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

2 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 69) on Children’s Services (Quality Protects) Special Grants for 1999–2000 and 2000–2001 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 968] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Immigration,—Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3053), dated 11th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

4 Medical Profession,—(1) Medical Act 1983 (Approved Medical Practices and Conditions of Residence) and National Health Service (General Medical Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3040), and

(2) Medical Act 1983 (Provisional Registration) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3041),
dated 13th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Social Security,—Social Security (Recovery of Benefits) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3030), dated 8th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

6 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on:—

(1) the Petition [28th July] from Sean Woodward and others for changes in the valuation of land purchased for road schemes; and

(2) the Petition [25th October] from the citizens of Earl Shilton calling for progress in constructing the Earl Shilton bypass

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

7 Export Credits Guarantee Department,—Return, made under section 7 of the Export and Investments Guarantees Act 1991, of Commitments and Statutory Limits as at 31st March 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

8 National Lottery,—Millennium Commission Foreword and Accounts for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 937] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—(1) Forty-fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: Accepting equipment off-contract and into service], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 978].

   (2) Forty-fifth Report from the Committee [Acceptance of the Chinook Mk 2 Helicopter], with Appendices, 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. 975]; and

   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Overseeing Focus Housing Association]; to be printed [No. 979-a] [Mr David Davis].

2 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Corus plc]; to be printed [No. 899-ii] [Dr Michael Clark].

[No. 158.]

Tuesday 14th November 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 21st November.

2 Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords];

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 21st November.

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

   The Lords have agreed to the Licensing (Young Persons) Bill, without Amendment.

4 Parliamentary Oath (Amendment),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the parliamentary oath; and for connected purposes—(Mr Kevin McNamara);

   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. 23 (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 McDonnell, Mr Paul Flynn: 129.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Gerald Howarth: 148.

   So the Question was negatived.

5 Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill.

   Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 13 were agreed to.

   Lords Amendments Nos. 14 and 15 were disagreed to.

   Lords Amendments Nos. 16 to 24 were agreed to.

   Lords Amendment No. 25.

   A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in the said Amendment—(Mr Secretary Straw);

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Graham Allen: 344.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Gray, Mr John Randall: 166.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 26 to 38 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 39.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(?Mr Secretary Straw);
The House divided.
  Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Dowd, Mr Greg Pope: 324.  
  Tellers for the Noes, Sir Robert Smith, Bob Russell: 142.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 40 was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 41 to 43 were disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 44 was disagreed to.
Amendments ((a) and (b)) were made to the words so restored to the Bill.
Lords Amendments Nos. 45 and 46 were disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 47 was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 48 and 49 were disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 50 was disagreed to.
Amendments ((a) to (f)) were made to the words so restored to the Bill.
Lords Amendments Nos. 51 to 75 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 76 was disagreed to.
Amendments ((a) to (c)) were made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to.
Amendments ((d) and (e)) were made to the words so restored to the Bill.
Lords Amendments Nos. 77 and 78 were agreed to.
Amendments ((a) and (b)), consequential to Lords Amendment No. 78, were made to the Bill.
Lords Amendment No. 79 was disagreed to.
Amendments ((a) and (b)) were made to the words so restored to the Bill.
Lords Amendment No. 80 was disagreed to.
Amendments ((a) and (b)) were made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to.
Amendments ((c) and (d)) were made to the words so restored to the Bill.
Lords Amendments Nos. 81 to 99 agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 100.
An Amendment ((b)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 4, at the end, to insert the words—
'/(db) the sentence is for any of the following offences—
(i) an offence under section 89 of the Police Act 1996 (assaulting, obstructing or resisting a constable);
(ii) an offence under section 38 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861 (assault with intent to resist arrest);
(iii) an offence under section 18, section 20, or section 47 of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861 (wounding, causing grievous bodily harm and causing actual bodily harm) committed against a constable in the execution of his duty.'—(?Miss Ann Widdecombe.)
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;
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. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

7 Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill,—The House again proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill.

    Lords Amendment No. 100.

    The House resumed the adjourned Debate on the Question, That the Amendment ((b)) be made.

    Question put.

    The House divided.

    Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr James Gray: 109.

    Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 386.

    The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

    Lords Amendments Nos. 101 to 105 were agreed to.

    Lords Amendment No. 106 was disagreed to.

    Amendments ((a) to (c)) were made to the Bill, in lieu of the Lords Amendment disagreed to.

    Lords Amendments Nos. 107 to 120 were agreed to.

    Lords Amendments Nos. 121 to 124 were disagreed to.

    Lords Amendments Nos. 125 to 129 were agreed to.

    Lords Amendment No. 130 was disagreed to.

    An Amendment ((a)) was made to the words so restored to the Bill.

    Lords Amendments Nos. 131 to 134 were agreed to.

    Lords Amendment No. 135 was disagreed to.

    Lords Amendment No. 136 was agreed to.

    Lords Amendments Nos. 137 and 138 were disagreed to.

    Lords Amendments Nos. 139 to 244 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 180.

    Lords Amendment No. 245.

    An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

    Lords Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

    Lords Amendment No. 246 was disagreed to.

    Lords Amendment No. 247.

    An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

    Lords Amendment, as amended, agreed to.

    Lords Amendment No. 248 was disagreed to.

    Lords Amendments Nos. 249 to 329 were agreed to.

    Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their amendments nos. 14, 15, 25, 39, 41 to 43, 45, 46, 48, 49, 121 to 124, 135, 137, 138, 246 and 248;

    That Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Peter Luff and Angela Smith be members of the Committee;

    That Mr Paul Boateng be the Chairman of the Committee;

    That three be the quorum of the Committee;

    That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Mike Hall.)
8 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Joint Claims: Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 28th July, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts)—It was agreed to.

9 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Social Security (New Deal Pilot) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 30th October, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts)—It was agreed to.

10 Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill.—Mr Paul Boateng reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reasons, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 14 for the following Reason—

Because the Commons believe that it is necessary to make clear the circumstances in which accommodation may be provided in approved premises under the arrangements in question.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 15 for the following Reason—

Because the Commons do not believe that it is appropriate to restrict in the manner proposed the category of person for whom the service in question may be provided under arrangements made by local probation boards.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 25 for the following Reason—

Because the Commons believe that it is unnecessary to impose the proposed restriction on the power to give directions.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 39, 45, 46, 48, 49 and 121 to 124 for the following Reason—

Because the Commons believe that the changes proposed to be made in connection with a chief officer of a local probation board are not appropriate.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments No. 41 to 43 for the following Reason—

Because the Commons believe that it is not appropriate for local probation boards to hold land.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 135 and 138 for the following Reason—

Because the Commons believe that it is not necessary to confer on local probation boards the proposed power to manage.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 137 for the following Reason—

Because the Commons believe that it is not necessary to confer on local probation boards the proposed power to manage.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 246 and 248 for the following Reason—

Because the Amendments are not necessary in consequence of the Amendments made by this House to the words restored to the Bill by the disagreement of this House with Lords Amendments Nos. 79 and 80.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons with the Bill and Amendments.

11 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.15 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1. Agriculture,—(1) Agricultural Processing and Marketing Grants Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3046), dated 9th November 2000,
   (2) Energy Crops Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3042), dated 9th November 2000,
   (3) England Rural Development Programme (Enforcement) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3044), dated 9th November 2000,
   (4) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Stage I) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3049), dated 13th November 2000,
   (5) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Stage II) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3050), dated 13th November 2000,
   (6) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Stage III) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3051), dated 13th November 2000,
   (7) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Stage IV) Designation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3052), dated 13th November 2000,
   (8) Rural Enterprise Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3043), dated 9th November 2000,
   (9) Vocational Training Grants (Agriculture and Forestry) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3045), dated 9th November 2000
   [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].


Other Papers:

4. Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Farming and Rural Conservation Agency for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 932] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

5. Air Force (Constitution).—Regulations of the Defence Council, dated 26th October 2000, amending Air Publication 3376, Trade Structure of the Royal Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].


7. Natural Heritage (Scotland).—(1) Report and Summary Financial Statements of Scottish Natural Heritage for 1999–2000, and
   (2) Scottish Natural Heritage Facts and Figures for 1999–2000
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

8. Pensions,—Account of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 984] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Draft Broadcasting (Limit on the Holding of Licences to Provide Television Multiplex Services) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Terry Davis from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Ms Hazel Blears.

2. Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Video Recording of Interviews) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Geraint Davies, Jim Dowd and Dr Gavin Strang from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr David Clelland, Mr Doug Henderson and Ms Tess Kingham.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Delivering Sustainable Waste Management]; to be printed [No. 903-iv] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Corruption]; to be printed [No. 950-ii] [Mr Bowen Wells].

3 Statutory Instruments,—Thirty-first Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xxx] [Mr David Tredinnick].

4 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Office of Telecommunications]; to be printed [No. 982-i] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

5 Treasury,—(1) Tenth Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee on Economic and Monetary Union]; to be printed [No. 983];

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The London Stock Exchange]; to be printed [No. 508-ii] [Mr Giles Radice].

6 Welsh Affairs,—Third Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Social Exclusion 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. 365] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 158; WH, No. 97.]

Tuesday 14th November 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

And it being One o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.00 p.m.

[No. 159.]

Wednesday 15th November 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the promoters of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due up to that date have been paid;

That, if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the next Session, a declaration signed by the agent shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill brought from the Lords in the present Session.

That the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay upon the Table of the House a certificate, that such a declaration has been deposited;

That in the next Session the Bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it has passed in the present Session, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;
That no further fees shall be charged to such stages.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Broadcasting (Limit on the Holding of Licences to Provide Television Multiplex Services) Order 2000.

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

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir David Madel reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Video recording of interviews) Order 2000.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 183].

6 City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords],—The Order for Third Reading of the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords] on Tuesday 21st November was read and discharged.

7 Genetically Modified Food and Producer Liability (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision with respect to the safety of and liability for the deliberate release or marketing of genetically modified organisms and genetically modified food; to establish a genetically modified organism compensation fund; and for connected purposes—(Mr Alan Simpson);

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. 23 (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 Huw Edwards, Miss Anne McIntosh: 97.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Nigel Beard: 30.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Alan Simpson, Alice Mahon, Norman Baker, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Tony Benn, Mr David Drew, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Llew Smith, Maria Fyfe, Mr John McDonnell, Mr David Chaytor and Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews do prepare and bring in the Bill.

8 Genetically Modified Food and Producer Liability (No. 2) Bill,—Mr Alan Simpson accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision with respect to the safety of and liability for the deliberate release or marketing of genetically modified organisms and genetically modified food; to establish a genetically modified organism compensation fund; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 24th November and to be printed [Bill 184].

9 Transport Bill [Ways and Means] (No. 3),—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Transport Bill, it is expedient to authorise:

(1) the imposition of charges in respect of the execution of works in a highway, and

(2) the charging of fees in connection with driver training courses.—(Mr Keith Hill.)

10 Transport Bill (Supplemental Programme),—Ordered, That the Order of the House [9th May] be supplemented as follows—

Lords Amendments

1.—(1) Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Bill shall be completed at today's sitting.
(2) If not previously concluded, the proceedings shall be brought to a conclusion at midnight.

(3) The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order—

Nos. 27 to 29, 31, 1 to 26, 30 and 32 to 235.

(4) Each part of the proceedings shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in relation to that part of the proceedings in this Table.

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2.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet decided.

(3) If that question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment, the Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single question on any further amendments of the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown, and
(b) the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(4) The Speaker shall put forthwith—

(a) a single question on any amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment, and
(b) the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in the Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the question that this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

(7) As soon as the House has—

(a) agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of their Amendments, or
(b) disposed of an Amendment relevant to a Lords Amendment which has been disagreed to,

the Speaker shall put forthwith a single question on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent stages

3.—(1) The Speaker shall put forthwith the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the consideration forthwith of any further message from the Lords on the Bill.

(2) The proceedings on any further message from the Lords shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

4.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 3.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet decided.

(3) The Speaker 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.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords message.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the question that this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords proposals.
5. The Speaker shall put forthwith the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the appointment of its chairman.

6.—(1) The Committee shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.

(2) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.

(3) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with subparagraph (2), the chairman shall—

(a) first put forthwith any question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet decided, and

(b) then put forthwith successively questions on motions which may be made by a Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in any of their Amendments.

(4) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further questions being put.

Miscellaneous

7. The following paragraphs apply to—

(a) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Bill.

(b) proceedings on any further message from the Lords on the Bill, and

(c) proceedings on the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons (and the appointment of its chairman) and the report of the Committee.

8. Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

9. The proceedings shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

10.—(1) If on a day on which any of the proceedings take place a motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (emergency debates) would stand over to Seven o'clock—

(a) that motion stands over until the conclusion of any of the proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time, and

(b) the bringing to a conclusion of any of the proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion after that time is postponed for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings on that motion.

(2) If a motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 stands over from an earlier day to such a day, the bringing to a conclusion of any of the proceedings on that day is postponed for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings on that motion.

11. No dilatory motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a Minister of the Crown; and the question on any such motion made by a Minister of the Crown shall be put forthwith.

12. If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the expiry of the period at the end of which any of the proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion, no notice is required of a motion made at the next sitting by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this order.—(Mr Keith Hill.)

Transport Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Transport Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 27.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Nick Raynsford);

And it being three and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Transport Bill [Ways and Means] (No. 3), the Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Mike Hall: 321.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 228.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
The Speaker then put the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendments Nos. 28 and 29 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 31.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Nick Raynsford);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Jim Dowd: 337.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 203.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 26, 30, and 32 to 235 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 81, 86, 112 to 114, 120, 125, 170 to 183 and 194.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 27, 28, 29 and 31;

That Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Phil Hope, Mr Nick Raynsford and Mr Robert Syms be members of the Committee;

That Mr Nick Raynsford be the Chairman of the Committee;

That three be the quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

12 Transport Bill,—Mr Nick Raynsford reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Transport Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reasons, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment Nos. 27, 28 and 29 for the following Reason—

Because the effect of the Amendments would be to delay unjustifiably the setting up of a public-private partnership in respect of air traffic services.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 31 for the following Reason—

Because all necessary protections in respect of pensions arising by virtue of employment with National Air Traffic Services Limited, or any subsidiary of that company, can be put in place without this Amendment.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill.

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

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:

1 Local Government Finance,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th November 2000 in respect of temporary borrowing by the Audit Commission from Lloyds Bank plc [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

2 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Twenty-seventh and the Twenty-ninth to the Thirty-seventh Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4901] [Mr Stephen Timms].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft EUTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr. John Battle, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr. Peter Bradley, Mr. Iain Coleman, Mr. Tony Colman, Mr. Stephen Day, Mr. Mike Gapes, Mr. Neil Gerrard, Mr. Paul Keetch, Rosemary McKenna, Mr. Tony McNulty, Mr. Mark Oaten, Mr. Kerry Pollard, Mr. Richard Spring, Mr. Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West) and Mr. Andrew Tyrie.

2 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaption of Functions etc.) (No. 2) Order 2000, the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2000 and the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr. Eric Illsley Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr. Peter Atkinson, Mr. Crispin Blunt, Mr. Tom Clarke, Mr. Tam Dalyell, Mr. Ian Davidson, Mr. Brian H. Donohoe, Mr. Christopher Fraser, Mrs. Eleanor Laing, Mrs. Anne McGuire, Mr. Michael Moore, Mr. Jim Murphy, Ms Sandra Osborne, Sir Robert Smith, Dr. Gavin Strang, Mr. Brian Wilson and Mr. Tony Worthington.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr. Bowen Wells Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Dr. Peter Brand, Mr. John Cryer, Dr. Jack Cunningham, Maria Eagle, Barbara Follett, Mr. Fabian Hamilton, Mr. Philip Hammond, Mr. John Hutton, Mr. Robert Jackson, Mr. David Jameson, Mr. Edward Leigh, Mr. Tony Lloyd, Mr. Peter Luff, Mr. Geoffrey Robinson, Mr. Adrian Sanders and Mr. Gerry Steinberg.

4 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Shipping Transport) (Hong Kong) Order 2000 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxation on Income) (Norway) Order 2000.—The Speaker has appointed Mr. Mike Hancock Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (in respect of the draft Orders).

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Badgers and Bovine Tuberculosis: Follow-up]; to be printed [No. 986-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Badgers and Bovine Tuberculosis: Follow-up; Forestry Commission]

[Mr David Curry].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Armed Forces Personnel Issues]; to be printed [No. 689-v] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Inland Waterways]; to be printed [No. 947-ii]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Rail Investment: Renewal, Maintenance and Development of the National Rail Network]; to be printed [No. 671-iii]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

4 European Scrutiny,—Twenty-ninth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xxix] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Parades Commission]; to be printed [No. 463-ii] [Mr Peter Brooke].

6 Procedure,—(1) Second Special Report from the Procedure Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, on Parliamentary Scrutiny of Treaties]; to be printed [No. 990];

(2) Third Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, on Letters Sent by Ministers following Undertakings in Debate]; to be printed [No. 991]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Section 82 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999]; to be printed [No. 987-i]
[Mr Nicholas Winterton].

7 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The Millennium Domes]; to be printed [No. 989-i] [Mr David Davis].

8 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Administration Committee [Making Government Work]; to be printed [No. 238-viii] [Tony Wright].

9 Science and Technology.—(1) Second Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Joint Working with the Lords Science and Technology Committee]; to be printed [No. 980]; and
(2) Third Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, on The Government’s Expenditure on Research and Development: The Forward Look—The Government’s Reply]; to be printed [No. 981]
[Dr Michael Clark].

10 Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Drinks Industry in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 973-ii] [Mr David Marshall].

11 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [2000 Pre-Budget Report]; to be printed [No. 988-i] [Mr Giles Radice].

Wednesday 15th November 2000.

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Anne McGuire.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.48 p.m.

Thursday 16th November 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Alliance & Leicester plc Group Treasury (Transfer) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the promoters of the Alliance & Leicester plc Group Treasury (Transfer) Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due up to that date have been paid;
That, if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the next Session, a declaration signed by the agent shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill brought from the Lords in the present Session;
That the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay upon the Table of the House a certificate, that such a declaration has been deposited;
That in the next Session the Bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it has passed in the present Session, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;
That no further fees shall be charged to such stages;
That no petitions against the Bill having been presented within the time provided for petitioning, no petitioners shall be heard before any committee on the Bill save those who complain of any amendment as proposed in the filled-up Bill or of any matter which arises during the progress of the Bill before the committee.—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.
2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr John Cummings reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft EUTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2000.

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

3 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Dr Ashok Kumar reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security (Incacity Benefit) Miscellaneous Amendment Regulations 2000.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Bill without Amendment.

City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Lords communicate that they have considered the Message from the Commons [yesterday] relating to the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords]; and that they have come to the following Resolution in respect of the Bill, viz.:

That the promoters of the Bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than 12 noon on Monday 27th November;

That the Bill be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than noon on the second sitting day in the next Session with a declaration annexed, signed by the agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session;

That the proceedings on 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 to such stages; and

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 in the present Session.

5 Insolvency Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Insolvency Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Prohibition during period of disqualification)—(Mr Christopher Chope)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Disqualification orders: unfitness of director)—(Mr Christopher Chope)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Christopher Chope: 46.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 221.

Another Clause (Section 309(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 to apply to nominees)—(Mr Austin Mitchell)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Brian Cotter: 42.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 218.

Amendment (No. 26) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 7, at the end, to insert the words ‘and occupied by’.—(Mr Richard Page.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 28) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 32, at the end, to insert the words ‘who has died after the commencement of this section’.—(Mr Richard Page.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr David Heath: 34.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Kevin Hughes: 210.

Amendments (Nos. 51, 52, and 5 to 9) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 15) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, to leave out lines 6 and 7 and to insert the words—

'(a) such information as is necessary for a nominee to be able to judge if there is a reasonable prospect of drawing up a workable voluntary arrangement which warrants being submitted to creditors,'.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 33, after the word 'enforced', to insert the words 'against a liquidator representing interests including interests of creditors of the company at the time of the moratorium'.—(Mr Richard Page.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 10 to 13) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 33, to leave out the words 'to the value of ,500 or more'.—(Mr Richard Page.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 53) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

6 Delegated Legislation,—Ordered, That the Social Security Amendment (Capital Limits and Earnings Disregards) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2545) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Greg Pope.)

7 Delegated Legislation,—Ordered, That the Railways (Safety Case) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2688) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Greg Pope.)

8 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Bourton-on-the-Water and Lechlade branches of the Women's Institute against the compulsory payment of benefits through banks was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.18 p.m.]
4 Environment, Transport and the Regions.—(1) Paper, entitled Our Towns and Cities: The Future: Delivering an Urban Renaissance, and  
[by Command] [Cm. 4911 and 4912] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 National Lottery.—National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA) Strategy for 2000–2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

6 Pensions.—Report of the Pensions Compensation Board for 1st August 1999 to 31st July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Standards in Public Life.—Seventh Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life: Standards of Conduct in the House of Lords, Volumes I and II [by Command] [Cm. 4903-I and -II] [The Prime Minister].


9 Turkey (No. 1, 2000).—Convention on Social Security, done at London on 20th December 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Turkey with Protocol concerning Health Care, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 4919] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Glenda Jackson and Dr Desmond Turner from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations), and nominated in substitution Charlotte Atkins and Kali Mountford.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [The Operation of the National Lottery]; to be printed [No. 958-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Public Health]; to be printed [No. 786-ii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

3 Treasury,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Office for National Statistics: Progress Report]; to be printed [No. 293-ii];  
(2) Memoranda laid before the Sub-Committee [HM Customs and Excise and the Inland Revenue: Progress Reports]  
[Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 160; WH, No. 99.]

Thursday 16th November 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Fishing Safety).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Clelland.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 21st November.  
[Adjourned at 4.54 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment (Embryology).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Tony McNulty);
   The Motion was, with the leave of the House, withdrawn.

2 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)
   And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes past Two o’clock, adjourned till Monday 20th November.

[Adjourned at 2.07 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

2 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Paper, entitled Climate Change: The UK Programme [by Command] [Cm. 4913] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Sixth Report of the Science and Technology Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Cancer Research—A Fresh Look [by Command][Cm. 4928] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—Mr Stephen McCabe reported from the Committee on the Kent County Council Bill [Lords] and the Medway Council Bill [Lords], That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of 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.

2 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—Mr Stephen McCabe reported from the Committee on the Kent County Council Bill [Lords] and the Medway Council Bill [Lords], That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto. Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

3 Kent County Council Bill [Lords] and Medway Council Bill [Lords].—Mr Stephen McCabe reported from the Committee on the Kent County Council Bill [Lords] and the Medway Council Bill [Lords], That it had agreed to a Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House. Report, and so much of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee as relates to the Report, to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 992].

4 Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords].—The Order for Second Reading of the Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords] to-morrow was read and discharged.

5 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—Resolved, That this House approves the Third Report on Thursday Sittings (House of Commons Paper No. 954) and the Fourth Report on Sittings in Westminster Hall (House of Commons Paper No. 906) of the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons.—(Margaret Beckett.)

6 Thursday Sittings and Meetings of Standing Committees.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, from the next Session of Parliament until the end of the first Session of the next Parliament, the Standing Orders and practice of the House shall have effect subject to the modifications set out below:

A. (1) The House shall meet on Thursdays at half-past Eleven o’clock, and will first proceed with private business, motions for unopposed returns and questions;
   (2) proceedings on business on Thursdays shall be interrupted at Seven o’clock; and
   (3) in their application to Thursday sittings of the House, reference to a specified time in the Standing Orders shall be interpreted as reference to a time three hours before the time so specified, save that reference to half-past Ten o’clock shall be substituted for reference to Twelve o’clock in Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on a specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration).

B. Standing committees shall have leave to sit at any hour and notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, subject to the following provisions:
   (a) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays when the House is sitting, no standing committee sitting at Westminster shall sit between the hours of One o’clock and half-past Three o’clock, except as provided in paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 88 (Meetings of standing committees); and
   (b) on Thursdays when the House is sitting, no standing committees sitting at Westminster shall sit between the hours of twenty-five minutes past Eleven o’clock and half-past Twelve o’clock, except as provided in paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 88 (Meetings of standing committees) with the substitution in that paragraph of ‘twenty-five minutes past Eleven o’clock’ for ‘One o’clock’ and ‘twenty minutes to Twelve o’clock’ for ‘a quarter past One o’clock’—(Mr David Jamieson).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr David Jamieson: 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Maclean, Mr Eric Forth: 22.

So the Question was agreed to.
Ordered, That, from the next Session of Parliament until the end of the first Session of the next Parliament, the Standing Orders and practice of the House shall have effect subject to the modifications set out below:

A. (1) The House shall meet on Thursdays at half-past Eleven o’clock, and will first proceed with private business, motions for unopposed returns and questions;
(2) proceedings on business on Thursdays shall be interrupted at Seven o’clock; and
(3) in their application to Thursday sittings of the House, reference to a specified time in the Standing Orders shall be interpreted as reference to a time three hours before the time so specified, save that reference to half-past Ten o’clock shall be substituted for reference to Twelve o’clock in Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on a specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration).

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7 Sittings in Westminster Hall,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, from the next Session of Parliament until the end of the first Session of the next Parliament, the Standing Orders and practice of the House shall have effect subject to the modifications set out below:
(1) On days on which the House shall sit after an address has been agreed to in answer to Her Majesty’s Speech there shall be a sitting in Westminster Hall—
(a) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between half-past Nine o’clock and Two o’clock, and
(b) on Thursdays beginning at half-past Two o’clock and continuing for up to three hours (and in calculating that period no account shall be taken of any period during which the sitting may be suspended owing to a division being called in the House or a Committee of the whole House).

(2) Any Member of the House may take part in a sitting in Westminster Hall.

(3) Subject to paragraph (13) below, the business taken at any sitting in Westminster Hall shall be such as the Chairman of Ways and Means shall appoint.

(4) The Chairman of Ways and Means or a Deputy Chairman shall take the chair in Westminster Hall as Deputy Speaker; and the House may appoint not more than four other members of the Chairmen’s Panel to sit in Westminster Hall as Deputy Speaker.

(5) Any member of the Chairmen’s Panel may also take the chair at a sitting in Westminster Hall when so requested by the Chairman of Ways and Means, with the duties and powers conferred on additional Deputy Speakers; and Members so appointed shall be addressed by name.

(6) Any order made or resolution come to at a sitting in Westminster Hall (other than a resolution to adjourn) shall be reported to the House by the Deputy Speaker and shall be deemed to be an order or resolution of the House.

(7) If a motion be made by a Minister of the Crown that an order of the day be proceeded with at a sitting in Westminster Hall, the question thereon shall be put forthwith, but such motion may be made only with the leave of the House and may not be made on a Friday.

(8) The quorum at a sitting in Westminster Hall shall be three.

(9) If at a sitting in Westminster Hall the opinion of the Deputy Speaker as to the decision (other than a question for adjournment) on a motion (other than a question for adjournment) is challenged, that question shall not be decided, and the Deputy Speaker shall report to the House accordingly; and any such question shall be put forthwith upon a motion being made in the House.

(10) If any business other than a motion for adjournment is under consideration at a sitting in Westminster Hall, and not fewer than six Members rise in their places and signify their objection to further proceedings, that business shall not be further proceeded with in Westminster Hall, and the Deputy Speaker shall report to the House accordingly, and any order under paragraph (7) above relating thereto shall be discharged.
(11) At the end of each sitting in Westminster Hall, unless a question for adjournment has previously been agreed to, the Deputy Speaker shall adjourn the sitting without putting any question; and proceedings on any business which has been entered upon but not disposed of shall lapse.

(12) The provisions of Standing Orders No. 29 (Powers of chair to propose question), No. 36 (Closure of debate), No. 37 (Majority for closure or proposal of question), No. 38 (Procedure on divisions), No. 39 (Voting), No. 40 (Division unnecessarily claimed), No. 41 (Quorum), No. 43 (Disorderly conduct), No. 44 (Order in debate), No. 45 (Members suspended, &c., to withdraw from precincts), No. 45A (Suspension of salary of Members suspended) and No. 163 (Motions to sit in private) shall not apply to sittings in Westminster Hall.

(13) In each Session, the Speaker shall appoint not more than six Thursdays on which the business to be taken in Westminster Hall should be debates on select committee reports chosen by the Liaison Committee.

(14) The House shall meet on Wednesdays at half-past Two o'clock, and paragraphs (1) and (2) of Standing Order No. 9 (Sittings of the House) shall have effect on Wednesdays; and Standing Order No. 10 shall not have effect—(Paddy Tipping);

An Amendment ((b)) was proposed to the Question, in line 17, to leave out the words ‘Deputy Speaker’, and to insert the word ‘Chairman’—(Mr Eric Forth.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr David Maclean: 34.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr David Jamieson: 251.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 283.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Maclean, Mr Eric Forth: 18.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, from the next Session of Parliament until the end of the first Session of the next Parliament, the Standing Orders and practice of the House shall have effect subject to the modifications set out below:

(1) On days on which the House shall sit after an address has been agreed to in answer to Her Majesty's Speech there shall be a sitting in Westminster Hall—

(a) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between half-past Nine o'clock and Two o'clock; and

(b) on Thursdays beginning at half-past Two o'clock and continuing for up to three hours (and in calculating that period no account shall be taken of any period during which the sitting may be suspended owing to a division being called in the House or a Committee of the whole House).

(2) Any Member of the House may take part in a sitting in Westminster Hall.

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(4) The Chairman of Ways and Means or a Deputy Chairman shall take the chair in Westminster Hall as Deputy Speaker; and the House may appoint not more than four other members of the Chairmen's Panel to sit in Westminster Hall as Deputy Speaker.

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(7) If a motion be made by a Minister of the Crown that an order of the day be proceeded with at a sitting in Westminster Hall, the question thereon shall be put forthwith, but such motion may be made only with the leave of the House and may not be made on a Friday.

(8) The quorum at a sitting in Westminster Hall shall be three.
(9) If at a sitting in Westminster Hall the opinion of the Deputy Speaker as to the decision of a question (other than a question for adjournment) is challenged, that question shall not be decided, and the Deputy Speaker shall report to the House accordingly; and any such question shall be put forthwith upon a motion being made in the House.

(10) If any business other than a motion for adjournment is under consideration at a sitting in Westminster Hall, and not fewer than six Members rise in their places and signify their objection to further proceedings, that business shall not be further proceeded with in Westminster Hall, and the Deputy Speaker shall report to the House accordingly, and any order under paragraph (7) above relating thereto shall be discharged.

(11) At the end of each sitting in Westminster Hall, unless a question for adjournment has previously been agreed to, the Deputy Speaker shall adjourn the sitting without putting any question; and proceedings on any business which has been entered upon but not disposed of shall lapse.

(12) The provisions of Standing Orders No. 29 (Powers of chair to propose question), No. 36 (Closure of debate), No. 37 (Majority for closure or proposal of question), No. 38 (Proceedings on divisions), No. 39 (Voting), No. 40 (Division unnecessarily claimed), No. 41 (Quorum), No. 43 ( Disorderly conduct), No. 44 (Order in debate), No. 45 (Members suspended, &c., to withdraw from precincts), No. 45A (Suspension of salary of Members suspended) and No. 163 (Motions to sit in private) shall not apply to sittings in Westminster Hall.

(13) In each Session, the Speaker shall appoint not more than six Thursdays on which the business to be taken in Westminster Hall should be debates on select committee reports chosen by the Liaison Committee.

(14) The House shall meet on Wednesdays at half-past Two o'clock, and paragraphs (1) and (2) of Standing Order No. 9 (Sittings of the House) shall have effect on Wednesdays; and Standing Order No. 10 shall not have effect.

### 8 Immigration Appeals

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Immigration Appeals (Family Visitor) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2446), dated 11th September 2000, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th September, be revoked—(Mr Simon Hughes);

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

### 9 Business of the House

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Motion relating to the Immigration Appeals (Family Visitor) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o'clock—(Mr Mike Hall).

It was agreed to.

### 10 Immigration Appeals

The Question being again proposed, That the Immigration Appeals (Family Visitor) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2446), dated 11th September 2000, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th September, be revoked;

Question put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Donald Gorrie: 62.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Clelland, Mrs Anne McGuire: 238.

So the Question was negatived.

### 11 Companies

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Companies Act 1985 (Electronic Communications) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 23rd October, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);

It was agreed to.

### 12 Broadcasting

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Broadcasting (Limit on the Holding of Licences to Provide Television Multiplex Services) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 1st November, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);

It was agreed to.

### 13 Social Security

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Social Security (Incapacity Benefit) Miscellaneous Amendments Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 6th November, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);

It was agreed to.

### 14 European Scrutiny

Ordered, That Mr Owen Paterson be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Miss Anne McIntosh be added to the Committee—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe).
15 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Ordered, That—

(1) the matter of the Review of the future of the juvenile justice centre estate in Northern Ireland, published by the Northern Ireland Office in March 2000, being a matter exclusively relating to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Wednesday 29th November at 5.00 p.m.; and

(3) at that meeting the Committee shall consider the matter referred to it in paragraph (1) and the Chairman shall interrupt proceedings at 7.30 p.m.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

16 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe).

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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 twelve minutes past Twelve o’clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.12 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Environmental Protection,—Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 European Communities,—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Swiss Confederation on the Free Movement of Persons) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Local Government Finance,—(1) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 70) on Threshold Payments, and

(2) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 71) on Leadership Group Payments

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 963 and 964] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Education,—Education (Grants for Disabled Postgraduate Students) Regulations 2000 (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3087), dated 20th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Other Papers:

6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 2000 [by Act], to be printed [No. 970] [Clerk of the House].

7 Treaty Series (No. 126, 2000),—South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty, done at Rarotonga on 6th August 1985, with Protocols 1, 2 and 3, done at Suva on 8th August 1986 [by Command] [Cm. 4024] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) (No. 2) Order 2000, the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2000 and the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jim Murphy and Ms Sandra Osborne from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Ernie Ross and Mr Frank Roy.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Parole]; to be printed [No. 993-i] [Mr David Davis].

2 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [2000 Pre-Budget Report]; to be printed [No. 988-ii] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 163.]

Tuesday 21st November 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Disqualification of a Member,—The Speaker laid upon the Table a notification, That Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer had this day appointed Dennis Andrew Canavan Esquire, Member for Falkirk West, to the office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty’s Manor of Northstead in the county of York.

2 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the promoters of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due up to that date have been paid;

That, if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the next Session, a declaration signed by the agent shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill brought from the Lords in the present Session;

That the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay upon the Table of the House a certificate, that such a declaration has been deposited;

That in the next Session the Bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it has passed in the present Session, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;

That no further fees shall be charged to such stages—(The Chairman of Ways and Means);

And objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Tuesday 28th November.

3 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the promoters of the Medway Council Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due up to that date have been paid;

That, if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the next Session, a declaration signed by the agent shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill brought from the Lords in the present Session;

That the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay upon the Table of the House a certificate, that such a declaration has been deposited;

That in the next Session the Bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it has passed in the present Session, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;

That no further fees shall be charged to such stages—(The Chairman of Ways and Means);

And objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Tuesday 28th November.
4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) (No. 2) Order 2000, the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2000 and the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2000.

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

5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bowen Wells reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 69) on Children’s Services (Quality Protects) Special Grants for 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 (House of Commons Paper No. 968).

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:

Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords],—The Lords communicate that they have considered the Message from the Commons [16th November] relating to the Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords], and that they have come to the following Resolution in respect of the Bill, viz.:

That the promoters of the Bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than 12 noon on Monday 27th November;

That the Bill be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than noon on the second sitting day in the next Session with a declaration annexed, signed by the agent, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session;

That the proceedings on 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 to such stages; and

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 in the present session.

7 Pet Animals Act 1951 (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend section 3 of the Pet Animals Act 1951 to raise the minimum age of a child to whom a pet animal may be sold: And that Mr David Amess, Norman Baker, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Roger Gale, Mrs Eileen Gordon, Mr Mike Hancock, Mrs Marion Roe, Bob Russell, Sir Teddy Taylor and Joan Walley do prepare and bring it in.

8 Pet Animals Act 1951 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr David Amess accordingly presented a Bill to amend section 3 of the Pet Animals Act 1951 to raise the minimum age of a child to whom a pet animal may be sold: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 24th November and to be printed [Bill 185].

9 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill (Supplemental Allocation of Time),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order of the House [11th July] shall be supplemented as follows—

Lords Amendments

1.—(1) Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Bill shall be completed at today’s sitting.

(2) If not previously concluded, they shall be brought to a conclusion at Ten o’clock.

2.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on the Bill to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet decided.

(3) If that Question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment, the Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single Question on any further amendments of the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in the Amendment or (as the case may be) in the Amendment as amended.
(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—
(a) a single Question on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment, and
(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in the Amendment or (as the case may be) in the Amendment as amended.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

(7) 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 single Question on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent stages

3.—(1) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the consideration forthwith of any further Message from the Lords on the Bill.

(2) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

4.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 3.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet decided.

(3) The Speaker 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.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

Reasons Committee

5. The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the appointment of its chairman.

6.—(1) The Committee shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.

(2) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.

(3) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-paragraph (2), the chairman shall—
(a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet been decided, and
(b) then put forthwith successively Questions on Motions which may be made by a Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in any of their Amendments.

(4) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question being put.

Miscellaneous

7. The following paragraphs apply to—
(a) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Bill.
(b) proceedings on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill, and
(c) proceedings on the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons (and the appointment of its chairman) and the report of such a Committee.

8. Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

9. The proceedings shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.
10. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a Minister of the Crown; and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

11. —(1) If on a day on which any of the proceedings to which paragraph 7 applies take place a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) would stand over to Seven o’clock—

(a) that Motion stands over until the conclusion of any of the proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time, and

(b) the bringing to a conclusion of any of the proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion after that time shall be postponed for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

(2) If a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 stands over from an earlier day to such a day, the bringing to a conclusion of the proceedings on that day is postponed for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

12. If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the expiry of the period at the end of which any of the 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—(Mr Adam Ingram);

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [11th July].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Greg Pope: 272.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr James Gray: 171.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Order of the House [11th July] shall be supplemented as follows—

Lords Amendments

1.—(1) Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Bill shall be completed at today’s sitting.

(2) If not previously concluded, they shall be brought to a conclusion at Ten o’clock.

2.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on the Bill to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet decided.

(3) If that Question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment, the Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single Question on any further amendments of the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in the Amendment or (as the case may be) in the Amendment as amended.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single Question on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in the Amendment or (as the case may be) in the Amendment as amended.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

(7) 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 single Question on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to the Lords Amendment.
Subsequent stages

3.—(1) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the consideration forthwith of any further Message from the Lords on the Bill.

(2) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

4.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 3.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet decided.

(3) The Speaker 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.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

Reasons Committee

5. The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the appointment of its chairman.

6.—(1) The Committee shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.

(2) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.

(3) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with subparagraph (2), the chairman shall—

(a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet been decided, and

(b) then put forthwith successively Questions on Motions which may be made by a Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in any of their Amendments.

(4) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question being put.

Miscellaneous

7. The following paragraphs apply to—

(a) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Bill.

(b) proceedings on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill, and

(c) proceedings on the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons (and the appointment of its chairman) and the report of such a Committee.

8. Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

9. The proceedings shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

10. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a Minister of the Crown; and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

11.—(1) If on a day on which any of the proceedings to which paragraph 7 applies take place a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) would stand over to Seven o’clock—

(a) that Motion stands over until the conclusion of any of the proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time, and

(b) the bringing to a conclusion of any of the proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion after that time shall be postponed for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.
(2) If a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 stands over from an earlier day to such a day, the bringing to a conclusion of the proceedings on that day is postponed for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

12. If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the expiry of the period at the end of which any of the 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.

10 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 23 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 24.

Question put, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment.—(Mr Secretary Mandelson.)

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr David Jamieson: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr James Gray: 121.

Lords Amendment No. 25 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 26

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 4, after the word 'shall', to insert the words 'particularly with regard to human rights'.—(Mr Kevin McNamara.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr John McDonnell: 32.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr David Jamieson: 252.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 27 to 60 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 61.

Question put, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment.—(Mr Adam Ingram.)

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Kevin Hughes: 293.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr William Thompson, Mr Roy Beggs: 122.

So the Question was agreed to.

And it being after Ten o'clock, the Speaker proceeded to put the Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Question put, That this House agrees with the Lords in the remaining Lords Amendments.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Jim Dowd: 299.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 81.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 62 to 139 were accordingly agreed to.

11 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day's sitting, the Motion in the name of Mr Richard Allan may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr David Clelland)—It was agreed to.

12 Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Farm Waste Grant (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) (England) (No. 2) Scheme 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2911), dated 30th October, a copy of which was laid before this House on 30th October, be approved—(Mr David Clelland)—It was agreed to.
13 International Immunities and Privileges,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft EUTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 30th October, be approved—(Mr David Clelland).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Jim Dowd: 283.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Douglas Hogg: 13.

Resolved, That the draft EUTELSAT (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 30th October, be approved.

14 Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology,—Resolved, That this House approves the First Report from the Information Committee on the Future of the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (House of Commons Paper No. 659).—(Mr Richard Allan.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Environmental Protection,—Highways Noise Payments and Movable Homes (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3086), dated 18th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Justices of the Peace,—Commission Areas (Dyfed Powys) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3096), dated 14th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

3 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 18th May 2000, made by the Governing Body of St. John’s College, Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

4 European Union,—Paper, entitled Developments in the European Union, January to June 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 4922] [Mr Secretary Cook].

5 Museums and Galleries,—Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Horniman Public Museum and Public Park Trust for 1999–2000 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

6 Northern Ireland,—Proposal for a draft Financial Investigations (Northern Ireland) Order 2001, with an Explanatory Document [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

7 Oil and Pipelines,—Report and Accounts of the Oil and Pipelines Agency for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

8 Provisional Orders (Scotland),—Reports 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 the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, That they have taken into consideration the representations which have been made to the Secretary of State for Scotland by

(1) Barclays Bank plc that they desire to obtain the Parliamentary powers specified therein, to be operative in Scotland and elsewhere, and that it is expedient that such powers should be conferred by one enactment because it is necessary to provide for the uniform regulation in Scotland and elsewhere of the affairs of Barclays Bank plc, and

(2) The National Australia Group Europe Limited that they desire to obtain the Parliamentary powers specified therein, to be operative in Scotland and elsewhere, and that it is expedient that such powers should be conferred by one enactment because it is necessary to provide for the uniform regulation in Scotland and elsewhere of the affairs of Clydesdale Bank plc and Yorkshire Bank plc

and are of the opinion that the said powers would be more properly obtained by the promotion of a Private Bill than by the promotion of a Private Bill and of a draft Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936.
9 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on:—

(1) the Petition [2nd November] from Peter Wright and others for restoration of the link between earnings and the state pension;

(2) the Petition [6th November] from residents of Truro and St Austell for the basic state pension to reflect a real share of the nation’s wealth; and

(3) the Petition [7th November] from residents of Carshalton and Wallington urging the Secretary of State to increase the basic state pension

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 69) on Children’s Services (Quality Protects) Special Grants for 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 (House of Commons Paper No. 968),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Barbara Follett and Mr Fabian Hamilton from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Special Grant Report); and nominated in substitution Mr Tony Clarke and Judy Mallaber.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Delivering Sustainable Waste Management]; to be printed [No. 903-v] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Prospects for the Nice European Council]; to be printed [No. 68-iii] [Mr Donald Anderson].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Work of the Home Office]; to be printed [No. 994-i] [Mr Robin Corbett].

4 International Development,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Corruption]; to be printed [No. 950-iii] [Mr Bowen Wells].

5 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Section 82 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999]; to be printed [No. 987-i] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

6 Public Administration,—(1) Fourth Report from the Public Administration Committee [The Annual Report of the Parliamentary Ombudsman]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 106]; and

(2) Fifth Report from the Committee [Administrative Failure: Inherited SERPS], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 433] [Tony Wright].

7 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Thirty-second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xxxii]; and

(2) Second Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 535-ii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

8 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review and other departmental matters]; to be printed [No. 995-ii] [Mr Martyn Jones].
Tuesday 21st November 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Clelland.)

And it being One o’clock, the sitting was adjourned, without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1 p.m.]

Wednesday 22nd November 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Double Taxation Relief (Shipping Transport) (Hong Kong) Order 2000 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxation on Income) (Norway) Order 2000.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Freedom of Information Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Freedom of Information Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Freedom of Information Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 187].

4 Honours and Decorations,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the award of certain honours and decorations; and for connected purposes—(Mr Fraser Kemp);

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. 23 (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 Ronnie Campbell, Mr Denis Murphy: 153.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Douglas Hogg: 58.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Lawrie Quinn, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Peter Killoyle, Mr Chris Ruane, Mr David Winnick and Bob Russell do prepare and bring in the Bill.

5 Honours and Decorations Bill,—Mr Fraser Kemp accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about the award of certain honours and decorations; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Wednesday 29th November and to be printed [Bill 186].

6 Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Fur Farming (Prohibition) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 2.

An Amendment ((b)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 8, to leave out the words ‘but need not’, and to insert the words ‘and shall’, instead thereof.—(Mr Douglas Hogg.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment to the Lords Amendment be made,
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Douglas Hogg, Mr Eric Forth: 27.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Jim Dowd: 303.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 5 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 5.

7 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) (No. 2) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 2nd November, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope)—It was agreed to.

8 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 2nd November, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope)—It was agreed to.

9 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 13th November, be approved—(Mr Greg Pope)—It was agreed to.

10 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, at this day’s sitting and the sittings on Thursday 23rd and Monday 27th November, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Message from the Lords shall be received—(Paddy Tipping);

Mr Keith Bradley 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, Jim Dowd, Mr Mike Hall: 257.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Douglas Hogg, Mr Eric Forth: 21.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr David Jamieson: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Eric Forth: 17.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, at this day’s sitting and the sittings on Thursday 23rd and Monday 27th November, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Message from the Lords shall be received.

11 Coal Operating Aid Scheme,—Resolved, That this House authorises the Secretary of State to pay, or undertake to pay, by way of financial assistance under section 8 of the Industrial Development Act 1982, and in respect of coal mining qualifying for aid under the UK Coal Operating Aid Scheme, sums exceeding £10 million for each of Hatfield Coal Company Ltd, Mining (Scotland) Limited, and RJB Mining plc.—(Mrs Helen Liddell.)

12 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Ryhill and Havercroft calling for a review of the criminal justice system following the death of Anna Fisher was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.
Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

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 Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) (No. 4) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3106), dated 21st November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Health and Safety,—Batteries and Accumulators (Containing Dangerous Substances) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3097), dated 20th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

3 Income Tax,—(1) Individual Savings Account (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3112), and

   (2) Personal Equity Plan (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3109), dated 22nd November 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

4 Northern Ireland Legislation,—Child Support, Pensions and Social Security Act (Northern Ireland) 2000, with an Explanatory and Financial Memorandum [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

Other Papers:

5 Cereals Marketing,—Report and Accounts of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority for 1999-2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

6 Comprehensive Spending Review,—Paper, entitled Investing in the Future: Departmental Investment Strategies: A Summary [by Command] [Cm. 4916] [Mr Andrew Smith].

7 National Debt,—Savings Certificates (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3110), dated 21st November 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

8 Treasury Executive Agencies,—Resource Accounts of the National Investment and Loans Office for 1999-2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 798] [Mr Stephen Timms].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Swiss Confederation on the Free Movement of Persons) Order 2000:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr John Bercow, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Colm Burgon, Ann Clwyd, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Robert Jackson, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Bill Michie, Bridget Prentice, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr David Taylor and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

2 Railways (Safety Case) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2688):

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Sir David Madel Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Don Foster, Mr Michael Foster, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Rob Laxton, Mr Michael Moore, Ms Julie Morgan, Mr Ted Rowlands, Helen Southworth, Mr Robert Syms, Dr Rudi Vis, Joan Walley and Mr Phil Woolas.

3 Social Security Amendment (Capital Limits and Earnings Disregards) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2245):

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Hugh Bayley, Mr Peter Bradley, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Martin Caton, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Kevin Hughes, Ms Fiona Jones, Mrs Jacqui Lati, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr John Maples, Mr Jim Murphy and Steve Webb.

4 Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Don Foster, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Mr Peter Temple-Morris, Mr Nigel Waterson, Sir Raymond Whitney and Mr John Wilkinson.

5 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 70) on Threshold Payments (House of Commons Paper No. 963), and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 71) on Leadership Group Payments (House of Commons Paper No. 964):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Reports to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Mr Clive Betts, Christine Butler, Mr Roger Casale, Tom Cox, Valerie Davey, Mr Gerard Davies, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mrs Theresa May, Estelle Morris, Mr John Randall, Rachel Squire, Dr Desmond Turner, Mr Andrew Tyrie and Mr Phil Willis.

6 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Wednesday 29th November.

European Standing Committees

7 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 21st November 2000 submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry, on informing and consulting employees, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [The Work of the Forestry Commission]; to be printed [No. 997-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Forestry Commission; Implementation of IACS in the European Union; Organic Farming]

[Mr David Curry].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Armed Forces Personnel Issues]; to be printed [No. 689-vi] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Recruiting Unemployed People]; to be printed [No. 533-vi] [Mr Derek Foster].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Twentieth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [UK Biodiversity], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [Nos. 441 and 441-III];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Development on or affecting the flood plain]; to be printed [No. 967-i];

(3) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Delivering Sustainable Waste Management]; and
(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Rail Investment: Renewal: Maintenance and Development of the National Rail Network]; to be printed [No. 671-iv] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody]; and

(5) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Committee [Delivering Sustainable Waste Management]; to be printed [No. 903-vi] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 European Scrutiny.—(1) Thirtieth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xxx]; and

(2) Memorandum [Government Response to the Seventeenth Report from the Committee, on the 2000 Inter-Governmental Conference] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Foreign Affairs.—Tenth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [China], 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. 574] [Mr Donald Anderson].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Relocation following Paramilitary Intimidation]; to be printed [No. 998-i] [Mr Peter Brooke].

8 Public Accounts.—(1) Forty-sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Kosovo: The Financial Management of Military Operations]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 582];

(2) Forty-seventh Report from the Committee [The National Health Service: Valedictory Hearing: Sir Alan Langlands], 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. 624]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Managing Costs in English Further Education Colleges]; to be printed [No. 999-i] [Mr David Davis].

9 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Special Advisers]; to be printed [No. 727-ii] [Mr Tony Wright].

10 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Corus plc]; to be printed [No. 899-iii] [Dr Michael Clark].

11 Social Security.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Integrated Child Credit]; to be printed [No. 951-ii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

12 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [2000 Pre-Budget Report]; to be printed [No. 988-iii] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 164; WH, No. 101.]

Wednesday 22nd November 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
Thursday 23rd November 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Dr Ashok Kumar reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Value Added Tax (Reduced Rate) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2954).

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

2 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 70) on Threshold Payments (House of Commons Paper No. 963), and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 71) on Leadership Group Payments (House of Commons Paper No. 964).

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

3 Adjournment (European Affairs),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Dowd);

4 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:

- Health Service Commissioners (Amendment) Act 2000
- Trustee Act 2000
- Licensing (Young Persons) Act 2000
- Warm Homes and Energy Conservation Act 2000
- Police (Northern Ireland) Act 2000

5 Adjournment (European Affairs),—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;

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

6 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the county of Kent and of Medway calling for the rejection of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords] and the Medway Council Bill [Lords] was presented and read, 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 David Jamieson);

And the Motion having been made at Seven o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting until a Message was received from the Lords, pursuant to the Standing Order and Order [yesterday].

Friday 24th November 2000

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

The Lords have agreed to the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

9 Countryside and Rights of Way Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 188].

10 Adjournment,—The Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to Order [22nd November], it being then twenty-seven minutes past Twelve o'clock on Friday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.27 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Animals,—Mink Keeping (England) Order 2000, dated 22nd November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

2 National Lottery,—(1) Draft Apportionment of Money in the National Lottery Distribution Fund Order 2000, and
   (2) draft Millennium Commission (Substitution of a Later Date) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Pensions,—Occupational Pensions (Revaluation) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3085), dated 16th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

4 Road Traffic,—Community Drivers’ Hours (Tankers) (Temporary Exception) (Revocation) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3115), dated 23rd November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

5 Building Societies,—Accounts of the Building Societies Commission, 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1000] [Clerk of the House].

6 Friendly Societies,—Accounts of the Friendly Societies Commission for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1001] [Clerk of the House].

7 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Office of Water Services: Leakage and Water Efficiency [by Act]; to be printed [No. 971] [Clerk of the House].


9 Public Petitions,—Observations from the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the Petition [24th May] from residents of Liverpool calling for stricter regulation of swimming pools [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Mr Secretary Cook].

10 Treaty Series (No. 127, 2000),—Agreement, done at Geneva on 25th June 1998, concerning the establishing of Global Technical Regulations for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be fitted and/or used on Wheeled Vehicles [by Command] [Cm. 4925] [Mr Secretary Cook].

11 Treaty Series (No. 128, 2000),—Agreement, done at Skopje on 1st October 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia concerning Air Services [by Command] [Cm. 4926] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Value Added Tax (Reduced Rate) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2954),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Julie Morgan from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Neil Gerrard.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [The Operation of the National Lottery]; to be printed [No. 958-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Public Health]; to be printed [No. 786-iii] [Mr David Hinchcliffe].
Thursday 23rd November 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o'clock.

Adjournment (Effectiveness of EC Development Assistance),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 28th November.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]

Friday 24th November 2000.

PRAYSERS.

1 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from citizens of the United Kingdom calling for retention of the pound was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

2 Adjournment (Sixth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee: The Environment Agency),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr David Jamieson);

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

3 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes past Two o'clock, adjourned till Monday 27th November.

[Adjourned at 2.24 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Standing Committees

Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nigel Waterson from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Damian Green.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Swiss Confederation on the Free Movement of Persons) Order 2000.

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

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir David Madel reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Railways (Safety Case) (Regulations) 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2688).

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords insist on certain of their Amendments to the Transport Bill, to which this House has disagreed, for which insistance they assign their Reason, they do not insist on another Amendment to which the Commons have disagreed, but propose Amendments in lieu thereof, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Race Relations (Amendment) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

4 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 189].

5 Transport Bill.—Lords Reason for insisting on certain of their Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed, and Amendments in lieu of another Amendment to which the Commons have disagreed to the Transport Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 190].

6 Freedom of Information Bill and Countryside and Rights of Way Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Freedom of Information Bill and the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill—

Lords Amendments

1.—(1) Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Freedom of Information Bill shall be completed at today's sitting and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at midnight.

(2) Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill shall be completed on the allotted day and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at 10.00 p.m. on that day.

2.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on either of the Bills to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

(3) If that Question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment, the Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single Question on any further Amendments of the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.
(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question that this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

(7) As soon as the House has—
   (a) agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of their Amendments, or
   (b) disposed of an Amendment relevant to a Lords Amendment which has been disagreed to,
the Speaker shall put forthwith a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent stages

3.—(1) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the consideration forthwith of any further Message from the Lords on either of the Bills.

(2) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

4.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 3.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

(3) The Speaker 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.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question that this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

Reasons Committee

5. The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the appointment of its Chairman.

6.—(1) The Committee shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.

(2) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.

(3) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-paragraph (2), the Chairman shall—
   (a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided, and
   (b) then put forthwith successively Questions on Motions which may be made by a Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in any of their Amendments.

(4) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question being put.

Miscellaneous

7.—(1) The following paragraphs apply to—
   (a) proceedings at today’s sitting on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Freedom of Information Bill,
   (b) proceedings on the allotted day on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill,
   (c) proceedings on any further message from the Lords on either of the Bills, and
   (d) proceedings at today’s sitting or on the allotted day on the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons (and the appointment of its Chairman) and the Report of such a Committee.

8. Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

9. The proceedings shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

10. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a Minister of the Crown; and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.
11.—(1) If on a day on which any of the proceedings take place a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) would stand over to Seven o’clock—

(a) that Motion stands over until the conclusion of any of the proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time, and

(b) the bringing to a conclusion of any of the proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion after that time is postponed for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

(2) If a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 stands over from an earlier day to such a day, the bringing to a conclusion of any of the proceedings on that day is postponed for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

12. If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the expiry of the period at the end of which any of the 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.

Interpretation

13. In this Order, “allotted day” means any day on which the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill is put down on the main business as first Government Order of the Day.—

(Mr Secretary Straw.)

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83 (Allocation of time to bills).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Clive Betts: 347.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 156.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Freedom of Information Bill and the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill—

Lords Amendments

1.—(1) Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Freedom of Information Bill shall be completed at today’s sitting and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at midnight.

(2) Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill shall be completed on the allotted day and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at 10.00 p.m. on that day.

2.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on either of the Bills to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

(3) If that Question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment, the Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single Question on any further Amendments of the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question that this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

(7) As soon as the House has—

(a) agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of their Amendments, or
(b) disposed of an Amendment relevant to a Lords Amendment which has been disagreed to,

the Speaker shall put forthwith a single Question on any Amendments moved by a
Minister of the Crown relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent stages

3.—(1) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a
Minister of the Crown for the consideration forthwith of any further Message from the
Lords on either of the Bills.

(2) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously
concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

4.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings to a conclusion
in accordance with paragraph 3

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from
the Chair and not yet decided.

(3) The Speaker 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.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a
Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question that this House agrees with the
Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

Reasons Committee

5. The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister
of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up
Reasons and the appointment of its Chairman.

6.—(1) The Committee shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is
appointed.

(2) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a
collection 30 minutes after their commencement.

(3) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-
paragraph (2), the Chairman shall—

(a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not
yet decided, and

(b) then put forthwith successively Questions on Motions which may be made by a
Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in
any of their Amendments.

(4) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question
being put.

Miscellaneous

7.—(1) The following paragraphs apply to—

(a) proceedings at today’s sitting on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the
Freedom of Information Bill,

(b) proceedings on the allotted day on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the
Countryside and Rights of Way Bill,

(c) proceedings on any further message from the Lords on either of the Bills, and

(d) proceedings at today’s sitting or on the allotted day on the appointment,
nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons (and the
appointment of its Chairman) and the Report of such a Committee.

8. Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

9. The proceedings shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the
sittings of the House.

10. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be
made except by a Minister of the Crown; and the Question on any such Motion shall be
put forthwith.

11.—(1) If on a day on which any of the proceedings take place a Motion for the
Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and
important matter that should have urgent consideration) would stand over to Seven o’clock—

(a) that Motion stands over until the conclusion of any of the proceedings which are
to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time, and
(b) the bringing to a conclusion of any of the proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion after that time is postponed for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

(2) If a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 stands over from an earlier day to such a day, the bringing to a conclusion of any of the proceedings on that day is postponed for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

12. If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the expiry of the period at the end of which any of the 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.

Interpretation

13. In this Order, “allotted day” means any day on which the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill is put down on the main business as first Government Order of the Day.

7 Freedom of Information Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Freedom of Information Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 3 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 4.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) In making any determination under subsection (1)(b) or (2)(b) in respect of information which is exempt by virtue of section 28 and which has at any time been held by an authority for the purposes of ascertaining the cause of an accident or for any investigation or proceedings relating to any requirement relating to the health, safety or welfare of members of the public or of persons at work or the protection of the environment—

(a) the public interest in disclosing whether the public authority holds the information shall be regarded as outweighing the public interest in maintaining the exclusion of the duty to confirm or deny; and

(b) the public interest in disclosing the information shall be regarded as outweighing the public interest in maintaining the exemption

unless, in either case, to do so would or would be likely to prejudice any particular investigations or proceedings of the kind referred to in that section.

(2B) Where—

(a) disclosing whether information referred to in subsection (2A) is held, or

(b) disclosing information referred to in subsection (2A)

would or would be likely to have either of the effects referred to in that subsection, nothing in that subsection shall prejudice the generality of subsection (1)(b) or (2)(b).—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment to the Lords Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Lembit Öpik: 56.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mrs Anne McGuire: 343.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.

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And it being midnight, the Deputy Speaker put the Question proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [27th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 368.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Stephen Day: 115.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.
The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Don Touhig: 364.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 116.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 6 to 118 were accordingly agreed to.

8 Income Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Shipping Transport) (Hong Kong) Order 2000 be made in the form of the draft laid before the House on 2nd November—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—It was agreed to.

9 Income Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxation on Income) (Norway) Order 2000 be made in the form of the draft laid before the House on 2nd November—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—It was agreed to.

10 Accommodation and Works Committee,—Ordered, That Mr Colin Burgon be discharged from the Accommodation and Works Committee and Mr Tony Banks be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Health Committee,—Ordered, That Siobhain McDonagh be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mrs Anne McGuire).

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 One o'clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 1 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Research Purposes) Regulations 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Education,—Education (Inspectors of Schools in England) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3058), dated 15th November [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

4 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 4) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3057), dated 15th November 2000 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].


6 Town and Country Planning,—Town and Country Planning (Costs of Inquiries etc.) (Standard Daily Amount) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3089), dated 20th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

7 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statutes, dated 2nd June 2000, made by the Governing Body of St Edmund Hall, Oxford, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].
Other Papers:

8 Health,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Health Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Consultants' Contracts [by Command] [Cm. 4930] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

9 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of the British Museum for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1002] [Clerk of the House].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [13th November] from cleft lip and/or palate NHS patients and others calling for a quality audit of cleft lip and palate services [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

11 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the New Addington Education Action Zone for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1003] [Clerk of the House].


APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Swiss Confederation on the Free Movement of Persons) Order 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Harry Barnes from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Dr Doug Naysmith.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Information,—(1) Second Report from the Information Committee [Information Technology Provision for Members], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 758]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Information Technology Provision for Members]
[Mr Richard Allan].

2 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Action to Improve Passenger Rail Services]; to be printed [No. 757-i] [Mr David Davis].

[No. 168.]

Tuesday 28th November 2000.

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 yesterday 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 (Shipping Transport) (Hong Kong) Order 2000 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxation on Income) (Norway) Order 2000 be made in the form of the drafts laid before your House. I will comply with your request.

2 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 21st November, That the promoters of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due up to that date have been paid;
That, if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the next Session, a declaration signed by the agent shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill brought from the Lords in the present Session;

That the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay upon the Table of the House a certificate, that such a declaration has been deposited;

That in the next Session the Bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it has passed in the present Session, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;

That no further fees shall be charged to such stages;

And objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Tuesday 12th December.

3 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 21st November, That the promoters of the Medway Council Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due up to that date have been paid;

That, if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the next Session, a declaration signed by the agent shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill brought from the Lords in the present session;

That the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay upon the Table of the House a certificate, that such a declaration has been deposited;

That in the next Session the Bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it has passed in the present Session, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;

That no further fees shall be charged to such stages;

And objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Tuesday 12th December.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Disqualifications Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Children (Leaving Care) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill to which this House has disagreed; they do not insist on certain other of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed, and agree, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House in lieu thereof, they do not insist on the remaining Amendments to which this House has disagreed, but propose Amendments in lieu thereof, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; they agree, without Amendment, to the consequential Amendments made by this House to the Bill; and they agree, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to their remaining Amendments.

5 Disqualifications Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Disqualifications Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 192].

6 Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill,—Lords Amendments in lieu of Lords Amendments to the Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill to which this House has disagreed to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 193].

7 New Members sworn,—John Robertson, Esquire, Member for the Burgh Constituency of Glasgow Anniesland, was sworn.

Mark Phillip Hendrick, Esquire, Member for the Borough Constituency of Preston, was sworn.

Adrian Edward Bailey, Esquire, Member for the Borough Constituency of West Bromwich West, was sworn.
8 Town and Country Planning (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend section 31 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 so as to allow local planning authorities to determine themselves in the structure plan the amount of new housing, including figures for housing provision in each district: And that Mr Tony Baldry, Mr Nick St Aubyn, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Patrick Nicholls and Mr Ian Taylor do prepare and bring it in.

9 Town and Country Planning (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Tony Baldry accordingly presented a Bill to amend section 31 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 so as to allow local planning authorities to determine themselves in the structure plan the amount of new housing, including figures for housing provision in each district: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 191].

10 Countryside and Rights of Way Bill [allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Countryside and Rights of Way Bill. Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 18 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 19.

An Amendment ((b)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 8, after the word ‘to’, to insert the words ‘and appropriate points of access to,’.—(Mr James Paice.)

Question put, That the Amendment to the Lords Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr James Gray, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 156.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 327.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendments Nos. 20 to 98 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments No. 33.

Lords Amendment No. 99.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 28, at the end to insert the words—

'(ea) make specific provision in respect of premises constructed before 1906.'.—(Sir George Young.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment to the Lords Amendment be made:—

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 100 to 104 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 100.

Lords Amendment No. 105.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Michael Meacher);

And it being Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the Question proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [yesterday].

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

The Speaker then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

Lords Amendments Nos. 106 to 281 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 124 and 268.

11 Transport Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider Lords Reasons for insisting on certain Lords Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed and Lords Amendments in lieu of a Lords Amendment to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Lords Reason for insisting on their Amendments Nos. 27 to 29 was read, as follows:

Because the public-private partnership should be delayed until such time as it has a mandate from the electorate at a General Election.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendments—(Mr Secretary Prescott);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr David Jamieson: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Peter Atkinson: 217.

So the Question was agreed to.

And it being more than one hour after the commencement of proceedings, the Speaker put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings, pursuant to Order [15th November].

An Amendment (a)) was proposed to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 27, in page 27, line 5, at the end to insert the words—

‘( ) No direction may be given under this section before the end of the period of three months starting with the day on which this Act is passed.’—(Mr Nick Raynsford.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 302.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr James Gray: 205.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Amendment in lieu of the Lords Amendment was accordingly made.

Other Amendments ((b) and (c)) were made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 28 and 29.

Lords Amendments in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 31 were agreed to.

12 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Video recording of interviews) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 1st November, be approved—(Mr Robert Ainsworth)—It was agreed to.

13 Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Value Added Tax (Reduced Rate) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2954) dated 2nd November, a copy of which was laid before this House on 2nd November, be approved—(Mr Robert Ainsworth)—It was agreed to.

14 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 69) on Children’s Services (Quality Protects) Special Grants for 1999–2000 and 2000–2001 (House of Commons Paper No. 968), which was laid before this House on 13th November, be approved—(Mr Robert Ainsworth)—It was agreed to.

15 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) citizens of the United Kingdom resident in Andorra for parity of pension provision for citizens at home and abroad, and

(2) residents of Hastings and Rye against National Front marches

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

16 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Clive Betts),

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.02 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

5. Environment, Transport and the Regions.—(1) Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, on the Rural White Paper, and

   (2) Paper, entitled Our countryside: the future—A fair deal for rural England [by Command] (Cm. 4910 and 4909) (Mr Secretary Prescott).

6. Overseas Pensions.—(1) Overseas Public Officers’ Pensions (Pension Sharing) Amendment Scheme 2000, and

   (2) Overseas Service Pensions Amendment (No. 2) Scheme 2000 [by Act] (Secretary Clare Short).

7. Public Petitions.—Observations by—

   (1) the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [11th May] from citizens of the United Kingdom for the award of a medal to every conscripted National Serviceman and the erection of a national monument to peace, and

   (2) the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the Petition [13th November] from residents of the constituency of Warrington North calling for residents to have a greater say in the siting of telecommunications masts [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Social Security Amendment (Capital Limits and Earnings Disregards) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2545).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Norman A. Godman from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations), and nominated in substitution Mr Alan W. Williams.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Agriculture.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Flood and Coastal Defence Follow-up], to be printed [No. 761]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Badgers and Bovine Tuberculosis Follow-up; Flood and Coastal Defence: Follow-up; Horticulture Research International; Implementation of IACS in the European Union; Organic Farming ] [Mr David Curry].
2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Delivering Sustainable Waste Management]; to be printed [No. 903-vii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

3 Statutory Instruments.—Thirty-third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 47-xxxiii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

4 Trade and Industry.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Office of Gas and Electricity Markets]; to be printed [No. 193-ii]; and

   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Rail Manufacturing at Corus Rail, Workington]
   [Mr Martin O’Neill].

5 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 21st and 28th November [The Bank of England November Inflation Report]; to be printed [Nos. 760-i and—ii] [Mr Giles Radice].

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at Ten o’clock.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

And it being One o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 Falkirk West Writ.—Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County Constituency of Falkirk West, in the room of Dennis Andrew Canavan Esquire, who since his election for the said County Constituency has accepted the Office of Steward or Bailiff of Her Majesty’s Manor of Northstead in the County of York.—(Mrs Ann Taylor.)

2 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee the matter of the Review of the future of the juvenile justice centre estate, published by the Northern Ireland Office in March 2000, referred to it on 20th November 2000.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 324].

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Social Security Amendment (Capital Limits and Earnings Disregards) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2545).

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

4 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000.

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:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Transport Bill to which the Commons have disagreed and agree to the Amendments made by the Commons in lieu thereof without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Insolvency Bill (Lords), without Amendment.

6 European Standing Committee A.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European Standing Committee A be printed [No. 765].

7 European Standing Committee B.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European Standing Committee B be printed [No. 766].

8 European Standing Committee C.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European Standing Committee C be printed [No. 767].

9 Scottish Grand Committee.—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Scottish Grand Committee be printed [No. 764].

10 Rewarding Democracy Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a Commission, to be called the Rewarding Democracy Commission, to inquire into the reasons why those entitled to vote in elections either fail to register as an elector or decline to vote when registered and to produce recommendations for rewarding those who vote in parliamentary and other elections—(Mr Jimmy Hood);

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. 23 (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 Eric Clarke, Mr Bill Tynan: 79.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Stephen O’Brien: 143.

So the Question was negatived.

11 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill and Disqualifications Bill (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill and the Disqualifications Bill:

Lords Amendments

1.—(1) Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill shall be completed at today’s sitting and, if not previously concluded, shall be brought to a conclusion at midnight.

(2) Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Disqualifications Bill shall be completed in one allotted day and, if not previously concluded, shall be brought to a conclusion three hours after their commencement.

2.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on either Bill to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

(3) If that Question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment, the Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single Question on any further Amendments of the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.
(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question that this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

(7) As soon as the House has—
(a) agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of their Amendments, or
(b) disposed of an Amendment relevant to a Lords Amendment which has been disagreed to,
the Speaker shall put forthwith a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent stages

3.—(1) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the consideration forthwith of any further Message from the Lords on either Bill.
(2) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

4.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 3.
(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.
(3) The Speaker 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.
(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message.
(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question that this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

Reasons Committee

5.—(1) This paragraph applies to any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, in relation to either Bill, for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the appointment of its Chairman.
(2) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on the Motion.
(3) The Committee shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.
(4) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.
(5) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-paragraph (4), the Chairman shall—
(a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided, and
(b) then put forthwith successively Questions on Motions which may be made by a Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in any of their Amendments.
(6) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question being put.

Miscellaneous

6.—(1) The following paragraphs apply to—
(a) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill,
(b) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Disqualifications Bill,
(c) proceedings on any further Message from the Lords on either Bill, and
(d) proceedings on the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons (and the appointment of its Chairman) and the Report of such a Committee.

7. Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.
8. The proceedings shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.
9. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made except by a Minister of the Crown; and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.
10.—(1) If on a day on which any of the proceedings take place a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) would stand over to Seven o’clock—
(a) that Motion stands over until the conclusion of any of the proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time, and
(b) the bringing to a conclusion of any of the proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion after that time is postponed for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

(2) If a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 stands over from an earlier day to such a day, the bringing to a conclusion of any of the proceedings on that day is postponed for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

11. If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the expiry of the period at the end of which any of the 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.

The allotted day

12. In this Order, “allotted day” means any day on which the Disqualifications Bill is put down on the main business as first Government Order of the Day.—(Mr Secretary Straw.)

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 83 (Allocation of time to Bills).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Mike Hall: 358.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr James Gray: 177.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the remaining proceedings on the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill and the Disqualifications Bill:

Lords Amendments

1.—(1) Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill shall be completed at today’s sitting and, if not previously concluded, shall be brought to a conclusion at midnight.

(2) Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Disqualifications Bill shall be completed in one allotted day and, if not previously concluded, shall be brought to a conclusion three hours after their commencement.

2.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on either Bill to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

(3) If that Question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment, the Speaker shall then put forthwith—
(a) a single Question on any further Amendments of the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown, and
(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—
(a) a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment, and
(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question that this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

(7) As soon as the House has—
(a) agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of their Amendments, or
(b) disposed of an Amendment relevant to a Lords Amendment which has been
    disagreed to,

    the Speaker shall put forthwith a single Question on any Amendments moved by a
    Minister of the Crown relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent stages

3.—(1) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a
    Minister of the Crown for the consideration forthwith of any further Message from the
    Lords on either Bill.

    (2) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously
        concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

4.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings to a conclusion
    in accordance with paragraph 3

    (2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from
        the Chair and not yet decided.

    (3) The Speaker 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.

    (4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a
        Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message.

    (5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question that this House agrees with the
        Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

Reasons Committee

5.—(1) This paragraph applies to any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, in
    relation to either Bill, for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to
    draw up Reasons and the appointment of its Chairman.

    (2) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on the Motion.

    (3) The Committee shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is
        appointed.

    (4) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a
        conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.

    (5) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-
        paragraph (4), the Chairman shall—

        (a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair and not
            yet decided, and

        (b) then put forthwith successively Questions on Motions which may be made by a
            Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in
            any of their Amendments.

    (6) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question
        being put.

Miscellaneous

6.—(1) The following paragraphs apply to—

        (a) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Political Parties,
            Elections and Referendums Bill,

        (b) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Disqualifications
            Bill,

        (c) proceedings on any further Message from the Lords on either Bill, and

        (d) proceedings on the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to
            draw up Reasons (and the appointment of its Chairman) and the Report of such
            a Committee.

7. Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to the proceedings.

8. The proceedings shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the
    sittings of the House.

9. No dilatory Motion with respect to, or in the course of, the proceedings shall be made
    except by a Minister of the Crown; and the Question on any such Motion shall be put
    forthwith.

10.—(1) If on a day on which any of the proceedings take place a Motion for the
    Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific
    and important matter that should have urgent consideration) would stand over to Seven
    o’clock—
(a) that Motion stands over until the conclusion of any of the proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion at or before that time, and

(b) the bringing to a conclusion of any of the proceedings which are to be brought to a conclusion after that time is postponed for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

(2) If a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 stands over from an earlier day to such a day, the bringing to a conclusion of any of the proceedings on that day is postponed for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings on that Motion.

11. If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the expiry of the period at the end of which any of the 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.

The allotted day

12. In this Order, “allotted day” means any day on which the Disqualifications Bill is put down on the main business as first Government Order of the Day.

12. Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 31 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 19.

Lords Amendment No. 32.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr David Clelland),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Dowd, Mrs Anne McGuire: 380.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luff: 143.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 33 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 34.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Paddy Tipping),

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And it being midnight, the Deputy Speaker put the Question proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 130.

Question put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Mike O'Brien),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Jim Dowd: 343.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 172.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Speaker then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Jim Dowd: 370.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luff: 141.

So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 35 to 129 and 131 to 666 were accordingly agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 71, 359 to 361 and 637.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 130.

That Mr Stephen Day, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr Robert Walter be members of the Committee.

That Mr Mike O’Brien be the Chairman of the Committee.

That three be the Quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

13 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 70) on Threshold Payments (House of Commons Paper No. 963), which was laid before this House on 20th November, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

14 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 71) on Leadership Group Payments (House of Commons Paper No. 964), which was laid before this House on 20th November, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

15 European Communities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement between the European Community and its Member States and the Swiss Confederation on the Free Movement of Persons) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 20th November, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

16 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill,—Mr Mike O’Brien reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill, that it had drawn up the following Reason, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 130 for the following Reason:—

Because it interferes with the public revenue, 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.

17 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Essex and others for the continuation of breast screening services at the Lady McAdden Breast Screening Unit in Westcliff-on-Sea, and

(2) members of the West Midlands Federation of Townswomen’s Guilds against mixed-sex wards in hospitals

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

18 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute past One o’clock, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 1.01 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Arms and Ammunition,—Firearms (Variation of Fees) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3148), dated 27th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Other Papers:

3 Education and Employment,—Department for Education and Employment Minute, dated 29th November 2000, concerning a contingent liability in respect of an indemnity issued to the administrator of the National Framework for Individual Learning Accounts [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

4 School Standards and Framework,—Account of the North Southwark Education Action Zone for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 763] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Social Security Amendment (Capital Limits and Earnings Disregards) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2545),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter Bradley from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Ms Karen Buck.

European Standing Committees

2 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 28th November 2000 submitted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, relating to Fisheries: total allowable catches and quotas 2001, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

3 European Union Document No. 5196/99 relating to the Control of Certain Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

4 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 27th November 2000 submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, relating to European Defence: Presidency Report to Nice, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

5 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 23rd November 2000 submitted by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, relating to the Declaration on Sport, has been referred to European Standing Committee C together with European Union Documents Nos. COM(99) 644, relating to The Helsinki Report on Sport, and COM(99) 643, relating to Doping in Sport, already referred to the Committee on 5th April 2000.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Ninth Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Committee, on Regional Service Centres]; to be printed [No. 802] [Mr David Curry].

2 Agriculture and Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken jointly before the Agriculture and Health Committees [The Phillips Report and the Food Standards Agency], to be printed [No. 762] [Mr David Curry].

3 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Armed Forces Personnel Issues]; to be printed [No. 689-vii] [Mr Bruce George].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Inland Waterways], to be printed [No. 947-iii]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Rail Investment: Renewal, Maintenance and Development of the National Rail Network]; to be printed [No. 671-v] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

5 European Scrutiny,—(1) Thirty-First Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 23-xxi]; and

(2) First Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Seventeenth Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on the 2000 Inter-Governmental Conference]; to be printed [No. 803] [Mr Jim Marshall].
6 International Development,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Annual Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank]; to be printed [No. 966-ii]; and
    (2) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 7th and 29th November [Annual Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank]; to be printed [Nos. 966-iii and -iv]
    [Mr Bowen Wells].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Parades Commission]; to be printed [No. 463-iii] [Mr Peter Brooke].

8 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Integrated Child Credit]; to be printed [No. 951-iii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 169; WH, No. 104.]

Wednesday 29th November 2000.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].
The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Don Touhig)
   And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.
   [Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 170.]

Thursday 30th November 2000.
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   The Lords have agreed to the Protection of Animals (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.
   The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Bill, to which this House has disagreed.

2 Accommodation and Works,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Accommodation and Works Committee be printed [No. 768].

3 Administration,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Administration Committee be printed [No. 769].

4 Agriculture,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Agriculture Committee be printed [No. 770].

5 Broadcasting,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Broadcasting Committee be printed [No. 771].

6 Catering,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Catering Committee be printed [No. 772].

7 Culture, Media and Sport,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee be printed [No. 773].

8 Defence,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Defence Committee be printed [No. 774].

9 Education and Employment,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Education and Employment Committee be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Education Sub-Committee and the Employment Sub-Committee [No. 775].

10 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Environment Sub-Committee and the Transport Sub-Committee [No. 776].
11 Environmental Audit,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Environmental Audit Committee be printed [No. 777].

12 European Scrutiny,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the European Scrutiny Committee be printed [No. 779].

13 Finance and Services,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance and Services Committee be printed [No. 780].

14 Foreign Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Foreign Affairs Committee be printed [No. 781].

15 Health,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Health Committee be printed [No. 782].

16 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Home Affairs Committee be printed [No. 783].

17 Information,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Information Committee be printed [No. 784].

18 International Development,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the International Development Committee be printed [No. 785].

19 Liaison,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Liaison Committee be printed [No. 787].

20 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons be printed [No. 788].

21 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee be printed [No. 789].

22 Procedure,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Procedure Committee be printed [No. 790].

23 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee of Public Accounts be printed [No. 791].

24 Public Administration,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Public Administration be printed [No. 792].

25 Science and Technology,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Science and Technology Committee be printed [No. 793].

26 Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Scottish Affairs Committee be printed [No. 794].

27 Social Security,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Social Security Committee be printed [No. 795].

28 Standards and Privileges,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on Standards and Privileges be printed [No. 796].

29 Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments be printed [No. 797].

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. 805].

31 Trade and Industry,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Trade and Industry Committee be printed [No. 799].

32 Treasury,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Treasury Committee be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Treasury Sub-Committee [No. 800].

33 Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Welsh Affairs Committee be printed [No. 801].

34 Disqualifications Bill [allotted day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Disqualifications Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr George Howarth);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mrs Anne McGuire: 338.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Peter Atkinson: 129.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

It being more than three hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question he was required to put at that hour, pursuant to Order [yesterday].

And the Question being put, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 9 were accordingly agreed to.

Order, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 1;

That Mr James Cran, Jim Dowd, Mr George Howarth, Mr Tom Levitt and Mr John M. Taylor be members of the Committee;

That Mr George Howarth be the Chairman of the Committee;

That three be the quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Jim Dowd.)

35 Disqualifications Bill,—Mr George Howarth reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Disqualifications Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reason, which he was required to report to the House, pursuant to Order [yesterday]:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 1 for the following Reason:—

Because it is appropriate to remove the disqualification for membership of the House of Commons and Northern Ireland Assembly of members of the legislature of Ireland (the Oireachtas).

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill.

36 Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Criminal Justice and Court Services Bill in lieu of the Lords Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed.

Lords Amendment No. 121.

The Lords Amendment in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 121 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 135.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 135;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Mike Hall: 275.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr James Gray: 116.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 135 was accordingly agreed to.

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Disqualifications Bill to which this House has disagreed.

38 Environmental Protection,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 20th November, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson)—It was agreed to.

39 Human Rights (Joint Committee),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Lords Message [12th July] communicating a Resolution, That it is expedient that a Joint Committee of both Houses be appointed—
to consider and report on:

(a) matters relating to human rights in the United Kingdom (but excluding consideration of individual cases);

(b) proposals for remedial orders, draft remedial orders and remedial orders made under section 10 of and laid under Schedule 2 to the Human Rights Act 1998; and

(c) in respect of draft remedial orders and remedial orders, whether the special attention of the House should be drawn to them on any of the grounds specified in House of Lords Standing Order 73 (Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments);

to report to the House:

(a) in relation to any document containing proposals laid before the House under paragraph 3 of the said Schedule 2, its recommendation whether a draft order in the same terms as the proposals should be laid before the House;

(b) in relation to any draft order laid under paragraph 2 of the said Schedule 2, its recommendation whether the draft order should be approved;

and to have power to report to the House on any matter arising from its consideration of the said proposals or draft orders, and

to report to the House in respect of any original order laid under paragraph 4 of the said Schedule 2, its recommendation whether:

(a) the order should be approved in the form in which it was originally laid before Parliament; or

(b) that the order should be replaced by a new order modifying the provisions of the original order; or

(c) that the order should not be approved,

and to have power to report to the House on any matter arising from its consideration of the said order or any replacement order,

be now considered—(Paddy Tipping); 

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

40 Message to attend the Lords Commissioners,—A Message from the Lords Commissioners was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses, and under the Parliament Acts 1911 and 1949 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 agreed upon by both Houses:—

Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000
Children (Leaving Care) Act 2000
Freedom of Information Act 2000
Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000
Transport Act 2000
Insolvency Act 2000
Protection of Animals (Amendment) Act 2000
Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000
Disqualifications Act 2000
Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000
The Royal Assent was given to the following Act, passed under the provisions of the Parliament Acts 1911 and 1949:


(The said Bill having been endorsed by the Speaker with the following Certificate:—

I certify, in reference to this Bill, that the provisions of section two of the Parliament Act 1911, as amended by section one of the Parliament Act 1949, have been duly complied with.

Michael J. Martin
Speaker.)

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,

My Government has taken action to secure economic stability and steady growth, based on its long-term objectives for monetary and fiscal policy. The goal is high and stable levels of growth and employment. My Government has sought to secure the conditions which enable it to increase investment in public services.

Improving education continues to be my Government’s highest priority. An Act has been passed to establish a new Learning and Skills Council to secure high standards for post-16 education and training and a new emphasis on securing skills needed in the economy.

Legislation has been passed to improve health and social care, reforming the system for protection of vulnerable people.

My Government has published an NHS Plan, setting out a programme of investment and reform for the health service. The Plan will redesign NHS services to focus on the needs of patients, and will be supported by a sustained increase in NHS funding.

To ensure high levels of employment, my Government is continuing the New Deal to help more young people and the long-term unemployed, and announced the creation of a new Working Age agency to continue the progress made on developing Welfare to Work policies.

My Government is continually looking for ways to improve productivity, including in the public sector. The spending plans announced in July were accompanied by Public Service Agreements setting out targets for service improvement. An Act has been passed to introduce the latest accounting methods in Whitehall.

My Government is committed to delivering a competitive and well-regulated economy. An Act has been passed which reforms the regulatory framework for the gas and electricity sectors in England and Wales. Legislation has been enacted to transform the Post Office into a plc owned by the Government. Legislation has also been passed to improve the regulation of financial services and markets, establishing the Financial Services Authority as the single statutory regulator.

An Act has been passed to remove legal barriers and create a framework of trust to make it easier for commercial transactions and Government services to take place electronically.

An Act has been passed to reform the child support system. It also reforms the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme through the introduction of a State Second Pension and provides for the withdrawal of benefits from offenders who fail to complete community sentences.

Measures have been put forward to reduce crime. An Act has been passed to improve the protection of children from violent and sex offenders and to strengthen community sentences. Legislation has been enacted to provide new powers for the police and courts to tackle disorder connected with football matches.

An Act has been passed to put in place permanent UK-wide legislation against terrorism. Legislation has also been passed to update and regulate law enforcement capabilities to address changes in technology and the introduction of the Human Rights Act.

An Act has been passed which fulfils my Government’s promise to legislate on a range of transport issues. This reforms air traffic control, railways and local transport services. My Government has published a ten-year plan for the modernisation of the country’s transport system.

My Government has continued its plans for the reform of local government. An Act has been passed to improve its accountability and innovation.
An Act has been passed to give the public a new right of access to open countryside. It also improves the law on rights of way and the management of Sites of Special Scientific Interest and Areas of Outstanding National Beauty and strengthens the enforcement of wildlife law.

My Government has continued its programme of constitutional reform. Legislation has been enacted which will give the public a statutory right of access to information held by public authorities.

An Act has been passed to regulate the funding of political parties and campaign expenditure and to ensure the fair conduct of referendums.

My Government is determined to improve equality of opportunity. An Act has been passed outlawing race discrimination in certain public functions and placing a duty on specified public authorities to promote race equality.

My Government has continued to co-operate with the devolved administrations in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland in the interests of all of the people in the United Kingdom.

In Northern Ireland my Government has worked closely with the Irish Government to secure full implementation of the Good Friday Agreement. It has fulfilled its commitment to transfer powers to the Northern Ireland Assembly in accordance with the wishes of the people as expressed in a referendum.

An Act has been passed to implement recommendations of the Report of the Independent Commission on policing in Northern Ireland. My Government will continue to implement other parts of the Good Friday agreement within its responsibility.

Members of the House of Commons,

I thank you for the provision you have made for the work and dignity of the Crown and for the public service.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

The Duke of Edinburgh and I were pleased to receive the State Visit of Her Majesty Queen Margrethe of Denmark and Prince Henrik in February.

We recall with pleasure our visit to Australia in March. Similarly we were delighted to pay a State Visit to Italy and a Visit to the Holy See in October.

My Government has continued to take a leading role in the European Union. The Special European Council in Lisbon signalled new developments in Europe’s approach to economic and social reform.

Preparing for enlargement is a challenge for the European Union, and my Government is playing a key role. My Government has worked for practical measures to strengthen the European Union’s foreign and security policy and continues to work with our allies to strengthen and modernise NATO.

My Government has made a large political, military and financial commitment to build peace and stability in the Balkans. It has played a leading role in helping to re-build Kosovo.

My Government has taken decisive action in support of the United Nations operation in Sierra Leone, and continued to support the United Nations in bringing self-determination to the people of East Timor.

In the G8 and other forums my Government has taken a leading role in tackling issues of poverty eradication, debt relief and the causes of conflict.

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may attend you.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

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 sixth day of December, to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday the sixth day of December next.
APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Pensions.—Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase (No. 2) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Social Security.—(1) Draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating (No. 2) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling], and

(2) Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Education.—(1) Education (Grants) (Purcell School) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3160), dated 26th November 2000, and


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


5 Public Passenger Transport.—Road Transport (Passenger Vehicles Cabotage) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3114), dated 22nd November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3165), dated 29th November 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

Other Papers:

7 Environment, Transport and the Regions.—(1) Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, on the Audit Commission, and


[by Command] [Cm. 4931 and 4932] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 Law Reform (Scotland).—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Conveyancing and Executry Services Board for 1999-2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 891] [Mr Secretary Reid].


10 Social Security.—Report by the Government Actuary on the drafts of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating (No. 2) Order 2000 and the Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 4933] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Paper withdrawn:

11 Broadcasting.—Draft Broadcasting (Limit on the Holding of Licences to Provide Television Multiplex Services) Order 2000 [laid 1st November].
Thursday 30th November 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 24th May 1999].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Opportunity for All: Tackling Poverty and Social Exclusion),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr David Clelland)

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put.

[Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.]