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

PRAYERS.

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

Mr Speaker,

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

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

The 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 misdemeanour; and this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.

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

4 Metropolitan Police,—Ordered, That the Commissioner of the Police of the Metropolis do take care that during the Session of Parliament the passages through the streets leading to this House be kept free and open and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Members to and from this House, and that no disorder be allowed in Westminster Hall, or in the passages leading to this House, during the Sitting of Parliament, and that there be no annoyance thereto or theretowards; 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.

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 Selection (Standing Committees).—Mr Paul Tyler 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.

8 Selection (Select Committees).—Mr Paul Tyler 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.

9 Chairmen’s Panel (Parliament Act 1911).—Mr Paul Tyler 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.

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

11 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,

My Government will continue to pursue its central economic objective of high and stable levels of growth and employment. My Government will ensure the continued economic stability which has enabled it to increase the resources available for education, health, transport, and police services. My Government will reflect these policies in its Finance Bill.

This is my Government’s fourth legislative programme. My Government’s main Bills for the coming Session will focus on improving public services and cutting crime.

My Government also plans other major Bills and other significant initiatives, particularly in secondary education with the creation of more specialist schools, urban school reform and improved teaching in the early years of secondary education.

My Government is determined to combat all aspects of crime to protect all members of our society. My Government will introduce legislation to modernise and improve law enforcement by, for example, tackling disorderly conduct. Legislation will be introduced to regulate the private security industry.

A Bill will be introduced to cut vehicle crime, reduce opportunities to dispose of stolen vehicles, and extend the time limit for prosecution for vehicle theft.

A Bill will be published in draft to increase powers against money laundering and make it easier to recover the proceeds of crime.

The Bill to give Courts themselves the power to decide whether certain defendants should be tried by jury or by magistrates will be re-introduced.

Legislation will also be brought forward to reduce benefit fraud. This will enable more information to be obtained to prevent fraud and will provide power to withdraw or reduce benefits where a person has twice been convicted of benefit fraud.

My Government remains committed to the founding principles of the National Health Service. My Government’s NHS Plan showed how it would take forward further reform of health services to improve standards. Legislation will be introduced to support many of the commitments in the Plan, in particular to improve the performance of the NHS. The legislation will also take forward my Government’s response to the Royal Commission on Long Term Care for the Elderly.

A Bill will be brought forward to ban the advertising and promotion of tobacco products.
My Government continues to attach the highest importance to improving education. It has already secured a number of changes to the law to further this end, including legislation to reform the training of teachers, to secure improved school standards and to create the Learning and Skills Councils. My Government will introduce a Bill to improve the framework for meeting special educational needs and access to learning for disabled people. During the new Session, my Government will continue to work to improve standards in education.

Legislation will be introduced to extend the functions of the Children’s Commissioner for Wales, to provide better protection for children in Wales. A Bill will be introduced to increase the effectiveness of the power to reduce regulatory burdens by removing inappropriate and over-complex regulation.

Legislation will be brought forward to ease the process of buying and selling homes, and to improve the protection given to homeless people. Progress will also be made on the purchase of freeholds by leaseholders, and on commonhold, a new form of tenure for flat owners.

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,

A Bill will be introduced to enable a free vote to take place on the future of hunting with dogs.

My Government has appointed Lord Cullen to head an Inquiry into safety on our railways. A Bill will be drafted to provide for safer travel on the railways, in the air, at sea and on the roads, and will take forward proposals for revitalising health and safety at work.

A draft Bill will be published to improve the transparency of export controls and to establish their purpose.

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 published in draft on the implementation of the recommendations of the review of the Criminal Justice System in Northern Ireland.

My Government is 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 maintain the legislation relating to the Armed Forces for the next five years.

Other measures will be laid before you.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

The Duke of Edinburgh and I look forward to our State Visit to Norway.

My Government will continue to work with our partners to shape the future of the European Union. It will work for rapid progress on the enlargement negotiations, and for reform of the institutions of the European Union to prepare them for a wider membership.

My Government will continue to ensure that NATO remains the foundation of Britain’s defence and security. My Government will continue to work to make the United Nations Security Council more effective and representative. It will support efforts to improve the United Nations’ capacity to undertake peace-keeping operations.

A White Paper will be published outlining how my Government will work to shape the forces of globalization to benefit the world’s poor.

My Government believes that those who commit crimes against humanity should be brought to justice. It will introduce a Bill to enable the UK to ratify the statute of the International Criminal Court.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

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

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,
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 Honours, Decorations and Medals,—Papers, entitled:—
   (1) The Queen’s Volunteer Reserves Medal: Royal Warrant, and
   (2) The Volunteer Reserves Service Medal: Royal Warrant
   [Cm. 4890 and 4889] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

2 Treaty Series (No. 130, 2000),—Exchange of Notes, done at Georgetown on 11th September 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Guyana Debt Agreement No. 5 (1999)) [Cm. 4929] [Mr Secretary Cook].

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:

Friday 1st December 2000


Monday 4th December 2000

5 Agriculture,—(1) Beef Labelling (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3047), dated 13th November 2000,
   [Mr Nicholas Brown].

6 Registration of Political Parties.—Registered Parties (Non-constituent and Non-affiliated Organisations) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3183), dated 4th December 2000 [Mr Secretary Straw].

Tuesday 5th December 2000

7 Disabled Persons,—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Gatwick Express Class 460 Vehicles) Exemption (Amendment No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3187), dated 2nd December 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 National Health Service.—National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3189), dated 4th December 2000 [Mr Secretary Milburn].
Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Wednesday 6th December 2000:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

9 Family Law,—(1) Draft Child Support (Collection and Enforcement and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000,
(2) draft Child Support (Information, Evidence and Disclosure and Maintenance Arrangements and Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Regulations 2000,
(3) draft Child Support (Maintenance Calculation Procedure) Regulations 2000,
(4) draft Child Support (Maintenance Calculations and Special Cases) Regulations 2000, and
(5) draft Child Support (Variations) Regulations 2000

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

(2) Child Support (Temporary Compensation Payment Scheme) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3174), dated 30th November 2000,

11 Food,—Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3162), dated 28th November 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

12 Road Traffic,—(1) International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs (Amendment) Regulations (S.I., 2000, No. 3196), and
(2) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3197), dated 6th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


14 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—(1) Statute, dated 27th June 2000, made by the Governing Body of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, amending the Statutes of the College, and
(2) Statute, dated 16th March 1998, made by the Governing Body of Merton College, Oxford, amending the Statutes of the College,

Other Papers:

15 Health Service Commissioners,—First Report of the Health Service Ombudsman, Session 2000–2001: Errors in the Care and Treatment of a young woman with Diabetes [by Act]; to be printed [No. 13] [Clerk of the House].

16 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Radiocommunications Agency's Joint Venture with CMG [by Act]; to be printed [No. 21] [Clerk of the House].

17 National Lottery,—Account of the United Kingdom Sports Council Lottery Distribution for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 22] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Private Business

1 Committee on Unopposed Bills (Panel).—Mr Paul Tyler reported from the Committee of Selection, that he had appointed seventeen 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, Helen Jones, Mr John McDonnell, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr David Marshall, Mr Syd Rapson, Mr Nick St. Aubyn, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Jon Trickett, Mr Robert Walter and Mrs Ann Winterton.

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 Clarke, 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 seven Members to serve on the Standing Orders Committee under Standing Order 103 relating to private Business (Appointment of Standing Orders Committee), viz.: Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Brian Jenkins, Helen Jones, Mr Bill O’Brien, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Andrew Stunell and Mr Nicholas Winterton.

Standing Committees

4 Mink Keeping (England) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order), viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Keith Darvill, Mr Andrew Dismore, Barbara Follett, Mr John Grogan, Mr David Heath, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Nick St Aubyn and Mr Paul Truswell.

Grand Committees

5 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 Desmond Browne, Mr James Cran, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Mike Gapes, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Phil Hope, Mr Andrew Hunter; Helen Jackson, Shona McIsaac, Mr Andrew Mackay, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Tony McWalter, Ms Margaret Moran, Mr Bill O’Brien, Mr Lembit Opik, Ms Sandra Osborne, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Martin Salter, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr John M Taylor and Mr Gareth R. Thomas.

6 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 Robert Walter.

7 Standing Committee on Regional Affairs. —The Committee of Selection has nominated twelve Members representing English constituencies to serve on the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, viz.: Mr Joe Ashton, Ms Candy Atherton, Ms Karen Buck, Mr David Chidgley, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Andrew George, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Lawrie Quinn, Mr Anthony Steen and Derek Wyatt.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Armed Forces Personnel Issues]; to be printed [No. 29-i] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—(1) First Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Recent Events on the Railway], together 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. 17]; 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. 18-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].
3 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [The Annual Report of the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments]; to be printed [No. 27-i] [Mr Andrew Tyrie].

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel), the Speaker has nominated Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Joe Benton, Mr John Butterill, Dr Michael Clark, Mr Frank Cook, Mr John Cummings, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Eric Illesley, Mr Barry Jones, Dr Ashok Kumar, Mr John McWilliam, Sir David Madel, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr John Maxton, Mrs Ray Michie, Mr Bill O’Brien, Mr Edward O’Hara, Mr Bill Olner, Mrs Marion Roe, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Bowen Wells, Mr Andrew Welsh and Mr Nicholas Winterton to be members of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

Thursday 7th December 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Hunting Bill,—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Secretary Murphy and Mr Mike O’Brien, presented a Bill to make provision about hunting wild mammals with dogs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 2].

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

2 Vehicles (Crime) Bill,—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Marjorie Mowlam, Mr Secretary Byers, Mr Charles Clarke and Jane Kennedy presented a Bill to regulate motor salvage operators and registration plate suppliers; to make further provision for preventing or detecting vehicle crime; to enable the Lord Chancellor to make payments in respect of certain costs relating to magistrates’ courts which are attributable to vehicle crime; 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 1].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Vehicles (Crime) Bill be printed [Bill 1–EN].

3 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 statement as they relate to Wales be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration—(Mr Robert Ainsworth)—It was agreed to.

4 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 Monday 11th December at half past Ten o’clock and between Four o’clock and Six o’clock at Westminster to consider the matter of the Government’s Legislative Programme as outlined in the Queen’s Speech and the Chancellor’s Pre-Budget statement as they relate to Wales, under Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales))—(Mr Robert Ainsworth)—It was agreed to.

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate. And it being Seven o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.
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 to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Chiropractors,—General Chiropractic Council (Health Appeal Tribunal) Rules Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3214), dated 6th December 2000 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

2 Disabled Persons,—(1) Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3215),

(2) Rail Vehicle Accessibility (South West Trains Class 170/3 Vehicles) Exemption (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3217), and

(3) Rail Vehicle Accessibility (The Chiltern Railway Company Limited Class 168/1 Vehicles) Exemption (No. 2) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3218), dated 7th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Education,—Education (New Procedures for Property Transfers) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3209), dated 4th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

4 Gas,—Gas Act 1986 (Exemptions) (No. 4) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3206), dated 5th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 Marine Pollution,—Merchant Shipping (Carriage of Packaged Irradiated Nuclear Fuel etc.) (INF Code) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3216), dated 7th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 Road Traffic,—(1) Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3207), dated 6th December 2000, and

(2) Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3157), dated 28th November 2000 [by Act]

[Mr Secretary Prescott].

7 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 26th June 2000, made by the Governing Body of St Hilda’s College, Oxford, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

8 Charities,—Report and Accounts of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1] [Mr Secretary Straw].


10 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed merger between British United Provident Association Limited and Community Hospitals Group plc, and the existing mergers between British United Provident Association Limited, Salomon International LLC and Community Hospitals Group plc, and Salomon International LLC and Community Hospitals Group plc [by Command] [Cm. 5003] [Mr Secretary Byers].

11 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions Minute, dated 6th December 2000, concerning a contingent liability entered into by the Chief Executive of the Housing Corporation by an undertaking to guarantee an overdraft in favour of West Hampstead Housing Association [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
12 Human Fertilisation and Embryology.—Report and Accounts of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

13 National Lottery.—Account of the National Lottery Commission for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 31] [Clerk of the House].

14 Police.—Accounts of the Police Information Technology Organisation for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 16] [Clerk of the House].

15 Post Office.—Report and Statement of Accounts of the Post Office Users’ Council for Northern Ireland for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

16 Registration Service.—Review of the Registrar General on births and patterns of family building in England and Wales, 1999 [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

17 Sex Discrimination.—Report and Accounts of the Equal Opportunities Commission for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 3] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

18 Trade and Industry.—Paper, entitled Work and Parents: Competitiveness and Choice [by Command] [Cm. 5005] [Mr Secretary Byers].

19 Transport.—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Transport Group for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Mink Keeping (England) Order 2000.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

European Standing Committees

2 The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum of 28th November 2000 concerning a proposal for a Council Regulation (EC) relating to the fixing of fishing opportunities for 2001 and certain conditions under which they may be fished.

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 Monday 11th December 2000.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Public Health]; to be printed [No. 30-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

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 [6th December]. 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 Clive Betts.)

Debate to be resumed on Monday 11th December.
2 Business of the House.—Ordered, That Notices of Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland tabled for Wednesday 13th December shall apply on Wednesday 20th December, and Notices of Oral Questions to the Secretary of State for Wales tabled for Wednesday 20th December shall apply on Wednesday 13th December.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

3 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 at half-past Two o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order till Monday 11th December.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Paper subject to Affirmative Resolution:
1 Deregulation,—Draft Deregulation (Sunday Licensing) Order 2000, together with a statement by the Home Office [by Act] [Marjorie Mowlam].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
3 Education,—Walford College, Shropshire (Dissolution) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3219), dated 7th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
5 Pensions,—(1) Occupational Pension Schemes (Republic of Ireland Schemes Exemption) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3198), dated 5th December 2000, and
   (2) War Pensions Committees Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3180), dated 1st December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].
6 Rating and Valuation,—Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3208), dated 7th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
7 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Authorised Weight) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3224), dated 7th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
8 Social Security,—Social Security (Disability Living Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3181), dated 1st December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].
10 Transport,—Transport Tribunal Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3226), dated 7th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

Other Papers:
13 Land Registration,—Land Registration (No. 3) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3225), dated 6th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].
[No. 4.]

Monday 11th December 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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 7th December, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 35].

2 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 28th November 2000 from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, relating to the fixing of fishing opportunities for 2001 and certain conditions under which they may be fished; recognises that a number of fish stocks have fallen to particularly low levels, and supports the Government’s intention to sustain stocks for the future, and assist recovery of those stocks which are in danger of collapse, while negotiating the best possible fishing opportunities for UK fishermen.

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

3 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 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.

City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill 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 other purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords].

5 Private Bills [Lords].—The Orders of 16th November, relating to the Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords] being read,

The Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords] was read the first time and ordered to be read a second time.

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

City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords].

7 Private Bills [Lords].—The Orders of 15th November, relating to the City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords], being read,

The City of Newcastle upon Tyne Bill [Lords] was read the first and second time and ordered to be read the third time.

8 Armed Forces Bill,—Mr Secretary Hoon, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Cook, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr John Spellar and Dr Lewis Moonie presented a Bill to continue the Army Act 1955, the Air Force Act 1955 and the Naval Discipline Act 1957; to make further provision in relation to the armed forces and the Ministry of Defence Police; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 4].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Armed Forces Bill be printed [Bill 4–EN].
9 Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill.—Mr Secretary Murphy, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr David Lock and Mr David Hanson presented a Bill to make further provision about the Children’s Commissioner for Wales. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 3].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill be printed [Bill 3–EN].

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

11 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 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, 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 Broadcasting,—Draft Broadcasting (Limit on the Holding of Licences to Provide Television Multiplex Services) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].
2 Legal Aid and Advice,—Draft Legal Advice and Assistance (Scope) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].
3 Supreme Court of Northern Ireland,—Draft Maximum Number of Judges (Northern Ireland) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Civil Aviation,—Civil Aviation (Route Charges for Navigation Services) (Second Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3212), dated 6th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
6 Medicines,—Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3235), dated 11th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
7 Police,—Northern Ireland Policing Board (Prescribed Period) Regulations 2000 (S.R.(N.I.), 2000, No. 386), dated 7th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].
8 Social Security,—Social Security (Disclosure of State Pension Information) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3188), dated 1st December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].
9 Transport and Works,—Transport and Works (Assessment of Environmental Effects) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3199), dated 5th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
10 Weights and Measures,—Non-automatic Weighing Instruments Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3236), dated 11th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].
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Other Papers:


12 International Development,—Paper, entitled Eliminating World Poverty: Making Globalisation Work for the Poor [by Command] [Cm. 5006] [Secretary Clare Short].

13 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Petroleum Revenue Tax [by Act]; to be printed [No. 5] [Clerk of the House].

14 Treasury Executive Agencies,—National Savings Product Accounts for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 20] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [The UK Pig Industry]; to be printed [No. 32-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Badgers and Bovine Tuberculosis: Follow-up; Horticulture Research International; UK Pig Industry]

[Mr David Curry].

[No. 5]

Tuesday 12th December 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Sessional Returns,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Returns for Session 1999–2000 of information and statistics 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.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

2 Deregulation Committee,—Mr Peter L. Pike reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolutions:

That the draft Deregulation (Sunday Dancing) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 28th November, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

That the draft Deregulation (Sunday Licensing) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 8th December, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

3 Homes Bill,—Mr Secretary Prescott, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Byers, Mr Secretary Milburn, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr Chris Mullin and Mr David Lock, presented a Bill to make provision for imposing requirements in relation to the marketing of residential properties in England and Wales; to make further provision about the functions of local housing authorities relating to homelessness and the allocation of housing accommodation; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second
time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 5].

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

4 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [6th December], 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 decline in police numbers since 1997; note the continuing failure of many of the Government’s measures to combat youth crime and that the Government remains committed to the early release from jail of thousands of criminals; deplore the Government’s further attempt to restrict the right to trial by jury and its failure to put forward any measures to strengthen the rights of victims of crime, or to make prisons more purposeful, or sentencing more transparent, or to clear up the chaos in the asylum system; and further regret the absence of measures to halt the decline of inner cities and the failure to create a coherent programme of actions since 1997 to address the conditions that give rise to the growth of crime in deprived urban areas, notably poorly-maintained housing, rising homelessness, increasing numbers of empty houses and failing inner city schools, which have combined with the Government’s commitment to building on green fields to perpetuate migration from inner cities.”.—(Miss Ann Widdecombe.)

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

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 James Gray, Mr Keith Simpson: 169.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Jim Dowd: 329.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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 Motion on Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993 in the name of the Prime Minister may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Tony McNulty):—It was agreed to.

6 Fisheries: Total Allowable Catches and Quotas 2001.—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 the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum of 28th November relating to the fixing of fishing opportunities for 2001 and certain conditions under which they may be fished; recognises that a number of fish stocks have fallen to particularly low levels; and supports the Government’s intention to sustain stocks for the future, and assist recovery of those stocks which are in danger of collapse, while negotiating the best possible fishing opportunities for UK fishermen—(Mr Tony McNulty);

And the Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [7th November].

7 Adjournment (Christmas).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Thursday 21st December, do adjourn till Monday 8th January 2001—(Mr Tony McNulty);

And the Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [7th November].
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 the House shall not sit on the following Fridays: 12th and 19th January, 16th February, 2nd March, 4th May, 22nd and 29th June, 6th and 13th July and 19th October 2001—(Mr Tony McNulty);

And the Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [7th November].

9 Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, 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, the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2000–01 and the Pre-Budget Report 2000 shall be treated as if they were instruments subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation)—(Paddy Tipping);

And the Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [7th November].

10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Romsey opposing discrimination by the broadcasting authorities against religious bodies was 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—(Mr Kevin Hughes);

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And the Question being put;
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.04 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].

2 Local Government.—Draft Local Government Best Value (Exclusion of Non-commercial Considerations) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Medicines.—Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Amendment (No. 3) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3231), dated 8th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Road Traffic and Vehicles (Northern Ireland),—Courses for Drink-Drive Offenders (Designation of Districts) Order (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.R.(N.I.), 2000, No. 390), dated 11th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

Other Papers:

6 Charities (Scotland),—Report of Scottish Charities Nominee for the year ended 31st August 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

7 Communications,—Paper, entitled A New Future for Communications [by Command] [Cm. 5010] [Mr Secretary Smith].

8 Criminal Statistics,—Criminal Statistics for England and Wales for 1999 [by Command] [Cm. 5001] [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 Intelligence and Security,—Government Response to the Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee for 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 5013] [The Prime Minister].

10 Sports Councils,—Review of Sportscotland for 1999–2000 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Reid].


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation,—(1) First Report from the Deregulation Committee [The draft Deregulation (Sunday Dancing) Order 2000]; and

(2) Second Report from the Committee [The draft Deregulation (Sunday Licensing) Order 2000], together with an Appendix;

to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Reports [No. 37] [Mr Peter L. Pike].

2 Education and Employment,—(1) First Report from the Education and Employment Committee [Early Years], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 33];

(2) Second Report from the Committee [OFSTED Corporate Plan 2000], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 34];

(3) Memoranda laid before the Education Sub-Committee of the Committee [Early Years; OFSTED Corporate Plan 2000];
[Mr Barry Sheerman]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Committee [Recruiting Unemployed People]; to be printed [No. 48-i] [Mr Derek Foster].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) 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. 36-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; 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. 38-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

4 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Corruption]; to be printed [No. 39-i] [Mr Bowen Wells].

5 Procedure,—(1) First Report from the Procedure Committee [Use of the Welsh Language by Select Committee Witnesses], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 47]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Rules Governing the Election of a Speaker]; to be printed [No. 40-i]
[Mr Nicholas Winterton].

6 Statutory Instruments,—First Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 46-i] [Mr David Tredinnick].

7 Treasury,—(1) First Report from the Treasury Committee [Work of the Treasury Committee and the Work of the Treasury Sub-Committee] together with Appendices; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 41];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Bank of England]; to be printed [No. 42-i]
[Mr Giles Radice].

8 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Wales in the World: the role of the UK Government in promoting Wales abroad]; to be printed [No. 38-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills.—The Orders of 2nd November and 6th November relating to the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill and the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill suspended in the last Session of Parliament, 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.

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 read the first and second time and committed.

2 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, pursuant to the 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 Committee of Selection,—Ordered, That Charlotte Atkins be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Graham Allen be added to the Committee.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

4 Liaison,—Mr Robert Sheldon reported, pursuant to Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee), That the Liaison Committee had directed him to report the following recommendation for the allocation of time for the consideration of Estimates on an allotted day (being the first part of 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 supplementary Estimate for the financial year 2000-01:

Class III, Vote 1 (Housing, construction, regeneration, regional policy, planning and countryside and wildlife, England), in so far as it relates to urban regeneration.

Report to lie upon the Table.

5 Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [6th December], 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 an increasing burden of taxation and regulation, that it highlights the Government’s failure to carry out the reforms it promised to make Britain a competitive and dynamic nation, that it contains no proposals to reverse the decline in Britain’s productivity growth or the decline in the savings ratio, that it does nothing to ensure that the public accounts are honest and open, and that it contains no evidence of Her Majesty’s Government having adopted a forward-looking approach to the challenges of the modern global economy.’—(Mr Michael Portillo.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;
Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of divisions which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Order of the House [7th November].

Fisheries: Total Allowable Catches and Quotas 2001,—That this House takes note of the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum of 28th November relating to the fixing of fishing opportunities for 2001 and certain conditions under which they may be fished; recognises that a number of fish stocks have fallen to particularly low levels; and supports the Government’s intention to sustain stocks for the future, and assist recovery of those stocks which are in danger of collapse, while negotiating the best possible fishing opportunities for UK fishermen.

Ayes: 437.
Noes: 86.

So the Question was agreed to.

Adjournment (Christmas).—That this House, at its rising on Thursday 21st December, do adjourn till Monday 8th January 2001.

Ayes: 478.
Noes: 8.

So the Question was agreed to.

Sittings of the House,—That the House shall not sit on the following Fridays: 12th and 19th January, 16th February, 2nd March, 4th May, 22nd and 29th June, 6th and 13th July and 19th October 2001.

Ayes: 478.
Noes: 5.

So the Question was agreed to.

Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993,—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, the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2000–01 and the Pre-Budget Report 2000 shall be treated as if they were instruments subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation).

Ayes: 470.
Noes: 13.

So the Question was agreed to.

Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address),—Debate being resumed on the Question, That the Amendment be made;

Question put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 178.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 326.

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; call for measures to reduce bureaucracy in schools and in the NHS, and increase professional recruitment and retention; call for a reforming agenda including the prevention of discrimination on grounds of age, disability, religion, sex and sexual orientation; urge 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; regret 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; deplore the Government’s continued neglect of rural occupations and communities; and regret 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, Mr Andrew Stunell, Sir Robert Smith: 46.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Mike Hall: 322.
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So the Question was negatived.
And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 317.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 183.
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.

8 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee,—Ordered, That Mr James Gray be discharged from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee and Sir Paul Beresford be added to the Committee.—{(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)}

9 Social Security Committee,—Ordered, That Mr Edward Leigh be discharged from the Social Security Committee and Mrs Ann Winterton be added to the Committee.—{(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)}

10 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) The trustees of the Zacchaeus 2000 Trust and others for the collection of information on minimum required incomes for the purposes of deciding levels of taxation and benefits and for other purposes; and

(2) Mr Richard Barnes and others for the continuation of Harefield Hospital, Middlesex

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—{(Mr David Jamieson);

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 11.14 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission (Procedure) Rules 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

2 Social Security,—Draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating (No. 2) Order 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Social Security,—Social Fund (Recovery by Deductions from Benefits) Amendment Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3223), dated 6th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

5 Caribbean and North Atlantic Territories,—Caribbean Territories (Control of Gold, Securities, Payments and Credits: Kuwait and Republic of Iraq) Revocation Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3240), dated 13th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Cook].
6 Defence Executive Agencies.—Resource Accounts of Armed Forces Pension Scheme (Incorporating the Non-Regular Permanent Staff Pension Scheme and the Army Careers Officers Pension Scheme) for 1999-2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 4] [Mr Stephen Timms].

7 Policyholders Protection.—Statement by the Treasury under section 28 of the Policyholders Protection Act 1975 concerning assistance given by the Policyholders Protection Board to Drake Insurance Company Limited [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

8 Public Petitions.—Observations by:
   (1) the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [29th November, in the last Session of Parliament] from members of the West Midlands Federation of Townswomen’s Guilds against mixed-sex wards in hospitals; and
   (2) the Treasury on the Petition [24th November, in the last Session of Parliament] from citizens of the United Kingdom calling for retention of the pound [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9 Treaty Series (No. 131, 2000),—Exchange of Letters, done at Dublin on 27th September and Belfast on 10th October 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland amending the Agreement concerning the International Fund for Ireland [by Command] [Cm. 5007] [Mr Secretary Cook].

10 Treaty Series (No. 132, 2000),—Agreement, done at Bucharest on 14th November 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Romania concerning the Restraint and Confiscation of the Proceeds and Instruments of Crime [by Command] [Cm. 5008] [Mr Secretary Cook].

   (2) Iraq (United Nations Sanctions) (Channel Islands) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3244),
   (3) Iraq (United Nations Sanctions) (Isle of Man) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3245), and
   (4) Iraq (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3242),
   dated 13th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Child Support (Maintenance Calculations and Special Cases) Regulations 2000, the draft Child Support (Maintenance Calculation Procedure) Regulations 2000, the draft Child Support (Information, Evidence and Disclosure and Maintenance Arrangements and Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Regulations 2000, and the draft Child Support (Variations) Regulations 2000:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Ann Coffey, Mr Iain Colman, Angela Eagle, Mr Clive Ellford, Mr Andrew George, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mrs Joan Humble, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Paul Marsden, Laura Matt, Mr John Robertson and Steve Webb.

2 Government’s assessment as set out in the Financial Statement and Budget Report 2000-01, the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2000-01, and the Pre-Budget Report 2000 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 Mr Bill Olner Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Peter Bradley, Mr James Clapson, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr John Healey, Mr Mark Hendrick, Glenda Jackson, Mr Robert Jackson, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Martin Linton, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Alun Michael, Mr Allan Rogers, Miss Geraldine Smith and Mr Matthew Taylor.
3 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 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, Janet Anderson, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Denzi Davies, Mr Jim Dobbin, Jim Dowd, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr James Gray, Mr John Greenway, Mr Patrick Hall, Mr Michael Jack, Mr John McDonnell, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Bill Rammell and Mr Laurence Robertson.

European Standing Committees

4 European Union Document No. 10802/00 relating to Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture.—(1) First Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on MAFF/Intervention Board Departmental Report 2000]; to be printed [No. 52]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Horticulture Research International]; to be printed [No. 53-i]
   [Mr David Curry].

2 Education and Employment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [New Deal: An Evaluation]; to be printed [No. 58-i] [Mr Derek Foster].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—(1) Second Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Development on or affecting the Flood Plain], 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. 64-I and -II];

   (2) First Special Report from the Committee [Annual Report of the work of the Committee to the Liaison Committee], with a memorandum laid before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 65]; and

   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Rural White Paper]; to be printed [No. 45-i]
   [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Environmental Audit.—(1) First Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Environmental Audit: the first Parliament], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 67];

   (2) First Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on EU Policy and the Environment]; to be printed [No. 68];

   (3) Second Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on World Trade and Sustainable Development]; to be printed [No. 69];

   (4) Third Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on the Comprehensive Spending Review]; to be printed [No. 70]; and

   (5) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Pre-Budget Report 2000: Fuel Duties]; to be printed [No. 71]
   [Mr John Horam].

5 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. 28-i] [Mr Jim Marshall].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Relocation following Paramilitary Intimidation]; to be printed [No. 59-i] [Mr Peter Brooke].
Public Administration.—(1) First Report from the Public Administration Committee [The Annual Report of the Health Service Ombudsman for 1998–99]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 60];

(2) Second Report from the Committee [Ministerial Accountability and Parliamentary Questions], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 61]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Annual Report of the Parliamentary Ombudsman for 1999–2000]; to be printed [No. 62-i]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Annual Report of the Health Service Ombudsman for 1999–2000]; to be printed [No. 63-i]

[Tony Wright].

Science and Technology.—(1) First Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee [The Work of the Science and Technology Committee 1997–2000]; to be printed [No. 44]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Scientific Advisory Committee: Scientific Advice on Climate Change]; to be printed [No. 14-i]

[Dr Michael Clark].

Scottish Affairs.—First Special Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Poverty in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 55] [Mr David Marshall].

Social Security.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Integrated Child Credit]; to be printed [No. 72-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

Standards and Privileges.—First Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr Frank Roy], with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 49] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Annual Report from the E-Envoy]; to be printed [No. 66-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

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

PRAYERS.

1 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill.—Mr Secretary Milburn, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Smith, Mr Secretary Murphy and Ms Yvette Cooper, presented a Bill to control the advertising and promotion of tobacco products, 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 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill be printed [Bill 6–EN].

2 Public Accounts.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the 39th and 41st Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 1998–99, of the 1st to 9th and 11th to 37th Reports of Session 1999–2000, and of the Treasury Minutes on these Reports (Cm. 4576, 4593, 4656, 4695, 4688, 4732, 4758, 4798, 4822, 4863, 4886 and 4901).—(Mr David Davis)

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

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

[Adjourned at 5.09 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:
1 European Communities,—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (The Convention on Mutual Assistance and Co-operation between Customs Administrations (Naples II)) Order 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].
   (2) Enforcement of Warrants (Disclosure of Information) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3277), dated 13th December 2000, and
4 Road Traffic,—(1) Motor Vehicles (Type Approval of Reduced Pollution Adaptations) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3275), and
   (2) Vehicle Excise Duty (Reduced Pollution) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3274) dated 14th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
5 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3254), dated 13th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].
6 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 3) 2000 (S.R. (N.I.), 2000, No. 393), dated 13th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

Other Papers:
7 Football Spectators,—Report and Accounts of the Football Licensing Authority for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].
8 National Loans,—(1) Accounts of the Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 7] [Clerk of the House]; and
   (2) Supplementary Statements of Accounts of the Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 8] [Mr Stephen Timms].
10 Northern Ireland,—Northern Ireland Office Minute, dated 14th December 2000, amending the terms of the Minute, laid on 31st March 1998, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnification of Lord Saville, Sir Edward Somers and William Hoyt, Counsel to the Inquiry and the Inquiry Secretariat, to extend the indemnification granted to named members of the Tribunal of Inquiry to all Members of the Tribunal [by Command] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].
11 Science and Technology,—Accounts of the Research Councils’ Pension Schemes for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 74] [Clerk of the House].
12 Terrorism,—Draft Code of Practice for the audio recording of police interviews with persons detained under section 41 of, and Schedule 7 to, the Terrorism Act 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].
13 Trade and Industry,—Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 14th December 2000, concerning a contingent liability in respect of arrangements to provide indemnities to Training and Enterprise Councils, Chambers of Commerce Training and Enterprise and Business Links and other Organisations for liabilities which arise after the TTÉC/CCTE licence with Government ceases [by Command] [Mr Secretary Byers].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) First Special Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Review of Reports, Recommendations and Responses, 1997–2000]; to be printed [No. 57]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Operation of the National Lottery]; to be printed [No. 56-i]
   [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Public Health]; to be printed [No. 30-ii] [Mr David Hinchcliffe].

3 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [HM Treasury]; to be printed [No. 73-i] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 7; WH, No. 1]

Thursday 14th December 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment (The Quadripartite Committee Reports on Strategic Export Controls and the Government’s responses thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 19th December.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]

[No. 8.]

Friday 15th December 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

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

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 twenty-one minutes past Two o’clock, adjourned till Monday 18th November.

[Adjourned at 2.21 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation.—Civil Aviation (Joint Financing) (Third Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3276), dated 12th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

2 Miscellaneous,—Explanatory Memorandum to the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free-Zone Treaty (the Treaty of Pelindaba) (Miscellaneous No. 29 (1996)) [by Command] [Mr Secretary Cook].

3 Miscellaneous (No. 23 (2000)).,—Amendments, done at Geneva on 16th May 2000, to Articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organisation, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5011] [Mr Secretary Cook].
4 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the financial analysis for the London Underground Public Private Partnerships [by Act]; to be printed [No. 54] [Clerk of the House].

5 Treaty Series (No. 133 (2000)),—Agreement, done at Washington on 24th July 1992, 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 regarding the Establishment, Construction and Operation of a Uranium Enrichment Installation in the United States [by Command] [Cm. 5009] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Mink Keeping (England) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Anne McGuire and Mr Paul Truswell from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Lawrie Quinn and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

2 Draft Child Support (Maintenance Calculations and Special Cases) Regulations 2000, the draft Child Support (Maintenance Calculation Procedure) Regulations 2000, the draft Child Support (Collection and Enforcement and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000, the draft Child Support (Information, Evidence and Disclosure and Maintenance Arrangements and Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Regulations 2000, and the draft Child Support (Variations) Regulations 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Dale Campbell-Savours and Mr Iain Coleman from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Piara S Khabra and Ms Linda Perham.

3 The Government’s assessment as set out in the Financial Statement and Budget Report 2000-01, the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2000-01, and the Pre-Budget Report 2000 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Allan Rogers from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Reports); and nominated in substitution Siobhain McDonagh.

4 Draft Broadcasting (Limit on the Holding of Licences to Provide Television Multiplex Services) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Patrick Hall from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Jane Griffiths.
Monday 18th December 2000.

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.:

- Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill
- National Australia Group Europe Bill.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Mink Keeping (England) Order 2000. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Child Support (Maintenance Calculations and Special Cases) Regulations 2000, the draft Child Support (Maintenance Calculation Procedures) Regulations 2000, the draft Child Support (Collection and Enforcement and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000, the draft Child Support (Information, Evidence and Disclosure and Maintenance Arrangements and Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Regulations 2000, and the draft Child Support (Variations) Regulations 2000. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Government’s assessment set out in the Financial Statement and Budget Report 2000–01, the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2000–01, and the Pre-Budget Report 2000 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jim Cunningham reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Broadcasting (Limit on the Holding of Licences to Provide Television Multiplex Services) Order 2001. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 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 [13th December] of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

7 Vehicles (Crime) Bill,—The Vehicles (Crime) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

8 Vehicles (Crime) Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the Vehicles (Crime) Bill:

**Standing Committee**

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 23rd January 2001.

3. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet—(Mr Keith Hill);

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November, in the last Session of Parliament].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Kevin Hughes: 305.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Atkinson: 147.

So the Question was agreed to.
9 Vehicles (Crime) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Vehicles (Crime) 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 Vehicles (Crime) 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 in consequence of the Act, and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided by virtue of any other Act—(Mr Greg Pope);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Kevin Hughes: 327.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Atkinson: 114.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 Vehicles (Crime) 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 Vehicles (Crime) Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the charging of fees in connection with a registration scheme for registration plate suppliers;

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any sums received by a Minister of the Crown in consequence of the Act—(Mr Tony McNulty);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Jim Dowd: 326.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 110.

So the Question was agreed to.

11 National Lottery.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Millennium Commission (Substitution of a Later Date) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Secretary Smith);

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And the Question being put;

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till Wednesday next, pursuant to Order [7th November].

12 National Lottery.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Apportionment of Money in the National Lottery Distribution Fund Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Secretary Smith);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till Wednesday next, pursuant to Order [7th November].

13 Deregulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft deregulation orders), That the draft Deregulation (Sunday Dancing) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 28th November, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Jim Dowd);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till Wednesday next, pursuant to Order [7th November].

14 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents and businesses of West Wirral against introducing a day manning shift system at Heswall and West Kirby fire stations was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter past Two o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Audio Recording of Interviews) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3. Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration,—Thirtieth Report of the Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration [by Command] [Cm. 4998] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4. Environmental Protection,—Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release and Marketing) Fees and Charges Scheme 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5. Government Trading Funds,—Treasury Minute, dated 18th December 2000, concerning a further financial objective desirable of achievement by The Buying Agency Trading Fund for the period 1st January 2000 to 31st March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Andrew Smith].

6. 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 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 76] [Clerk of the House].

7. National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the National Blood Service [by Act]; to be printed [No. 6] [Clerk of the House].

8. Nursing Staff, Midwives, Health Visitors and Professions Allied to Medicine,—Eighteenth Reports of the Review Body for Nursing Staff, Midwives, Health Visitors and Professions Allied to Medicine on—
   (1) Nursing Staff, Midwives and Health Visitors, and
   (2) Professions Allied to Medicine
   [by Command] [Cm. 4991 and 4992] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

9. Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [28th November] from citizens of the United Kingdom resident in Andorra for parity of pensions provision for citizens at home and abroad [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

The Government’s assessment as set out in the Financial Statement and Budget Report 2000–01, the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2000–01, and the Pre-Budget Report 2000 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993. —The Committee of Selection has discharged Miss Geraldine Smith from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Reports); and nominated in substitution Mr David Borrow.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Maintaining the Royal Palaces], to be printed [No. 77-i] [Mr David Davis].
Tuesday 19th December 2000.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Queen's Speech (Answer to Address),—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That Her Majesty, having been attended with its Address of 13th December, was pleased to receive the same very graciously and give the following Answer:

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

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.:

Barclays Group Reorganisation
National Australia Group Europe.

3 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day's sitting, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union Documents), the Speaker shall put the Question on the Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Milburn relating to Human Fertilisation and Embryology not later than Seven o'clock.—(Yvette Cooper.)

4 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Research Purposes) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 12th December, be approved—(Yvette Cooper);

And it being Seven o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Jamieson: 366.


So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Research Purposes) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 12th December, be approved.

5 Estimates [1st allotted day, first part].—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [18th December], to consider the Estimate appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates).

Supplementary Estimates, 2000-01 (Class III, Vote 1),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That a supplementary sum, not exceeding £81,746,000 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 payments to the Housing Corporation: Housing Revenue Account Subsidy; grants towards and advice on the renewal of private sector housing; the Estates Renewal Challenge Fund, homelessness, including the Rough Sleepers Unit; housing management; rent and leasehold services, support for the UK construction industry; planning and minerals research and other planning programmes; payments to the Ordnance Survey (Trading Fund); the London Development Agency; Regional Development Agencies; the New Deal for Communities and other help for deprived neighbourhoods; Single Regeneration Budget; Urban Regeneration Agency (English Partnerships); Housing Action Trusts; Estate Action; Groundwork; coalfields regeneration; European Union agency payments including those for ports and railways in Wales; European Regional Development Fund projects not funded by or in advance of receipts; Countryside Agency; Nature Conservancy Council for England; National Parks Grant; bulk pensions transfers; and sundry other grants-in-aid, grants and payments in support of housing, construction, regeneration, regional policy and countryside and wildlife initiatives, including related research, publicity and publications—(Mr Graham Allen);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Speaker, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates), put the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Clive Betts: 301.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Eric Forth: 9.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That a supplementary sum, not exceeding £81,746,000 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 payments to the Housing Corporation; Housing Revenue Account Subsidy; grants towards and advice on the renewal of private sector housing; the Estates Renewal Challenge Fund; homelessness, including the Rough Sleepers Unit; housing management; rent and leasehold services; support for the UK construction industry; planning and minerals research and other planning programmes; payments to the Ordnance Survey (Trading Fund); the London Development Agency; Regional Development Agencies; the New Deal for Communities and other help for deprived neighbourhoods; Single Regeneration Budget; Urban Regeneration Agency (English Partnerships); Housing Action Trusts; Estate Action; Groundwork; coalfields regeneration; European Union agency payments including those for ports and railways in Wales; European Regional Development Fund projects not funded by or in advance of receipts; Countryside Agency; Nature Conservancy Council for England; National Parks Grant; bulk pensions transfers; and sundry other grants-in-aid, grants and payments in support of housing, construction, regeneration, regional policy and countryside and wildlife initiatives, including related research, publicity and publications.

6 Supplementary Estimates, 2000–01.—The Speaker then put the Question which he was directed to put, pursuant to paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.).

Supplementary Estimates, 2000–01

Question put, That a further supplementary sum, not exceeding £4,352,561,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges for civil services which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 2001, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 962 of Session 1999–2000—(Mr Greg Pope);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Clive Betts: 297.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Gerald Howarth: 10.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That a further supplementary sum, not exceeding £4,352,561,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to defray the charges for civil services which will come in course of payment during the year ending on 31st March 2001, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 962 of Session 1999–2000.

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.

7 Consolidated Fund Bill.—Dawn Primarolo accordingly presented a Bill to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending on 31st March 2001. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 7].

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 Tax Simplification (Joint Committee) and the Business of the House Motion relating to the sitting on 21st December may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Greg Pope);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Clive Betts: 253.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Eric Forth: 32.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Tax Simplification (Joint Committee).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That it is expedient that a Joint Committee of both Houses be appointed to consider tax simplification bills, and in particular to consider whether each bill committed to it preserves the effect of the existing law, subject to any minor changes which may be desirable—(Dawn Primarolo);
And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [7th November].

10 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 21st December—

(1) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 9 (Sittings of the House) and the Order relating to Thursday sittings and meetings of standing committees [20th November],—

(a) the House shall meet at half-past Nine o’clock, and will first proceed with private business, motions for unopposed returns and questions;

(b) proceedings on business shall be interrupted at Five o’clock;

(c) in their application to that sitting, reference to a specified time in the Standing Orders shall be interpreted as reference to a time five hours before the time so specified, save that reference to half-past Eight 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); and

(d) no standing committees sitting at Westminster shall sit between the hours of twenty-five minutes past Nine o’clock and half-past Ten 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 Nine o’clock’ for ‘One o’clock’ and ‘twenty minutes to Ten o’clock’ for ‘a quarter past One o’clock’;

(2) notwithstanding Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), the Speaker shall put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Darling relating to the draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase (No. 2) Order 2000 and the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating (No. 2) Order 2000 not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first such Motion;

(3) proceedings on the Motion for the adjournment of the House in the name of the Prime Minister relating to matters to be considered before the forthcoming adjournment, may continue for up to three hours, and may be proceeded with, though opposed, after Five o’clock; and

(4) in the Order relating to Sittings in Westminster Hall, in paragraph (1)(b), for ‘half-past Two o’clock’, there shall be substituted ‘half-past Twelve o’clock’. (Paddy Tipping)

11 Family 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 Child Support (Variations) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 6th December, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [7th November].

12 Family 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 Child Support (Maintenance Calculations and Special Cases) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 6th December, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [7th November].

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And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [7th November].

14 Family 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 Child Support (Information, Evidence and Disclosure and Maintenance Arrangements and Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 6th December, be approved.—(Mr Tony McNulty);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [7th November].

15 Family 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 Child Support (Collection and Enforcement and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 6th December, be approved.—(Mr Tony McNulty);
And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [7th November].

16 Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation) and Order [12th December], That this House takes note with approval of the Government’s assessment as set out in the Financial Statement and Budget Report 2000–01, the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2000–01, and the Pre-Budget Report 2000 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993—(Mr Tony McNulty);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [7th November].

17 Animals,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Mink Keeping Order 2000, dated 22nd November 2000, a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd November, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [7th November].

18 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 2001, which was laid before this House on 11th December, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [7th November].

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

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,—(1) Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3325), and

(2) Open-Ended Investment Companies (Investment Companies with Variable Capital) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3324), dated 18th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Partnerships,—Draft Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Customs and Excise,—Dual-Use Items (Export Control) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3304), dated 18th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 Food,—Coffee Extracts and Chicory Extracts (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3323), dated 17th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 Highways,—Street Works (Sharing of Costs of Works) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3314), dated 18th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

7 Income Tax,—Exchange Gains and Losses (Miscellaneous Modifications) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3315), dated 18th December 2000 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

8 Libraries,—Public Lending Right Scheme 1982 (Commencement of Variations) (No. 2) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3319), dated 15th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].
49th December 2000

9 Local Government.—Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3272), dated 13th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

10 National Lottery.—Sport and Arts Joint Scheme (Authorisation) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3320), dated 18th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

11 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Trafford) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3317), dated 18th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

12 Covent Garden Market.—Report and Accounts of the Covent Garden Market Authority for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

13 Health.—Department of Health Minute concerning the proposed gifting of part of the value of the Devonshire Royal Hospital, Buxton, to the University of Derby [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

14 National Lottery.—Account of the Sports Council for Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 84] [Clerk of the House].

15 Northern Ireland.—Proposal for a Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001, with an Explanatory Document [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

16 Registration Service.—Mortality Statistics: Review of the Registrar General on deaths by cause, sex and age in England and Wales for 1999 [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

17 School Standards and Framework.—Account of the South Tyneside Education Action Zone for 1998–99, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 83] [Clerk of the House].

18 Tribunals and Inquiries.—Report of the Council on Tribunals for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 23] [Mr David Lock].

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. 56-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Foreign Affairs.—(1) First Special Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Work of the Committee during the present Parliament: A Progress Report], together with Appendices, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Special Report [No. 78];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Annual Report on Human Rights]; to be printed [No. 79-ii]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Iran]; to be printed [No. 80] [Mr Donald Anderson].

3 International Development.—First Special Report from the International Development Committee [The Work of the International Development Committee 1997–2000]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Special Report [No. 82] [Mr Bowen Wells].

4 Statutory Instruments.—Second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [Nos. 46-ii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

5 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [OPTEL: Local Loop Unbundling]; to be printed [Nos. 90-i and -ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

6 Welsh Affairs.—First Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [The work of the Committee since Devolution]; to be printed [No. 81] [Mr Martyn Jones].
WESTMINSTER HALL

Pursuant to the Order of 20th November, the Speaker has appointed the following Thursdays as days on which the business to be taken in Westminster Hall shall be debates on select committee reports chosen by the Liaison Committee:—

18th January
1st and 15th February
1st, 15th and 29th March.

[No. 10; WH, No. 2.]

Tuesday 19th December 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to the Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Miss Melanie Johnson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.57 p.m.

[No. 11.]

Wednesday 20th December 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 the third time and passed, without Amendment.

2 Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords].—The Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

3 Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill,—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Byers, Mr Andrew Smith, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Stephen Timms and Miss Melanie Johnson, presented a Bill to make provision about the payment of National Insurance Contributions in respect of share options and similar rights obtained by persons as directors or employees during the period beginning with 6th April 1999 and ending with 19th May 2000. 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 Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill be printed [Bill 8–EN].

4 Health and Social Care Bill,—Mr Secretary Milburn, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Murphy, Hilary Armstrong and Mr John Denham, presented a Bill to amend the law about the National Health Service; to provide for the exercise of functions by care trusts under partnership arrangements under the Health Act 1999 and to make further provision in relation to such arrangements; to make further provision in relation to social care services; to make provision in relation to the supply or other processing of patient information; to extend the categories of appropriate practitioners in relation to prescription-only medicinal products; 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 9].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Health and Social Care Bill be printed [Bill 9–EN].

5 Consolidated Fund Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund 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.

6 Hunting Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hunting Bill,
    And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;
    The House divided.
    Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 373.
    Tellers for the Noes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Gerald Howarth: 158.
    So the Question was agreed to.
    The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

7 Deferred Divisions,—The Speaker announced the results of divisions which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Order of the House [7th November]:
    National Lottery,—That the draft Millennium Commission (Substitution of a Later Date) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.
        Ayes: 391.
        Noes: 16.
        So the Question was agreed to.
    National Lottery,—That the draft Apportionment of Money in the National Lottery Distribution Fund Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 23rd November, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.
        Ayes: 347.
        Noes: 182.
        So the Question was agreed to.
    Deregulation,—That the draft Deregulation (Sunday Dancing) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 28th November, be approved.
        Ayes: 460.
        Noes: 43.
        So the Question was agreed to.
    Tax Simplification (Joint Committee),—That it is expedient that a Joint Committee of both Houses be appointed to consider tax simplification bills, and in particular to consider whether each bill committed to it preserves the effect of the existing law, subject to any minor changes which may be desirable.
        Ayes: 520.
        Noes: 4.
        So the Question was agreed to.
    Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.
    Family Law,—That the draft Child Support (Variations) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 6th December, be approved.
        Ayes: 483.
        Noes: 44.
        So the Question was agreed to.
    Family Law,—That the draft Child Support (Maintenance Calculations and Special Cases) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 6th December, be approved.
        Ayes: 522.
        Noes: 5.
        So the Question was agreed to.
Family Law,—That the draft Child Support (Maintenance Calculation Procedure) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 6th December, be approved.

Ayes: 522.
Noes: 5.

So the Question was agreed to.

Family Law,—That the draft Child Support (Information, Evidence and Disclosure and Maintenance Arrangements and Jurisdiction) (Amendment) Regulations 2000.

Ayes: 522.
Noes: 5.

So the Question was agreed to.

Family Law,—That the draft Child Support (Collection and Enforcement and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2000, which were laid before this House on 6th December, be approved.

Ayes: 484.
Noes: 44.

So the Question was agreed to.


Ayes: 348.
Noes: 169.

So the Question was agreed to.

Animals,—That the Mink Keeping Order 2000, dated 22nd November 2000, a copy of which was laid before this House on 23rd November, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.

Ayes: 516.

So the Question was agreed to.

Broadcasting,—That the draft Broadcasting (Limit on the Holding of Licences to Provide Television Multiplex Services) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 11th December, be approved.

Ayes: 523.
Noes: 4.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Hunting Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the Hunting Bill—

Committee

1. Clauses 1 to 4 and any New Clauses shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
2. The remainder of the Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.
3.—(1) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be completed in one allotted day.
   (2) An allotted day is one on which the Bill is put down as first Government Order of the day.
4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November shall not apply to the Bill.
5. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (unless previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 8th February 2001—(Mr Mike O’Brien);
   An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Question, in line 6, to leave out the words ‘one allotted day’, and to insert the words ‘two allotted days’, instead thereof.—(Mr David Maclean.)
   And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;
And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to dispose of those proceedings, pursuant to Order [7th November].

Question put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Dr Julian Lewis: 135.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Don Touhig: 319.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Don Touhig: 315.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 122.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Hunting Bill—

Committee

1. Clauses 1 to 4 and any New Clauses shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

2. The remainder of the Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

3.—(1) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be completed in one allotted day.

(2) An allotted day is one on which the Bill is put down as first Government Order of the day.

4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November shall not apply to the Bill.

5. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (unless previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 8th February 2001.

9 Hunting Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Hunting 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 Hunting Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) grants and loans made by the Secretary of State to the Hunting Authority or to ISAH Limited,

(b) any other expenses of the Secretary of State incurred in consequence of the Act, and

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

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of sums received by a Minister of the Crown by virtue of the Act—(Mr David Jamieson).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Don Touhig: 329.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 92.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Hunting Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) grants and loans made by the Secretary of State to the Hunting Authority or to ISAH Limited,

(b) any other expenses of the Secretary of State incurred in consequence of the Act, and
(c) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment, and

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of sums received by a Minister of the Crown by virtue of the Act.

10 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) shopworkers of the United Kingdom and others of like disposition for statutory protection of Christmas Day;

and

(2) people of the Falmouth and Camborne constituency against hunting of wild mammals with dogs

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—(Mr David Jamieson);

Thursday 21st December 2000

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 seventeen minutes past Twelve o’clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.17 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Derelict Land,—Derelict Land Clearance Area (Reading) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3270), dated 11th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Education,—(1) East Manchester Education Action Zone (Variation) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3326),

(2) Education Standards Fund (England) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3329),

(3) Newham Education Action Zone (Variation) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3337), and

(4) Withernsea and Southern Holderness Rural Achievement Education Action Zone (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3328),

dated 16th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Immigration,—Immigration (Designation of Travel Bans) (Amendment) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3338), dated 19th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

4 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events,—Football Spectators (Designation of Football Matches in England and Wales) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3331), dated 18th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Other Papers:

5 Appropriation Accounts, 1999–2000,—Appropriation Account of the sums granted by Parliament for 1999–2000 for Class XI, Culture, Media and Sport [by Act]; to be printed [No. 25–XI] [Mr Stephen Timms].


7 Culture, Media and Sport,—Report of the Reviewing Committee on the Export of Works of Art for 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 5019] [Mr Secretary Smith].

8 Defence,—Performance Report of the Ministry of Defence for 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 5000] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

9 European Communities (No. 2, 2000),—Convention, done at Brussels on 18th December 1997, drawn up on the basis of Article K.3 of the Treaty on European Union, on Mutual Assistance and Cooperation between Customs Administrations, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5020] [Mr Secretary Cook].
10 Export Credits Guarantee Department,—(1) Report and Resource Accounts of the Export Credits Guarantee Department for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 2] [Mr Secretary Byers], and

(2) Resource Accounts of the Export Credits Guarantee Department for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 51] [Mr Stephen Timms].

11 France (No. 2, 2000),—Additional Protocol to the Sangatte Protocol, done at Brussels on 29th May 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic on the Establishment of Bureaux responsible for Controls on Persons travelling by train between the United Kingdom and France, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5015] [Mr Secretary Cook].


13 Gas and Electricity,—Resource Accounts of the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 24] [Mr Stephen Timms].

14 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Fire Service College for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 9] [Clerk of the House].

15 Mental Health,—Papers, entitled—

(1) Reforming the Mental Health Act—Part I: The new legal framework, and

(2) Reforming the Mental Health Act—Part II: High risk patients

[by Command] [Cm. 5016-I and -II] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

16 Public Lending Right,—Report by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the Public Lending Right Scheme for 1999–2000, incorporating the Registrar’s Annual Review and Summary Financial Statement of the Public Lending Right Central Fund for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

17 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the Petitions [11th, 26th and 27th July, in the last Session of Parliament, and 12th December] from—

(1) residents of Lagan Valley,

(2) residents of Aylesbury and surrounding areas,

(3) residents of Blackburn and others, and

(4) residents of Romsey

opposing discrimination by the broadcasting authorities against religious bodies [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

18 Trade and Industry,—Resource Accounts of the Department of Trade and Industry for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 11] [Mr Stephen Timms].

19 Treaty Series (No. 134, 2000),—Convention, done at Montreal on 1st March 1991, on the Marking of Plastic Explosives for the Purpose of Detection [by Command] [Cm. 5018] [Mr Secretary Cook].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Vehicles (Crime) Bill:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr John Bercow, Mr David Chidgey, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mrs Linda Gilroy, Mr Keith Hill, Helen Jones, Mr David Kidney, Mr Stephen McCabe, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Greg Pope, Bob Russell, Mr Jonathan R. Shaw, Mr Keith Simpson and Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West).

2 Vehicles (Crime) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Bercow, Mr Charles Clarke, Helen Jones, Mr Greg Pope, Bob Russell, Mr Keith Simpson and Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West) members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Audio Recording of Interviews) Order 2001:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Geraint Davies, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr David Lidington, Mr Ken Maginnis, Mr Allan Rogers, Ms Debra Shipley, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr John Smith, Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West), Mr Bill Tynan, Mr Andrew Tyrie and Mr Peter Viggers.

4 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (The Convention on Mutual Assistance and Co-operation between Customs Administrations (Naples II)) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second 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 Nigel Beard, Mr James Clappison, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Terry Davis, Mr Peter Luff, Mr George Mudie, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Chris Pond, Sir Raymond Powell, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Nick St Alyn, Miss Geraldine Smith, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Michael Trend and Mr James Wray.

5 Draft Local Government Best Value (Exclusion of Non-commercial Considerations) 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.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Tony Baldry, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Don Foster, Mr Gerald Howarth, Ms Beverley Hughes, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Alan Meale, Joan Ruddock, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Ian Stewart, Mr Neil Turner and Mr Nigel Waterson.

6 Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order 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 Graham Allen, Mr Roger Berry, Ms Hazel Blears, Mr James Clappison, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Patrick Hall, Mr Michael Jack, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Peter Luff, Mr John Maples, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Mark Todd, Mr Paul Truswell and Steve Webb.

European Standing Committees

7 The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document No. COM (99) 643, a Commission Communication entitled ‘Community Support Plan to Combat Doping in Sport’, European Union Document No. COM (99) 644, the Helsinki Report on Sport, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 23rd November 2000, submitted by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, relating to the Declaration on Sport.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture.—(1) First Report from the Agriculture Committee [Badgers and Bovine Tuberculosis: Follow-up], 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. 92]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Flood and Coastal Defence: Follow-up; UK Pig Industry; Work of the Forestry Commission]

[Mr David Curry].

2 Education and Employment.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [New Deal: An Evaluation]; to be printed [No. 58-ii] [Mr Derek Foster].

3 European Scrutiny, Agriculture and International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the European Scrutiny, Agriculture and International Development Committees meeting concurrently pursuant to paragraph (12) of Standing Order No. 143 (European Scrutiny Committee) and paragraph (4) (e) of Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to Government departments) [Market access for least-developed countries and the sugar regime], together with Appendices thereto; to be printed [No. 93] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Relocation following paramilitary intimidation]; to be printed [No. 59-ii] [Mr Peter Brooke].

5 Public Accounts.—Memorandum laid before the Committee of Public Accounts [The Refinancing of the Fazakerley PFIP Prison Contract] [Mr David Davis].

6 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Making Government Work]; to be printed [No. 94-i] [Tony Wright].

7 Science and Technology.—(1) First Report from the Science and Technology Committee [EQUAL (Extended Quality Life)], with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 43];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Scientific Advisory System: Scientific Advice on Climate Change]; to be printed [No. 14-ii]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [EQUAL (Extended Quality Life)]

[Dr Michael Clark].

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 11; WH, No. 3.]

Wednesday 20th December 2000.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 Kevin Hughes);

And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
Thursday 21st December 2000.

The House met at half-past Nine o’clock, pursuant to Order [19th December].

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—Ordered, That the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill be considered on Thursday 11th January at Four o’clock.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund Bill, without Amendment.

3 Royal Assent,—The Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act 2000
City of Newcastle upon Tyne Act 2000.

4 Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating (No. 2) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 13th December, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Darling).

5 Pensions,—Resolved, That the draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase (No. 2) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 30th November, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Darling).

6 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 Clive Betts);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to Order [19th December].

7 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from shopworkers of the United Kingdom and others for statutory protection of Christmas Day 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 Tony McNulty.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 8th January, pursuant to Order [13th December]

[Adjourned at 6 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Employment and Training,—(1) Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2001, and
(2) draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Census,—Census (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3351), dated 20th December 2000 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].
4 Disabled Persons,—Public Service Vehicles Accessibility (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3318), dated 18th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
5 Environmental Protection,—Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3359), dated 21st December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
(2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Cable and Wireless HKT Pacific (UK) Ltd) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3347),

(3) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Central North Sea Fibre Telecommunications Company Limited) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3348),

(4) Public Telecommunication System Designation (FPL Telecom Limited) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3345), and

(5) Public Telecommunication System Designation (TyCom Networks (UK) Limited) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3344),
dated 20th December 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

7 Adoption,—Paper, entitled Adoption: A New Approach [by Command] [Cm. 5017] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

8 Education (Scotland),—Report of the Scottish Qualifications Authority for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

9 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of Ordnance Survey for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 26] [Clerk of the House].

10 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Office of Gas and Electricity Markets, Giving Domestic Customers a Choice of Electricity Supplier [by Act]; to be printed [No. 85] [Clerk of the House].

11 National Lottery,—Report and Accounts of The Millennium Commission for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 95] [Mr Secretary Smith].

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

(1) Atlas Communications (UK) Ltd,
(2) Cable and Wireless HKT Pacific (UK) Ltd,
(3) Central North Sea Fibre Telecommunications Company Limited,
(4) FPL Telecom Limited, and
(5) TyCom Networks (UK) Limited
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers withdrawn:


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 [Delivering Sustainable Waste Management]; to be printed [No. 36-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 Standards and Privileges,—Second Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr John Maxton and Dr John Reid], with an Appendix, part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 7th November, in the last Session of Parliament, and Appendices thereto; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 89] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

[No. 12; WH, No. 4.]

Thursday 21st December 2000.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

The sitting commenced twenty-six minutes to One o’clock [pursuant to Order, 19th December].

Adjournment (British Trade International),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Greg Pope.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 9th January.

[Adjourned at 1.39 p.m.]
8th January 2001

[No. 13.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Homes Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Homes Bill;
   And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read
   a second time.
   An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to
   the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House, whilst supporting the principle
   that everyone should be able to enjoy decent housing, declines to give a Second Reading
   to the Homes Bill because it fails to tackle the problem of gazumping whilst increasing
   the cost for potential vendors and seeking to impose onerous penalties upon those
   entering freely into contractual relationships, because it does not do enough to tackle the
   fundamental causes of homelessness at a time when there are 3,000 more people homeless
   and in priority need since the last General Election, with the number of people in bed and
   breakfast accommodation having risen by over 75 per cent.; and because it does not
   include measures to address other pressing priorities in housing, not least the
   Government’s promise to regulate houses in multiple occupation’, instead thereof.—(Mr
   Nigel Waterson.)
   And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 123.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Kevin Hughes: 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);
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Mike Hall: 325.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr David Wilshire: 6.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

2 Homes Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the
   following provisions shall apply to the Homes Bill:

   Standing Committee
   1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.
   2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be
      brought to a conclusion on Thursday 1st February 2001.
   3. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it
      shall meet.—(Mr Nick Raynsford).
   And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the
   Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November].
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Clive Betts: 278.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 125.
   So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered. That the following provisions shall apply to the Homes Bill:

Standing Committee
1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.
2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be
   brought to a conclusion on Thursday 1st February 2001.
3. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it
   shall meet.
3 Homes Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Homes 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 Homes Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) sums required by the Secretary of State for making grants to any person in connection with the implementation of the provisions of the Act relating to the marketing of residential properties in England and Wales;

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

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Greg Pope);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Clive Betts: 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 106.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Homes Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) sums required by the Secretary of State for making grants to any person in connection with the implementation of the provisions of the Act relating to the marketing of residential properties in England and Wales;

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

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.

4 Electoral Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will appoint as Electoral Commissioners:

(1) Pamela Joan Gordon for the period of four years;

(2) Sir Neil William David McIntosh KBE for the period of four years;

(3) Johnathon Glyn Mathias for the period of five years;

(4) Sukhminder Karamjit Singh CBE for the period of five years;

(5) James Samuel Younger for the period of six years; and

(6) Graham John Zellick for the period of five years;

and that Her Majesty will appoint James Samuel Younger to be the chairman of the Electoral Commission for the period of six years—(Mr Mike O’Brien),

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Mr David Maclean moved, That the House sit in private.

The Deputy Speaker put the Question forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 163 (Motions to sit in private).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Jonathan Sayeed: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Tom Levitt: 19.

And it appearing from the report of the Division that fewer than forty Members had taken part in the Division, the Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided, and the business under consideration stood over until the next sitting of the House.

5 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.37 a.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):

Friday 22nd December 2000

1 Competition Commission,—Reports by the Competition Commission on—
   (1) Nutreco Holding NV and Hydro Seafood GSP Ltd: the proposed merger, and
   (2) Scottish Milk: the supply of fresh processed milk to middle-ground retailers in Scotland
   [Cms. 5004 and 5002] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Friday 29th December 2000

2 France (No. 3, 2000),—Agreement, done at St. Helier on 4th July 2000, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the French Republic concerning the Establishment of a Maritime Boundary between France and Jersey, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5024] [Mr Secretary Cook].

3 France (No. 4, 2000),—Agreement, done at St. Helier on 4th July 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic concerning Fishing in the Bay of Granville, with Exchanges of Notes and Declaration, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5025] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Wednesday 3rd January 2001

4 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on Interbrew SA and Bass PLC: the acquisition by Interbrew SA of the brewing interests of Bass PLC [Cm. 5014] [Mr Secretary Byers].

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 22nd December 2000

5 Education,—(1) Education (Information about Individual Pupils) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3370), and
   (2) Education (School Teacher Appraisal) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3369),
   dated 21st December 2000 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


8 Probation,—Local Probation Boards (Appointment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3342),
   dated 21st December 2000 [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Crown Court (Amendment) (No. 3) Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3362), dated 20th December 2000 [Mr David Lock].

Thursday 28th December 2000

10 Children and Young Persons,—Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Membership, Committee and Procedure) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3374), dated 19th December 2000 [Mr David Lock].

Friday 29th December 2000

11 Food,—(1) Fresh Meat (Beef Controls) (No. 2) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3378), and
   (2) Specified Risk Material (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3381),
   dated 28th December 2000 [Mr Secretary Milburn].
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12 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Kent) (District of Dover) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1), dated 2nd January 2001 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Wednesday 3rd January 2001

13 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 5) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3238), dated 13th December 2000 [Margaret Beckett].

14 Transport,—London Transport Pension Arrangements Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3386), dated 22nd December 2000 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Thursday 4th January 2001

15 Fees and Charges,—European Economic Interest Grouping (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3412), dated 22nd December 2000 [Mr Secretary Byers].

Friday 5th January 2001


17 Merchant Shipping,—Fishing Vessels (Code of Practice for the Safety of Small Fishing Vessels) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 9), dated 4th January 2001 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

18 Young Offender Institutions,—Young Offender Institution Rules 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3371), dated 21st January 2000 [Mr Secretary Straw].

Other Papers:

Friday 29th December 2000


Wednesday 3rd January 2001


Thursday 4th January 2001


Other Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


24 School Standards and Framework,—Draft Code of Practice on Local Education Authority School Relations [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

25 Education and Employment,—Department for Education and Employment minute, dated 8th January 2000, concerning a contingent liability in respect of arrangements to provide indemnities to the Adult Learning Inspectorate for liabilities which may arise from leases on property in Coventry [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

26 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Modernising Construction [by Act]; to be printed [No. 87] [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Hunting Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 and any New Clauses).—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara and Mrs Marion Roe Chairmen of the Committee in respect of the Bill.

[No. 14.]  

Tuesday 9th January 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the promoters of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords] may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable to it shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That, if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present 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 last 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 present Session the Bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it passed in the last 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.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

2 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the promoters of the Medway Council Bill [Lords] may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session; and the Petition for the Bill shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable to it shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That, if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the present 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 last 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 present Session the Bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it passed in the last 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.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

3 New Members sworn,—Eric Joyce, Esquire, Member for Falkirk West, was sworn.

4 Capital Allowances Bill,—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr Secretary Byers, Mr Andrew Smith, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Stephen Timms and Miss Melanie Johnson, presented a Bill to restate, with minor changes, certain enactments relating to capital allowances: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 10].

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

5 Armed Forces Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Armed Forces 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 Armed Forces Bill, which neither consolidates the three existing Service Discipline Acts nor introduces a single tri-service Act; which fails to address the challenge to military combat effectiveness from the gathering tide of legislation following the incorporation of the European Convention on Human Rights into domestic law; which omits legal clarification of employment in the services of young people under the age of 18; which fails to provide a statutory basis for equality of access by servicemen and women to free and impartial tribunals and resources to achieve that; and which encourages a further creeping advance of litigation that will breed a cautious group of military leaders who may step back from courageous decisions for fear of being pursued through the courts’, instead thereof.—(Mr Robert Key.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr James Gray, Mr Keith Simpson: 133.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 350.

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 Greg Pope, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 349.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr David Wilshire: 8.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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 Motions in the name of Mr Keith Bradley and Margaret Beckett relating to Armed Forces Bill, Tax Simplification (Joint Committee), Tax Simplification and Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Don Touhig);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 333.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Peter Atkinson: 130.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Armed Forces Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the Armed Forces Bill:

Select Committee
1. The Bill shall be committed to a Select Committee.
2. The Select Committee shall report the Bill to the House on or before Thursday 15th March—(Dr Lewis Moonie);

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Dowd, Mr David Jamieson: 320.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr James Gray: 130.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Armed Forces Bill:

Select Committee
1. The Bill shall be committed to a Select Committee.
2. The Select Committee shall report the Bill to the House on or before Thursday 15th March.

8 Armed Forces Bill.—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That Rachel Squire, Mr John Spellar, Dr Lewis Moonie, Mr David Clelland, Mr Dave Watts, Ms Dari Taylor, Mr David Crausby, Mr Robert Key, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr John Randall and Mr Paul Keetch be members of the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill.
That three be the quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

That the Committee have power to adjourn from place to place—(Mr John Spellar);

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An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 7, at the end, to add the words—

"That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers, either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity relating to the provisions of the Armed Forces Bill"—(Mr Bruce George.)

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

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 Mike Hall, Mrs Anne McGuire: 177.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr James Gray: 72.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Mike Hall: 187.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Christopher Chope: 9.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Mike Hall: 174.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Eric Forth: 20.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Rachel Squire, Mr John Spellar, Dr Lewis Moenie, Mr David Clelland, Mr Dave Watts, Ms Darie Taylor, Mr David Crausby, Mr Robert Key, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr John Randall and Mr Paul Keetch be members of the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill.

That three be the quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

That the Committee have power to adjourn from place to place.

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers, either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity relating to the provisions of the Armed Forces Bill.

9 Electoral Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will appoint as Electoral Commissioners:

(1) Pamela Joan Gordon for the period of four years;
(2) Sir Neil William David McIntosh KBE for the period of four years;
(3) Johnathon Glyn Mathias for the period of five years;
(4) Sukhminder Karamjit Singh CBE for the period of five years;
(5) James Samuel Younger for the period of six years; and
(6) Graham John Zellick for the period of five years;

and that Her Majesty will appoint James Samuel Younger to be the chairman of the Electoral Commission for the period of six years—(Mr Mike O'Brien);

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 Community documents).

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till the following sitting, pursuant to Order [7th November].
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.09 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1. Education,—General Teaching Council for England (Registration of Teachers) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 23), dated 8th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Other Papers:

5. Education and Employment,—Department for Education and Employment minute, dated 9th January 2001, concerning a contingent liability in respect of individuals who were disadvantaged by serious flaws in the awarding of National Vocational Qualifications (NVQs) by Road Transport Industry Board Services Ltd, a training provider [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

6. National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Sale of Part of the UK Gold Reserves [by Act]; to be printed [No. 86] [Clerk of the House].

7. National Heritage,—(1) Accounts of the Board of Trustees of the Armouries for 1998–99, and (2) Accounts of the Board of Trustees of the Armouries for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 105 and 106] [Clerk of the House].

8. Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [13th December] from the trustees of the Zacchaeus 2000 Trust and others for the collection of information on minimum required incomes for the purposes of deciding levels of taxation and benefits and for other purposes [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].


10. Science and Technology,—Accounts of the Natural Environment Research Council for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 107] [Clerk of the House].

11. Sea Fisheries,—Report by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the proceedings under section 6 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967, for 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

12. Social Security Administration,—Account of Securities held for the National Insurance Fund as at 31st March 2000 [by Act] [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 [Cemeteries]; to be printed [No. 91-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2. International Development,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Corruption]; to be printed [No. 39-a] [Mr Bowen Wells].
3 Trade and Industry,—First Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [The Work of the Committee in the 1997 Parliament], together with Annexes: to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 109] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 14; WH, No. 5.]

Tuesday 9th January 2001.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.52 p.m.]

[No. 15.]


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 draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Audio Recording of Interviews) Order 2001.

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

2 Capital Allowances Bill,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60 (Tax simplification bills), That the Capital Allowances Bill be proceeded with as a tax simplification bill; but that the Bill shall not stand referred to a second reading committee—(Mr David Clelland).—It was agreed to.

3 Health and Social Care Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Health and Social Care 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 ‘That this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Health and Social Care Bill because, although it contains some welcome provisions including the modest changes relating to nursing care, it increases still further the powers of the Secretary of State, reinforces the central bureaucracy and entrenches the micro-management by Whitehall of the National Health Service which so demoralizes NHS staff, is likely to worsen problems of recruitment and retention of medical and nursing staff and, by abolishing Community Health Councils, removes the only effective and independent voice which local communities have in health care’, instead thereof.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

4 Deferred Divisions,—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Order of the House [7th November]:

Electoral Commission,—That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that Her Majesty will appoint as Electoral Commissioners:

(1) Pamela Joan Gordon for the period of four years;
(2) Sir Neil William David McIntosh KBE for the period of four years;
(3) Johnathon Glyn Mathias for the period of five years;
(4) Sukhminder Karamjit Singh CBE for the period of five years;
(5) James Samuel Younger for the period of six years; and
(6) Graham John Zellick for the period of five years;
and that Her Majesty will appoint James Samuel Younger to be the chairman of the
Electoral Commission for the period of six years.

Ayes: 486.
Noes: 4.
So the Question was agreed to.

5 Health and Social Care Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be
made;
And the Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Stephen Day: 128.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Clive Betts: 352.
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 Jamieson, Mr Clive Betts: 320.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Christopher Chope: 44.
So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

6 Health and Social Care Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the Health and Social Care Bill:

Standing Committee
1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.
2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be
brought to a conclusion on Thursday 8th February 2001—(Mr John Denham);
And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the
Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November].
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Don Touhig: 324.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 118.
So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Health and Social Care Bill:

Standing Committee
1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.
2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be
brought to a conclusion on Thursday 8th February 2001.

7 Health and Social Care Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified
to the proposed Motion relating to Health and Social Care 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 Health and Social Care 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 in consequence of the
Act; and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so
provided by virtue of any other Act; and
(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of sums received by the Secretary of State
by virtue of the Act—(Mr Tony McNulty);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Don Touhig: 293.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Adrian Sanders: 43.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Health and Social Care 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 in consequence of the Act; and

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

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of sums received by the Secretary of State by virtue of the Act.

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

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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 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 Magistrates’ Courts.—Greater London Magistrates’ Courts Authority (Funding) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 47), dated 8th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

2 Road Traffic.—Motor Vehicles (Approval) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 25), dated 9th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Social Security.—(1) Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 18), dated 8th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling], and

(2) Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 45), dated 9th January 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].


Other Papers:

5 Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks).—Accounts of the Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks) Fund for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 113] [Clerk of the House].

6 Miscellaneous (No. 1, 2001).—Protocol, done at Montreal on 1st October 1998, relating to an Amendment to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5026] [Mr Secretary Cook].

7 Miscellaneous (No. 2, 2001).—Protocol, done at Montreal on 1st October 1998, on the Authentic Six-Language Text of the Convention on International Civil Aviation (Chicago 1944), with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5027] [Mr Secretary Cook].

8 Social Security Administration.—(1) Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee and statement by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 2001 in accordance with Section 174 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 [by Command] [Cm. 5022] [Mr Secretary Darling], and

(2) Account of the Social Fund for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 112] [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Vehicles (Crime) Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bowen Wells an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Vehicles (Crime) Bill.

2 Hunting Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 and any New Clauses):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara and Mrs Marion Roe Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated thirty-two Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Norman Baker, Mr Tony Banks, Mr A. J. Beth, Mr John Berrow, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Michael Foster, Mr Edward Garnier, Dr Ian Gibson, Mrs Lil Golding, Mrs Eileen Gordon, Mr John Gummer, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Ivan Henderson, Jane Kennedy, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr David Lepper, Mr David Lidington, Mr John Maples, Mr Alan Michael, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Lembit Öpik, Mrs Diana Organ, Mr Colin Pickthall, Bridget Prentice, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr David Rendel, Ms Debra Shipley, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Keith Simpson, Angela Smith and Mr Nicholas Soames.

3 Homes Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mr George Stevenson Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Tom Brake, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr David Curry, Mr Don Foster, Mr Phil Hope, Dr Brian Iddon, Ms Oona King, Mr Tim Loughton, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr Garrel Thomas (Clwyd West), Mr Neil Turner and Mr Nigel Waterson.

4 Homes Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Don Foster, Mr Phil Hope, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Nick Raynsford and Mr Nigel Waterson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr John Maxton Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, John Austin, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr Frank Field, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr David Lammy, Mr Tony McWalter, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr John Randall, Sir Michael Speir, Sir John Stanley, Dr Alan Whitehead, Mr Malcolm Wicks and Derek Wyatt.

6 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (The Convention on Mutual Assistance and Co-operation between Customs Administrations (Naples II)) Order 2001.—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

7 Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3325), and the Open-Ended Investment Companies (Investment Companies with Variable Capital) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3324):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Charlotte Atkins, Dr Vincent Cable, Julia Brown, Mr Nick Gibb, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr James Gray, Mr Win Griffiths, Mr Stephen Hesford, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Alan Hurst, Mr Nigel Jones, Sir Peter Lloyd, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Martin Salter, Mr Derek Twigg and Mrs Betty Williams.

8 Draft Local Government Best Value (Exclusion of Non-commercial Considerations) Order 2000.—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Maxton Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

9 Draft Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mrs Helen Brinton, Mr John Burnett, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Iain Coleman, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Nick Gibb, Dr Norman A. Godman,
Mr James Gray, Dr Kim Howells, Lynne Jones, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Greg Pope, Mr David Tredinnick, Mr Derek Twigg and Mr Stephen Twigg.

10 Draft Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission (Procedure) Rules 2001, and the draft Legal Aid and Assistance (Scope) (Amendment) Regulations 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the 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 Peter Atkinson, Mr John Burnett, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr Christopher Chope, Dr David Clark, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Michael Fallon, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Nick Hawkins, Jane Kennedy, Mr David Lock, Mrs Anne McGuire, Alice Mahon, Dan Norris and Bridget Prentice.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Second Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [The Committee’s Work, Session 1999–2000], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 117]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Flood and Coastal Defence: Follow-up; UK Pig Industry; Work of the Forestry Commission]

[Mr David Curry].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Six-Nation Framework Agreement on European Defence]; to be printed [No. 115-i] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Third Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Developments at National Air Traffic Services], with the 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. 121]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Transport-related Executive Agencies of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions]; to be printed [No. 122-i]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

4 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Pre-Budget Report 2000: Fuel duties]; to be printed [No. 71-ii] [Mr John Horam].

5 European Scrutiny,—(1) Second Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 28-ii]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The 2000 Inter-Governmental Conference]; to be printed [No. 119]

[Mr Jim Marshall].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Parades Commission]; to be printed [No. 120-i] [Mr Peter Brooke].

7 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Making Government Work]; to be printed [No. 94-ii] [Tony Wright].

8 Science and Technology,—Second Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Corus plc—Research and Development]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 110] [Dr Michael Clark].

9 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Drinks Industry in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 114-i] [Mr David Marshall].
PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment (Cancer Research—A Fresh Look—Sixth Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 1999–2000),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Kevin Hughes);

And it being Four o’clock, and there being Private Business set down by the Chairman of Ways and Means under Standing Order No. 20 (Time for taking private business), further proceeding stood postponed.

2 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 Peter Bottomley, Mr David Amess: 99.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Stephen Pound: 18.

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.

Mr Peter Bottomley and Mr Stephen Pound, Tellers in the Division, later came to the Table and stated that they had erroneously reported the number of the Ayes as 99, instead of 100, which was the correct number.

Whereupon the Deputy Speaker declared the numbers to the House as: Ayes 100, Noes, 18; and declared that the Question, That the Question be now put, 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 John Cryer, Mr Jeremy Corbyn: 22.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr David Amess: 90.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being Seven o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Thursday 18th January.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 15th January, pursuant to Order [13th December].

[Adjourned at 7.29 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1. Immigration,—Immigration Appeals (Family Visitor) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 52), dated 10th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].
5. Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 53), dated 11th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

7. National Health Service,—Accounts of the Public Health Laboratory Service Board for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 123] [Clerk of the House].
8. National Health Service (Scotland),—Report and Accounts of the Scottish Hospital Trust for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Diane Abbott, Mrs Helen Brinton, Mr John Burnett, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Iain Coleman, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Nick Gibb, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr James Gray, Dr Kim Howells, Lynne Jones, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Greg Pope, Mr David Tredinnick, Mr Derek Twigg and Mr Stephen Twigg from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations.)

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. 124-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].
2. Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Public Health]; to be printed [No. 30-iii] [John Austin].
3. Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Vehicle Manufacturing in the UK]; to be printed [No. 128-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 16; WH, No. 7.]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

The sitting commenced at half past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Energy and other non-food crops),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Ms Joyce Quin.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 16th January.

[Adjourned at 5.17 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 Contingencies Fund: 1999–2000.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 1999–2000, showing—
   (1) The Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 2000.
   (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 David Clelland.)

2 Tax Simplification (Joint Committee).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the following Standing Order be made—
   (1) There shall be a Select Committee, to consist of seven Members, to join with the committee appointed by the Lords as the Joint Committee on Tax Simplification Bills, to consider tax simplification bills, and in particular to consider whether each bill committed to it preserves the effect of the existing law, subject to any minor changes which may be desirable.
   (2) The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to report from time to time, and to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the committee’s order of reference.
   (3) The quorum of the Committee shall be two.
   (4) Unless the House otherwise orders, each Member nominated to the committee shall continue to be a member of it for the remainder of the Parliament.
   (5) The procedure of the Joint Committee shall follow the procedure of select committees of this House when such procedure differs from that of select committees of the House of Lords.
   (6) The chairman shall have the like powers of selection as are given to the chairman of a standing committee under paragraph (3)(a) of Standing Order No. 89 (Procedure in standing committees)—(Dawn Primarolo);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Mike Hall: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr David Ruffley: 4.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the following Standing Order be made—

   (1) There shall be a Select Committee, to consist of seven Members, to join with the committee appointed by the Lords as the Joint Committee on Tax Simplification Bills, to consider tax simplification bills, and in particular to consider whether each bill committed to it preserves the effect of the existing law, subject to any minor changes which may be desirable.
   (2) The Committee shall have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to report from time to time, and to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the committee’s order of reference.
   (3) The quorum of the Committee shall be two.
   (4) Unless the House otherwise orders, each Member nominated to the committee shall continue to be a member of it for the remainder of the Parliament.
   (5) The procedure of the Joint Committee shall follow the procedure of select committees of this House when such procedure differs from that of select committees of the House of Lords.
   (6) The chairman shall have the like powers of selection as are given to the chairman of a standing committee under paragraph (3)(a) of Standing Order No. 89 (Procedure in standing committees).

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.
3 Tax Simplification.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr Edward Davey, Ms Ruth Kelly, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Chris Pond and Dawn Primarolo be members of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Tax Simplification Bills—(Dawn Primarolo);

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.—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr Edward Davey, Ms Ruth Kelly, Mr Richard Ottaway, Mr Chris Pond and Dawn Primarolo be members of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Tax Simplification Bills.

4 Capital Allowances Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Capital Allowances Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the bill be now read a second time;

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

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 Motions in the name of Margaret Beckett relating to Human Rights (Joint Committee) and Human Rights and proceedings on the Capital Allowances Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Robert Ainsworth);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 291.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Christopher Chope: 8.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Capital Allowances Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Capital Allowances Bill be now read a second time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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 Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr David Ruffley: 14.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Christopher Chope: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to the Joint Committee on Tax Simplification Bills.

7 Capital Allowances 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 Capital Allowances Bill, it is expedient to authorise any incidental or consequential charges to tax which may arise from provisions restating, with minor changes, certain enactments relating to capital allowances—(Mr Greg Pope);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr David Ruffley: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Capital Allowances Bill, it is expedient to authorise any incidental or consequential charges to tax which may arise from provisions restating, with minor changes, certain enactments relating to capital allowances.
8 Human Rights (Joint Committee).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That—

the Lords Message [12th July 2000] communicating a Resolution relating to Human Rights (Joint Committee), be now considered;

dt this House concurs with the Lords in the said Resolution; and

the following Standing Order be made:

(1) There shall be a Select Committee, to consist of six Members, to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords as the Joint Committee on Human Rights.

(2) The Committee shall consider—

(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 Standing Order No. 151 (Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee));

(3) The Committee shall 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; 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 the Committee may report to the House on any matter arising from its consideration of the said proposals or draft orders.

(4) The Committee shall 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 the Committee may report to the House on any matter arising from its consideration of the said order or any replacement order.

(5) The quorum of the committee shall be three.

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

(7) The committee shall have power—

(a) to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom, to adjourn to institutions of the Council of Europe outside the United Kingdom no more than four times in any calendar year, and to report from time to time; and

(b) to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the committee’s order of reference—(Paddy Tipping);

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And the Question being put;

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till Wednesday next, pursuant to Order [7th November].

9 Human Rights.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr Desmond Browne, Sir Patrick Cormack, Jean Corston, Mr Robert Maclean, Mr Andrew Miller and Mr Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West), be members of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Human Rights—(Paddy Tipping);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till Wednesday next, pursuant to Order [7th November].
10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr David Clelland.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.59 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 12th January 2001 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O., No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Health and Safety at Work) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 54), dated 11th January 2001 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 15th January 2001:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

2 Legal Services.—Draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Bar Practising Certificates) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

3 Partnerships.—Draft Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

4 Terrorism.—Draft Terrorism (Interviews) (Scotland) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


6 Food.—Miscellaneous Food Additives (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 60), dated 11th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

7 Weights and Measures.—Units of Measurement Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 55), dated 10th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

8 Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons.—Statements by the Secretary of State for Health and the Secretary of State for Wales concerning the provision of residential accommodation for disabled persons under the age of 65 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

9 Contingencies Fund, 1999–2000.—Accounts of the Contingencies Fund for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 118] [Mr Stephen Timms].

10 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The re-negotiation of the PFI-type deal for the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds [by Act]; to be printed [No. 103] [Clerk of the House].

11 Northern Ireland.—Proposal for a Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001, with an Explanatory Document [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

12 Terrorism.—(1) Draft Code of Practice for the detention, treatment and questioning of persons detained under the Terrorism Act 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

(2) draft Code of Practice for the exercise by an authorised officer of functions under Part III of the Terrorism Act 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

(3) draft Code of Practice for the exercise by examining officers of their functions under the Terrorism Act 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw]; and

(4) draft Code of Practice for the video recording with sound of police interviews of persons detained under section 41 of, or Schedule 7 to, the Terrorism Act 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

13 Transport.—Statement of salaries of members of the British Waterways Board with effect from 1st July 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

14 Treaty Series (No. 135, 2000),—Third Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 5028] [Mr Secretary Cook].
Paper withdrawn:
15 Partnerships,—Draft Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations 2001 [laid 19th December].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Hunting Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Lidington, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr David Rendel, Mr Keith Simpson and Angela Smith members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—(1) First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Inpatient admission, bed management and patient discharge in NHS acute hospitals], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 135]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Major Projects Report 2000: Case Studies], to be printed [No. 136-i]

[Mr David Davis].

[No. 18.]

Tuesday 16th January 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill,—Ordered, That the proviso in paragraph (2)(ii) of Standing Order No. 86 (Nomination of standing committees) shall not apply to the Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill.—(Mr Secretary Murphy.)

2 Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Children’s Commissioner for Wales 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 Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill because it fails to assert the importance of the family in protecting and nurturing children; it fails to give families confidence that the Children’s Commissioner will protect the interests of their children whilst not impinging on the rights and responsibilities of parents in their relations with the public and other bodies within the scope of the Bill; because it will lead to duplication and confusion as to where responsibility for the welfare of children in schools lies; and fails to take account of the responsibility of UK public bodies and agencies which are not subject to oversight by the National Assembly for Wales’, instead thereof.—(Mr Nigel Evans.)

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

The House divided.

 Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr James Gray: 139.
 Tellers for the Noes, Jim Dowd, Mr Clive Betts: 339.

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.
3 Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill:—

**Standing Committee**

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 1st February.

3. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet—(Mr David Hanson);

   And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Ainsworth, Jim Dowd: 280.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr James Gray: 67.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill:—

**Standing Committee**

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 1st February.

3. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.

4 Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Children’s Commissioner for Wales 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 Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act—(Mr Don Touhig):—It was agreed to.

5 Education (S.I., 2000, No. 3106).—A Motion was made, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) (No. 4) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3106), dated 21st November 2000, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd November, in the last Session of Parliament, be annulled—(Mr Phil Willis);

   And it being half-past Eleven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, being of opinion that owing to the lateness of the hour at which consideration of the Motion was entered upon the time for Debate had not been adequate, interrupted the business, pursuant to Standing Order No. 17 (Delegated legislation (negative procedure)), and the Debate stood adjourned till to-morrow.

6 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 (Code of Practice on Audio Recording of Interviews) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 18th December, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts):—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.59 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—(1) Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice for Authorised Officers) Order 2001, and
   (2) draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice for Examining Officers) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

   (2) draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

Other Papers:

3 International Monetary Fund,—Paper, entitled The UK and the IMF 1999–2000 [by Command] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

4 National Lottery,—Report and Summary Accounts of UK Sport Lottery Funding for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

5 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [20 June 2000] from members and supporters of Glossop, Hadfield and District Pensioners’ Association for restoration of the link between earnings and the state pension [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

6 Sport,—Report and Summary Accounts of UK Sport for 1999–2000 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

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 [Cemeteries]; to be printed [No. 91-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 Home Affairs,—First Special Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Government Reply to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Blantyre House Prison]; to be printed [No. 139] [Mr Robin Corbett].

3 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Corruption]; to be printed [No. 39-iii] [Mr Bowen Wells].

4 Statutory Instruments,—Third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 46-iii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

5 Trade and Industry,—(1) Second Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [The Department of Trade and Industry: Role, Objectives and Targets], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 140]; and
   (2) First Special Report from the Committee [Observations from the Government, the Post Office and the Postal Services Commission on the Thirteenth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, Session 1999–2000, on the Post Office and the Future of the Network]; to be printed [No. 141] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

6 Treasury,—(1) Second Report from the Treasury Committee [National Statistics], 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. 137];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Banking]; to be printed [No. 138-i];
   (3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [2000 Pre-Budget Report]; and
   (4) Memoranda laid before the Sub-Committee of the Committee [National Statistics] [Mr Giles Radice].
7 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Wales in the World: the role of the UK Government in promoting Wales abroad]; to be printed [No. 38-ii] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 18; WH, No. 8.]

Tuesday 16th January 2001.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 2 p.m.]

[No. 19.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (The Convention on Mutual Assistance and Cooperation Between Customs Administrations (Naples II)) Order 2001.

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

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Maxton reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Local Government Best Value (Exclusion of Non-commercial Considerations) Order 2001.

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

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Andrew Welsh reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission (Procedure) Rules 2001, and the draft Legal Advice and Assistance (Scope) (Amendment) Regulations 2001.

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

4 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. COM (99) 643, a Commission Communication entitled ‘Community Support Plan to Combat Doping in Sport’, European Union Document No. COM (99) 644, the Helsinki Report on Sport, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 23rd November 2000, submitted by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, relating to the Declaration on Sport; considers that the special nature and role of sport should be recognised in applying Community rules to sporting activity, and supports the Government’s intention to ensure that Europe is effectively represented in the deliberations of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

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 concur with the Commons in their message of 21st December relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee on Tax Simplification Bills;

They communicate that they have appointed a Select Committee of six Lords to join with a Committee appointed by the Commons as the Joint Committee on Tax Simplification Bills;

They have ordered that the Committee have power to agree with the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman;

That the quorum of the Committee shall be two;

That the Committee have leave to report from time to time;

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;
That the minutes of evidence taken before the Committee shall, if the Committee think fit, be printed and delivered out;
That the procedure of the Joint Committee shall follow the procedure of select committees of the House of Commons when such procedure differs from that of select committees of this House, and shall include the power of the chairman to select amendments;
And they propose that the Committee do meet with a Committee appointed by the Commons on Thursday 18th January at half past ten o'clock in Committee Room 3.

6 Tax Simplification (Joint Committee).—Ordered. That the Lords Message this day relating to the Joint Committee on Tax Simplification Bills be now considered.

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.

7 Outworking Bill.—Mr Richard Burden, supported Mr Fabian Hamilton, Angela Smith, Mr Peter Bottomley, Ms Oona King, Mr Paul Tyler, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Judy Mallaber, Mr David Amess, Mrs Linda Gilroy, Mr Dai Leyd Wigley and Mr David Kidney, presented a Bill to control the seeking or receipt of payments for the provision of work or of information about work opportunities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 11].

8 Road Transport Bill.—Mr James Gray, supported by Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Tim Loughton, Mr John MacGregor, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Martin Salter, the Reverend Martin Smyth and Sir George Young, presented a Bill to require local authorities to take measures to safeguard motorists and pedestrians from the effects of snow and ice; to simplify the procedure for making speed limits; to ban the use of hand-held telephones by drivers of motor vehicles; to amend the law with respect to the wearing of seat belts; and to extend the area within which mandatory travel concessions outside Greater London apply: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th February and to be printed [Bill 12].

9 High Hedges Bill.—Mr John M. Taylor, supported by Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Don Foster, Mr Dai Leyd Wigley, Mr William Ross, Sir David Madel, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Andrew Hunter and Mr Keith Simpson, presented a Bill to make provision for dealing with complaints about high hedges; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th March and to be printed [Bill 13].

10 Christmas Day (Trading) Bill.—Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, supported by Mr Derek Foster, Mrs Llin Golding, Dr Evan Harris, Mrs Joan Humble and Helen Jones, presented a Bill to prohibit trading on Christmas Day in certain cases; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th March and to be printed [Bill 14].

11 National Lottery (Amendment) Bill.—Dr Ian Gibson, supported by Dr Desmond Turner, Mr Anthony D. Wright, Dr George Turner, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mt David Prior, Mr Keith Simpson, Mrs Gillian Shephard and Mr John MacGregor, presented a Bill to allow the National Lottery Charities Board to make grants to endowment trusts as part of the endowment of such charitable organisations; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 23rd March and to be printed [Bill 15].

12 Adoption Bill.—Mrs Caroline Spelman, supported by Mr Julian Brazier, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Frank Field, Mr David Davis, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Ian Bruce, Dr Peter Brand, Mr Michael Fabricant, Sir Nicholas Lyell and Mrs Virginia Bottomley, presented a Bill to amend the law on adoption: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 30th March and to be printed [Bill 16].

13 Transplant of Human Organs Bill.—Mr Kenneth Clarke, supported by Mr John Butterfill, presented a Bill to amend the law on the transplant of human tissue; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th March and to be printed [Bill 17].

14 Private Dental Practitioners Bill.—Ann Clwyd, supported by Angela Smith, Ms Linda Perham, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Mr Gordon Prentice, Paul Flynn, Sir Geoffrey Johnson Smith, Dr Peter Brand, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours and Ms Julie Morgan, presented a Bill to amend the law on the registration and regulation of private dental practitioners; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th March and to be printed [Bill 18].
15 Railways Bill,—Mr Eric Martlew, supported by Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Derek Foster, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Mr Michael Clapham, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Clive Efford, Mr Michael Connarty and Mr Ian Cawsey, presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to inquire into and make a report to Parliament on the future ownership, control and management of railway infrastructure; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 23rd March and to be printed [Bill 19].

16 Copyright, etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill,—Mr Andrew Miller, supported by Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Phil Woolas, Mrs Linda Gilroy, Mr Tom Pendry, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr Eric Martlew, Gillian Merron, Mr Phil Hope, Mr Ivor Caplin and Maria Eagle, presented a Bill to amend the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 in respect of criminal offences, search warrants, powers of seizure and orders for forfeiture; to amend the Trade Marks Act 1994 in respect of search warrants and powers of seizure; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th March and to be printed [Bill 20].

17 Vaccination of Children (Parental Choice) Bill,—Miss Julie Kirkbride, supported by Mr David Davis, Mr Graham Brady, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Dafydd Wigley, and Mr William Thompson, presented a Bill to allow parents to choose to have their child vaccinated separately against measles, mumps and rubella; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th February and to be printed [Bill 21].

18 Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Bill,—Paul Flynn, supported by Mr Peter Bradley 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 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 22].

19 Secret Societies (Registration of Membership) Bill,—Mr Charles Wardle, supported by Mr Norman Baker, Sir Richard Body, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Brian Sedgemore and Mr Richard Shepherd, presented a Bill to require that a person elected to public office shall register with the public body to which he has been elected his membership of any secret society: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 30th March and to be printed [Bill 23].

20 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill,—Mr Tony Clarke, supported by Mr Joe Ashton, Mr Peter Bottomley, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Ivan Henderson, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Stephen McCabe, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr Phil Sawford, Ms Debra Shipley and Mr Anthony D. Wright, presented a Bill to make provision about the circumstances in which, and the extent to which, a man is to be treated in law as the father of a child where the child has resulted from certain fertility treatment undertaken after the man’s death; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 23rd March and to be printed [Bill 24].

21 Organic Food and Farming Targets Bill,—Mr Simon Thomas, supported by Mr Paul Tyler, Joan Ruddock, Mr Eifion Llwyd, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Tony Benn, Mr David Drew, Mr Richard Livsey, Julia Drown, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Martin Caton and Mr Colin Breed, 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 9th February and to be printed [Bill 25].

22 Children’s Rights Commissioner Bill,—Mr Hilton Dawson, supported by Mr David Hinchliffe, Ms Julie Morgan, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Mark Todd, Mr David Kidney, Mr Jonathan Shaw, Mr Win Gruftih, Ms Debra Shipley, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr George Mudie and Mr David Drew presented 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 the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 6th April and to be printed [Bill 26].

23 Employee Consultation Rights Bill,—Mr Kelvin Hopkins, supported by Mr Harold Best, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Tony Clarke, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Lynne Jones, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Andrew Love and Mr Gordon Prentice, presented a Bill to require employers with more than fifty employees to consult workforce representatives on large business issues which directly affect employees; to establish a forum in which to consult about those issues; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 6th April and to be printed [Bill 27].
24 Pension Annuities (Amendment) Bill.—Mr John Butterfill, supported by Mr Frank Field, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Peter Lilley, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Michael Howard, Mr John Burnett and Mr Nick St. Aubyn, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the purchase of annuities in respect of private and personal pensions and defined contribution pension schemes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th March and to be printed [Bill 28].

25 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill.—Mr Roger Casale, supported by Mr Bill Rammell, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Piaras S. Khabra, Ms Ruth Kelly, Mr Edward Davey, Ms Linda Perham, Miss Anne Beegh, Dr Rudi Vis, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Mr Hilary Benn and Ms Tess Kingham, presented a Bill to make provision for and in connection with the removal of general restrictions as to nationality which apply to civil employment under the Crown; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 29].

26 Patient Consent Form Bill.—Mrs Marion Roe, supported by Mr David Amess, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Simon Burns and Mr Jonathan Sayeed, presented a Bill to require health service providers to provide patients with a standard consent form; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 30th March and to be printed [Bill 30].

27 Hunting Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [7th November], That in the Order of 20th December 2000 (Hunting Bill Programme) the following be substituted for paragraph 4—

4. The following shall not apply in respect of proceedings in Committee of the whole House—

(a) Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000, and

(b) Sessional Order D (5) (Single question on successive provisions of the Bill) made by the House on that day—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe):—It was agreed to.

28 Hunting Bill (Clauses 1 to 4 and New Clauses) [allotted day],—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Hunting Bill (Clauses 1 to 4 and New Clauses). (In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Hunting with dogs: supervision).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill;

29 Deferred Divisions.—The Chairman announced the results of divisions which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Order of the House [7th November].

Human Rights (Joint Committee),—That—

the Lords Message [12th July 2000] communicating a Resolution relating to Human Rights (Joint Committee), be now considered;

this House concurs with the Lords in the said Resolution; and

the following Standing Order be made:

(1) There shall be a Select Committee, to consist of six Members, to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords as the Joint Committee on Human Rights.

(2) The Committee shall consider—

(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 Standing Order No. 151 (Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee));

(3) The Committee shall 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; 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 the Committee may report to the House on any matter arising from its consideration of the said proposals or draft orders.
(4) The Committee shall 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 the Committee may report to the House on any matter arising from its consideration of the said order or any replacement order.

(5) The quorum of the committee shall be three.

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

(7) The committee shall have power—

(a) to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom, to adjourn to institutions of the Council of Europe outside the United Kingdom no more than four times in any calendar year, and to report from time to time; and

(b) to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the committee’s order of reference.

Ayes: 486.

Noes: 3.

So the Question was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Human Rights.—That Mr Desmond Browne, Sir Patrick Cormack, Jean Corston, Mr Robert Maclean, Mr Andrew Miller and Mr Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West) be members of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Human Rights.

Ayes: 487.

Noes: 2.

So the Question was agreed to.

30 Hunting Bill (Clauses 1 to 4 and New Clauses).—Question again proposed, That Clause No. 1 stand part of the Bill;

Question put.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr Andrew Robathan: 155.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Michael Foster: 399.

Clause disagreed to.

And it being after Ten o’clock, the Chairman put the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded, pursuant to Order [7th November and 20th December].

Clause No. 2 (Hunting with dogs: regulation).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Christopher Gill, Mrs Llin Golding: 182.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Michael Foster: 382.

Clause disagreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Hunting with dogs: prohibition).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Michael Foster: 387.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Christopher Gill: 174.

Clause agreed to.
Clause No. 4 (Commencement).

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

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Douglas Hogg: 37.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 374.

Clause disagreed to.

A Clause (Commencement (No. 4))—(Mr Mike O’Brien)—brought up, and read the first time.

Amendment (a) proposed to the Clause, in line 1, after the word ‘force’ to insert the words ‘(a) as respects England’—(Mr Simon Thomas).

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr Andrew Welsh: 68.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 364.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 365.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Douglas Hogg: 36.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill (Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 and New Clauses), as amended, to the House, pursuant to Order [7th November and 20th December].

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Don Touhig reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 and New Clauses), and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill (Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 and New Clauses), as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.46 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Companies,—Draft Companies (EU Political Expenditure) Exemption Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Government Trading Funds,—(1) Draft Defence Aviation Repair Agency Trading Fund Order 2001, and

(2) draft The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory Trading Fund Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

3 Representation of the People,—(1) Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw], and

(2) draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Companies,—Companies (Unregistered Companies) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 86), dated 16th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 Weights and Measures,—Weights and Measures (Metrication Amendments) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 85), dated 16th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].
Other Papers:

6 National Savings Bank,—(1) Accounts of the National Savings Investment Deposits for 1999–2000, and

(2) Accounts of the National Savings Ordinary Deposits for 1999–2000,

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 147 and 146] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Health and Social Care Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E, and has appointed Mr John Maxton Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Dr Peter Brand, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr John Denham, Lorna Fitzsimons, Mr Michael Jabe Foster, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr John Hutton, Mr David Jameson, Kali Mountford, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Mr Ian Stewart, Mr Desmond Swayne and Sir George Young.

2 Health and Social Care Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Ben Bradshaw, Dr Peter Brand, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr John Denham, Mr Philip Hammond and Mr David Jameson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

3 Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee F, and has appointed Mr Barry Jones and Mr Bowen Wells Chairmen; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr James Gray, Mr Win Griffiths, Mr David Hanson, Ms Ruth Kelly, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr Ellyn Llwyd, Ms Julie Morgan, Sir Raymond Powell, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Chris Ruane, Mr John Smith, Mr Don Touhig and Mr Robert Walter.

4 Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nick Ainger, Mr James Gray, Mr Win Griffiths, Mr David Hanson, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr Don Touhig, and Mr Robert Walter members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill.

5 Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 and the Open-Ended Investment Companies (Investment Companies with Variable Capital) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (in respect of the Regulations).

6 Draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Bar Practising Certificates) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third 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 David Amess, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Harold Best, Mr John Burnett, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Huw Edwards, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Eric Joyce, Mr Paul Keetch, Mr David Lock, Mr John McDonnell, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Gordon Marsden, Bridget Prentice and Dr Phyllis Starkey.

7 Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2001,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (in respect of the draft Order).

8 Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Amendment (No. 3) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3231):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order 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 Hilary Benn, Yvette Cooper, Mr David Drew, Maria Eagle, Mr David Faber, Mr Frank Field, Mr Mark Fisher, Dr Liam Fox, Sandra Gidley, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr David Jameson, Ms Tess Kingham, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Desmond Swayne and Dr Jenny Tonge.
9 Draft Maximum Number of Judges (Northern Ireland) Order 2001:
   (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.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr David Atkinson, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Gerald
       Bermingham, Mrs Helen Brinton, Mr John Burnett, Mr Paul Clark, Mr Christopher Gill,
       Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr David Lock, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Ken
       Maginnis, Alice Mahon, Judy Mallaber and Mr Stephen Pound.

European Standing Committees

10 European Union Document No. 10427/00 relating to food hygiene, and European Union
   Document Nos. 12648/00 and 12646/00 relating to health requirements for animal by-products,
   have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

11 The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of European Standing Committee
   B in respect of European Union Documents No. 9712/00, relating to Statute for Members
   of the European Parliament and European Union Document No. 9560/00, relating to
   Audit of Expenditure of European Parliament Political Groups.

12 European Union Document No. 11529/00 relating to a Community immigration policy, and
   European Union Document No. 13889/00 relating to competition in motor vehicle
   distribution and servicing, have been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Second Report from the Agriculture Committee [Organic 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.
   149];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Implementation of IACS in the
       European Union], to be printed [No. 150-i]; and
   (3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Implementation of IACS in the European
       Union; New Covent Garden Market; UK Pig Industry]
       [Mr David Curry].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [MoD Annual
   Reporting Cycle]; to be printed [No. 144-i] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Education and Employment,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-
   Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Higher Education]; to be
   printed [No. 124-ii][Mr Barry Sheerman]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the
       Committee [New Deal: An Evaluation]; to be printed [No. 58-iii][Mr Derek Foster].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the
   Transport Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs
   Committee [Transport-related Executive Agencies of the Department of the
   Environment, Transport and the Regions]; to be printed [No. 122-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth
   Dunwoody]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Committee [Draft
       Water Bill]; to be printed [No.145-II][Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 European Scrutiny,—Third Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed,
   with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 28-iii][Mr
   Jimmy Hood].

6 Northern Ireland,—(1) First Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee
   [Annual Report for Session 1999–2000], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 148]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Parades Commission]; to be
   printed [No. 120-ii][Mr Peter Brooke].

7 Public Accounts,—(1) Second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Public Trust
   Office: Unclaimed Balances held in Funds in Court and the Agency’s 1998–99 Accounts];
   to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report
   [No. 142]; and
(2) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Major Projects Report 2000]; to be printed [No. 136-ii] [Mr David Davis].

8 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Administration Committee [Making Government Work]; to be printed [No. 94-iii] [Tony Wright].

9 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Drinks Industry in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 114-ii] [Mr David Marshall].

10 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Integrated Child Credit]; to be printed [No. 72-ii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 19; WH, No. 9.]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 Don Touhig);

And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 20.]

Thursday 18th January 2001.

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 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 Thursday 25th January.

2 Spoliation Advisory Panel,—Resolved, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there will be laid before this House a Return of a report of the Spoliation Advisory Panel in respect of a painting now in the possession of the Tate Gallery by the Right honourable Sir David Hirst.—(Mr Alan Howarth.)

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

Kent County Council Bill [Lords] and Medway Council Bill [Lords],—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords] and the Medway Council Bill [Lords], viz.:

That, notwithstanding anything in the Private Business Standing Orders or practice of the House of Lords, the promoters of the Bill, which originated in the House of Lords in Session 1998–99 and which has passed all its stages in the Lords but not in the Commons, may proceed with the Bill in the present Session;

That the Petition for the Bill be deemed to have been deposited;

That all Standing Orders applicable be deemed to have been complied with;

That the Bill be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than 3 p.m. on Monday 22nd January with a declaration annexed, signed by the agent, stating that it is the same in every respect as the Bill passed by the Lords;

That the proceedings on the Bill in the present Session be pro forma in regard to every stage through which the Bill had passed in the last Session and that no new fees be charged.

4 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—The Order for reading the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill a second time on Friday 2nd February was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 16th March.
Criminal Justice and Police Bill.—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Byers, Mr Charles Clarke and Jane Kennedy, presented a Bill to make provision for combating crime and disorder; to make provision about the disclosure of information relating to criminal matters and about powers of search and seizure; to amend the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984, the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989 and the Terrorism Act 2000; to make provision about the police, the National Criminal Intelligence Service and the National Crime Squad; to make provision about the powers of the courts in relation to criminal matters; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday next and to be printed [Bill 31].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Criminal Justice and Police Bill be printed [Bill 31–EN].

Teacher Supply and Standards in Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House view with deep concern the crisis of teacher shortages which is hitting schools across the country and which has led to some schools operating a four day week, children being sent home early, increased class sizes and the use of non-specialist and unqualified staff, deplors the Government’s complacency in the face of this crisis; notes that many teachers are leaving the profession because of the increased red tape and bureaucratic burdens imposed by this Government; recognises that the teacher shortages are damaging standards in schools; and calls on the Government to revive the teaching profession by getting rid of the excessive bureaucratic burdens faced by teachers, setting schools free and letting 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 enormous strides taken over the last three years to make teaching a more attractive profession; particularly welcomes the introduction of a new career structure and performance-related pay to assist retention, a greater emphasis on continuing professional development and the development of golden hellos in shortage subjects and teacher training salaries, which mean that there are more people training to be teachers now than at any time in the last eight years; further welcomes the practical steps taken by the Government to assist headteachers facing recruitment problems in some areas and the measures which have been taken to reduce needless bureaucracy in schools; applauds the improved achievement levels by both primary and secondary pupils, the big reduction in infant class sizes since 1997 and the substantial increase in teaching assistants and learning mentors to offer practical support to pupils and teachers; and notes that the number of teachers in post is higher than at any time in the last decade as a direct result of greater investment in education by the Government, and that the School Teachers’ Review Body will report soon’, 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 John Randall, Mr Peter Atkinson: 128.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Don Touhig: 309.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Teacher Supply and Standards in Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House views with deep concern the crisis of teacher shortages which is hitting schools across the country and which has led to some schools operating a four day week, children being sent home early, increased class sizes and the use of non-specialist and unqualified staff, deplors the Government’s complacency in the face of this crisis; notes that many teachers are leaving the profession because of the increased red tape and bureaucratic burdens imposed by this Government; recognises that the teacher shortages are damaging standards in schools; and calls on the Government to revive the teaching profession by getting rid of the excessive bureaucratic burdens faced by teachers, setting schools free and letting teachers teach—(Mrs Theresa May);

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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 Atkinson: 128.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Don Touhig: 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 Don Touhig, Mr Clive Betts: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Peter Atkinson: 151.

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 enormous strides taken over the last three years to make teaching a more attractive profession; particularly welcomes the introduction of a new career structure and performance-related pay to assist retention, a greater emphasis on continuing professional development and the development of golden hellos in shortage subjects and teacher training salaries, which mean that there are more people training to be teachers now than at any time in the last eight years; further welcomes the practical steps taken by the Government to assist headteachers facing recruitment problems in some areas and the measures which have been taken to reduce needless bureaucracy in schools; applauds the improved achievement levels by both
primary and secondary pupils, the big reduction in infant class sizes since 1997 and the substantial increase in teaching assistants and learning mentors to offer practical support to pupils and teachers; and notes that the number of teachers in post is higher than at any time in the last decade as a direct result of greater investment in education by the Government, and that the School Teachers’ Review Body will report soon.

Maintenance of an Adequate Police Force.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government’s failure to fulfil its manifesto commitment strongly to support the police; notes that police numbers in England and Wales were rising when the Government came into office; regrets the decline in police numbers of more than 2,500 since the General Election, including the loss of 1,900 constables, contrary to the Government’s manifesto pledge to get more officers back on the beat; further regrets the dramatic decline of one third in the number of special constables; notes the comments of senior police figures that policing is in a state of crisis; condemns the Government’s decision to release before serving half their prison sentences more than 200 criminals convicted of assaulting police officers; notes with regret the low level of police morale and the 60 per cent. rise in voluntary resignations from the police since the Government came to power; and calls on the Government urgently to take measures to improve morale in the police force, to restore police numbers at least to the levels they inherited, and to increase the visibility of the police in order better to protect the public at a time when violent crime is soaring.—(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 ‘notes that the number of police officers in England and Wales fell by 1,476 between 1993 and 1997–98 under budgets set by the previous administration, whilst the strength of the Metropolitan Police Service was allowed to fall by 1,773 between 1993 and 1997–98; notes too that morale of the service was badly damaged by the 1993 Sheehy Report, and recruitment made difficult especially in London and the South East by the abolition in 1994 of the housing allowance for officers; welcomes the establishment of the crime fighting fund to bring officer numbers to record levels by 2003–04, the recent rise in police numbers, the 74 per cent. increase in the numbers of recruits entering training in the first nine months of this financial year compared to the same period last year, the 1,000 increase in civilian staff since March 1997, and the very substantial rise in police funding announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Spending Review 2000; and congratulates the police service on securing a 7 per cent. reduction in recorded crime since March 1997’ 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 Atkinson: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Tony McNulty: 265.

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 Kevin Hughes, Mr Tony McNulty: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Peter Atkinson: 129.

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 the number of police officers in England and Wales fell by 1,476 between 1993 and 1997–98 under budgets set by the previous administration, whilst the strength of the Metropolitan Police Service was allowed to fall by 1,773 between 1993 and 1997–98; notes too that morale of the service was badly damaged by the 1993 Sheehy Report, and recruitment made difficult especially in London and the South East by the abolition in 1994 of the housing allowance for officers; welcomes the establishment of the crime fighting fund to bring officer numbers to record levels by 2003–04, the recent rise in police numbers, the 74 per cent. increase in the numbers of recruits entering training in the first nine months of this financial year compared to the same period last year, the 1,000 increase in civilian staff since March 1997, and the very substantial rise in police funding announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the Spending Review 2000; and congratulates the police service on securing a 7 per cent. reduction in recorded crime since March 1997.
7 Sport,—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. COM(99)643, a Commission Communication entitled ‘Community Support Plan to Combat Doping in Sport’, European Union Document No. COM(99)644, the Helsinki Report on Sport and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 23rd November 2000, submitted by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport relating to the Declaration on Sport; considers that the special nature and role of sport should be recognised in applying Community rules to sporting activity; and supports the Government’s intention to ensure that Europe is effectively represented in the deliberations of the World Anti-Doping Agency—(Mr Keith Bradley);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday next, pursuant to Order [7th November].

8 Draft Deregulation (Sunday Licensing) Order 2000,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft deregulation orders) the draft Deregulation (Sunday Licensing) Order 2000, which was laid before this House on 8th December, be approved—(Mr Keith Bradley):—It was agreed to.

9 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Sandhurst, Gloucestershire, and others for closure of the chemical reprocessing plant at Upper Parting 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 Keith Bradley.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till Monday 22nd January.

[Adjourned at 7.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Mandelson].

2 Representation of the People,—Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Legal Aid and Advice,—Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (S.R. (N.I.), 2001, No. 9), dated 15th January 2001 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr David Lock].

Other Papers:

4 Public Petitions,—Observations—

(1) by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the Petition [26th June, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of the Burscough area in West Lancashire against the proposed BSE incinerator at Burscough;

(2) by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [25th July, in the last Session of Parliament] from post office users in the Ravenstone area of North West Leicestershire for post offices to continue to pay benefits and pensions; and

(3) by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [16th November, in the last Session of Parliament] from the Bourton-on-the-Water and Lechlade branches of the Women’s Institute against the compulsory payment of benefits through banks [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

5 Spoliation Advisory Panel (Tate Gallery),—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day for a Return of the Report of the Spoliation Advisory Panel in respect of a painting now in the possession of the Tate Gallery [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 111] [Mr Secretary Smith].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Hilton Dawson from Standing Committee F (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr George Mudie.

2. Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Amendment (No. 3) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3231).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Jenny Tonge from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Nick Harvey.

European Standing Committees

3. European Union Document No. 10427/00, relating to food hygiene, originally referred to European Standing Committee A on 17th January, has now been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Armed Forces Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill; to be printed [No. 154-i] [Ms Rachel Squire].

2. 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. 56-iii] [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. 124-iii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4. Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Pre-budget Report 2000: Fuel duties]; to be printed [No. 71-iii] [Mr John Horam].

5. Health.—(1) First Special Report from the Health Committee [The Committee’s Work, Sessions 1997–1998 to 1999–2000]; to be printed [No. 152], and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Public Health]; to be printed [No. 30-sv]

[Mr David Hinchliffe].

[No. 20; WH, No. 10.]

Thursday 18th January 2001.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment (The Greening Government Initiative).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Jim Dowd.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 23rd January.

[Adjourned at 5.54 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Maxton reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2001 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2001.

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

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Butterfill reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Bar Practising Certificates) Order 2001.

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:

Human Rights (Joint Committee),—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of six Lords to join with the Committee appointed by the Commons to consider and report on:

- matters relating to human rights in the United Kingdom (but excluding consideration of individual cases);
- 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
- 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 Standing Order 73 (Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments);

To report to the House

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; or

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:

- the order should be approved in the form in which it was originally laid before Parliament; or
- that the order should be replaced by a new order modifying the provisions of the original order; or
- 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;

That the Committee have power to agree with the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman;

That the Committee have power to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom, and to institutions of the Council of Europe outside the United Kingdom no more than four times in any calendar year;

That the Committee have leave to report from time to time;

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;

That the minutes of evidence taken before the Committee from time to time shall, if the Committee think fit, be printed and delivered out;

And they propose that the Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the Commons on Wednesday 31st January at half-past five o'clock in Committee Room 4B.

Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill 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.
Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill 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.

4 Human Rights (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [this day] as relates to the Joint Committee on Human Rights be now considered.

So much of the Lords Message considered accordingly.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

5 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 costs and the 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 20th July and to be printed [Bill 32].

6 Exorcism of Children (Prohibition) Bill.—Mr Harry Cohen, supported by Alice Mahon, Mr Michael Clapham and Mr Andrew Love, presented a Bill to prohibit the practice of exorcism on young persons under the age of sixteen: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th March and to be printed [Bill 33].

7 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion 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 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill because there is insufficient evidence that its provisions would lead to a quantifiable reduction in tobacco consumption and yet they entail a serious restriction of freedom of expression; it contains no provisions to combat the increase in the prevalence of smoking amongst vulnerable population groups which is due to the growth in importation and sale of illegal tobacco products; nor does it address the difficulties of those sports which stand to lose financial support as a result of its provisions’, instead thereof.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Stephen Day: 127.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Clive Betts: 316.

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 Clive Betts: 316.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Christopher Chope: 11.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

8 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill—

Standing Committee

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 8th February 2001—(Yvette Cooper);

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Graham Allen: 254.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Stephen Day: 79.
So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill—

Standing Committee

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 8th February 2001.

9 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Tobacco Advertising and Promotion 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 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion 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 under any other Act out of money so provided—(Mr Mike Hall);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Kevin Hughes: 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Douglas Hogg: 15.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 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 and Advice (Scope) (Amendment) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 11th December, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till Wednesday next, pursuant to Order [7th November].

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 (Exclusion of Non-commercial Considerations) Order, which was laid before this House on 12th December, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till Wednesday next, pursuant to Order [7th November].

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 Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission (Procedure) Rules 2001, which were laid before this House on 13th December, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till Wednesday next, pursuant to Order [7th November].

13 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) (The Convention on Mutual Assistance and Co-operation between Customs Administrations (Naples II)) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 14th December, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till Wednesday next, pursuant to Order [7th November].

14 Delegated Legislation.—Ordered, That the Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Amendment (No. 3) Order 2000 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

15 Delegated Legislation.—Ordered, That the Non-automatic Weighing Instruments Regulations 2000 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Don Touhig.)
16 Science and Technology Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas be discharged from the Science and Technology Committee and Mr Tony McWalter be added to the Committee—(Mr Keith Bradley, on behalf of the Committee of Selection);

The Motion was opposed.

17 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Don Touhig);

Tuesday 23rd January 2001

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

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

[Adjourned at 12.04 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 19th January 2001 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O., No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Treaty Series (No. 1, 2001),—Protocol, done at Brussels on 15th May 1997, to the Partnership and Co-operation Agreement, establishing a Partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Moldova, of the other part [Cm. 5030] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 22nd January 2001:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Education (Induction Arrangements for School Teachers) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 103), dated 19th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

3 Appropriation Accounts, 1999–2000,— Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Classes,—

(1) IV (Home Office),

(2) VI (Ministry of Defence)

for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 25-IV and VI] [Mr Stephen Timms].

4 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Defence Procurement Agency for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 19] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

5 Science and Technology,—Accounts of the Medical Research Council for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 160] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2001, and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Frank Field and Dr Alan Whitehead from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders), and nominated in substitution Mr Iain Coleman and Mr Jeff Ennis.

2 Draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Bar Practising Certificates) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Harold Best, Mrs Anne McGuire and Dr Phyllis Starkey from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Mr Graham Allen, Mr Denzil Davies and Mr Fraser Kemp.

3 Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Amendment (No. 3) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3231),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Harvey from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order), and nominated in substitution Dr Jenny Tonge.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords].—The Speaker laid upon the Table a certificate by the Clerk in the Private Bill Office that, in respect of the following Bills brought from the House of Lords, the Agents have deposited in the Private Bill Office declarations signed by them, stating that the Bills are the same, in every respect, as the Bills which were brought from the House of Lords in the last Session, viz.:
   Kent County Council Bill [Lords]
   Medway Council Bill [Lords]

2 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order [9th January] relating to the Kent County Council Bill [Lords] being read;
   The Bill was read the first and second time and committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means.

3 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Order [9th January] relating to the Medway Council Bill [Lords] being read;
   The Bill was read the first and second time and committed to the Chairman of Ways and Means.

4 Vehicles (Crime) Bill [Lords].—Mr Bill O'Brien reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Vehicles (Crime) Bill [Lords], and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
   Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 169].

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-Rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2001.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Standing Orders.—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business, as amended, be printed [No. 15].

7 Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Social Security Contributions (Share Options) 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 Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill because, while it contains provisions which improve upon the existing unreasonable situation, it would be unreasonable to require companies to gamble on their tax liabilities where share options may never be exercised and possibly contrary to the provisions of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000', instead thereof.—(Mr Howard Flight.)
   And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr James Gray: 117.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 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);
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Kevin Hughes: 302.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Douglas Hogg: 3.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
8 Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill—

Standing Committee

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 1st February 2001.

3. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet—(Mr Stephen Timms),

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 270.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Gray, Mr Stephen Day: 152.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill—

Standing Committee

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 1st February 2001.

3. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.

9 Business of the House.—Ordered, That Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 2nd and 9th February, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th March, 6th and 27th April, 11th and 18th May, 8th and 15th June and 20th July.—(Paddy Tipping.)

10 Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act 1921.—Resolved, That it is expedient that a Tribunal be established under the Tribunals of Inquiry (Evidence) Act 1921, for inquiring into a matter of definite public importance, that is to say, the matters arising from the deaths of patients of Harold Shipman, with the following terms of reference—

(a) after receiving the existing evidence and hearing such further evidence as necessary, to consider the extent of Harold Shipman’s unlawful activities;

(b) to enquire into the actions of the statutory bodies, authorities, other organisations and responsible individuals concerned in the procedures and investigations which followed the deaths of those of Harold Shipman’s patients who died in unlawful or suspicious circumstances;

(c) by reference to the case of Harold Shipman to enquire into the performance of the functions of those statutory bodies, authorities, other organisations and individuals with responsibility for monitoring primary care provision and the use of controlled drugs; and

(d) following those enquiries, to recommend what steps, if any, should be taken to protect patients in the future, and to report its findings to the Secretary of State for the Home Department and to the Secretary of State for Health.—(Mr John Hutton.)

11 Local Government (S.I., 2000, No. 3272).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3272), dated 13th December 2000, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th December, be annulled—(Mr Nigel Waterson);

And it being an hour and a half 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, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Peter Atkinson: 141.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Mike Hall: 266.

So the Question was negatived.
12 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 2001, which was laid before this House on 21st December, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Graham Allen: 296.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Douglas Hogg: 4.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 21st December, be approved.

13 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 2001, which was laid before this House on 21st December, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson)—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 21st December, be approved.

14 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 Access to Justice Act 1999 (Bar Practising Certificates) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson)—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Bar Practising Certificates) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved.

15 Sittings in Westminster Hall.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, following the Order [20th November], Mr Nicholas Winterton, Mr John McWilliam, Mr Barry Jones and Frank Cook be appointed to act as additional Deputy Speakers at sittings in Westminster Hall during this Session—(Paddy Tipping);

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

16 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Allen.)

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 Negative Resolution:

1 Pensions,—Stakeholder Pension Schemes (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 104), dated 18th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Road Traffic,—Alterations in the provisions of the Highway Code proposed to be made by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions pursuant to section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

3 Appropriation Accounts, 1999-2000.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Class VII (Foreign and Commonwealth Office) for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 25-VII] [Mr Stephen Timms].

4 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Education Action Zones: Meeting the Challenge—the lessons identified from auditing the first 25 zones [by Act], to be printed [No. 130] [Clerk of the House].

5 Treasure,—Report on the Operation of the Treasure Act from 24th September 1998 to 31st December 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3325) and the Open-Ended Investment Companies (Investment Companies with Variable Capital) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3324).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Derek Twigg from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mrs Anne Campbell.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, to be printed [No. 154-ii] [Rachel Squire].

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. 124-iv] [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 [Cemeteries]; to be printed [No. 91-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Foreign Affairs,—First Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Human Rights Annual 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. 79] [Mr Donald Anderson].

5 Home Affairs,—(1) First Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Border Controls], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 163];

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Border Controls]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Work of the Lord Chancellor’s Department]; to be printed [No. 164-i]

[Mr David Winnick].

6 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Corruption]; to be printed [No. 39-iv] [Mr Bowen Wells].

7 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Rules Governing the Election of a Speaker]; to be printed [No. 40-ii] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 46-iv] [Mr David Tredinnick].


(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [UK Aerospace Industry]; to be printed [No. 171-i]

[Mr Martin O’Neill].

10 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken the Treasury Committee [International Monetary Fund]; to be printed [No. 162-i] [Mr Giles Radice].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 Chris Mullin);

And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, pursuant to Order [9th January]. That he had gone through the Kent County Council Bill [Lords] and made Amendments thereunto.

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

2 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, pursuant to Order [9th January]. That he had gone through the Medway Council Bill [Lords] and made Amendments thereunto.

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

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3325), and the Open-ended Investment Companies (Investment Companies with Variable Capital) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3324).

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

4 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Irene Adams reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Amendment (No. 3) Order 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3231).

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:

Colchester Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for the closure of certain commercial harbour facilities and to enable the Colchester Borough Council to cease to be a harbour authority for the harbour of Colchester, and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Colchester Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Colchester Borough Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

7 Opposition Day [2nd allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Job Losses in Manufacturing Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is alarmed at the continuing job losses in manufacturing industry, which now total over 300,000 since the 1997 election; condemns the Government for having abandoned this sector of the economy while burdening it with additional taxes and regulations, and demands that the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry brings forward a strategy for restoring the competitiveness of British manufacturing industry in world markets—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory);
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 low inflation and low interest rates that this Government has brought and which bring the economic stability needed by the manufacturing sector; welcomes the measures that this Government has taken to encourage investment, innovation and productivity which will particularly help manufacturing businesses; welcomes the Government’s approach in helping businesses and people through structural change as opposed to the previous Government’s laissez-faire approach; and condemns the Opposition’s record on manufacturing, where employment declined by 2½ million during its period in office’, 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 James Gray, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 171.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Robert Ainsworth: 286.

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 Robert Ainsworth: 313.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Gray, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 132.

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 low inflation and low interest rates that this Government has brought and which bring the economic stability needed by the manufacturing sector; welcomes the measures that this Government has taken to encourage investment, innovation and productivity which will particularly help manufacturing businesses; welcomes the Government’s approach in helping businesses and people through structural change as opposed to the previous Government’s laissez-faire approach; and condemns the Opposition’s record on manufacturing, where employment declined by 2½ million during its period in office.

Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of divisions which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Order of the House [7th November].

Sport,—That this House takes note of European Union Document No. COM(99)643, a Commission Communication entitled ‘Community Support Plan to Combat Doping in Sport’, European Union Document No. COM(99)644, the Helsinki Report on Sport and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 23rd November 2000, submitted by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport relating to the Declaration on Sport, considers that the special nature and role of sport should be recognised in applying Community rules to sporting activity; and supports the Government’s intention to ensure that Europe is effectively represented in the deliberations of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Ayes: 318.
Noes: 5.

So the Question was agreed to.

Legal Aid and Advice,—That the draft Legal Advice and Assistance (Scope) (Amendment) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 11th December, be approved.

Ayes: 427.
Noes: 4.

So the Question was agreed to.

Local Government,—That the draft Local Government Best Value (Exclusion of Non-commercial Considerations) Order, which was laid before this House on 12th December, be approved.

Ayes: 426.
Noes: 7.

So the Question was agreed to.
Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—That the draft Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission (Procedure) Rules 2001, which were laid before this House on 13th December, be approved.

Ayes: 433.
Noes: 1.

So the Question was agreed to.

European Communities.—That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (The Convention on Mutual Assistance and Co-operation between Customs Administrations (Naples II)) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 14th December, be approved.

Ayes: 425.
Noes: 8.

So the Question was agreed to.

Government’s Public Health Agenda.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the failures of Her Majesty’s Government’s public health policy, particularly relating to immunisation and communicable diseases; and calls on the Government to consider urgent measures to reduce the risks to public safety and to take urgent action to allay public concerns—(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 ‘condemns the widening health inequalities between 1979 and 1997 and the failure of Conservative governments to acknowledge health inequality or address the growing health gap between rich and poor; and supports initiatives to improve public health and tackle health inequalities, including new vaccination programmes for influenza and Meningitis C, the allocation of an extra £450 million to improve cancer and coronary heart disease services in England, the extension of the breast screening programme to women aged between 65 and 70, the strategy to reduce teenage pregnancies, the largest-ever investment in smoking cessation services and the proposed ban on tobacco advertising and sponsorship’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Milburn.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr James Gray, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 135.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Clive Betts: 317.

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 Don Touhig: 315.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Gray, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 133.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House condemns the widening health inequalities between 1979 and 1997 and the failure of Conservative governments to acknowledge health inequality or address the growing health gap between rich and poor; and supports initiatives to improve public health and tackle health inequalities, including new vaccination programmes for influenza and Meningitis C, the allocation of an extra £450 million to improve cancer and coronary heart disease services in England, the extension of the breast screening programme to women aged between 65 and 70, the strategy to reduce teenage pregnancies, the largest-ever investment in smoking cessation services and the proposed ban on tobacco advertising and sponsorship.

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 2001, which was laid before this House on 30th November, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Robert Ainsworth).

And the Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till Wednesday next, pursuant to Order [7th November].
11 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Robert Ainsworth.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.01 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

   (2) Personal Pension Schemes (Restriction on Discretion to Approve) (Permitted Investments) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 117), and
   (3) Personal Pension Schemes (Transfer Payments) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 119),
   dated 23rd January 2001 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

2 Road Traffic,—Graduated Vehicle Excise Duty (Prescribed Types of Fuel) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 93), dated 18th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:


4 Inland Revenue,—Consolidated Resource Accounts of the Department of Inland Revenue for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 129] [Mr Stephen Timms].


6 Wales,—Resource Accounts of the Wales Office (Office of the Secretary of State for Wales) for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 96] [Mr Stephen Timms].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill:—
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Mr Humfrey Malins and Mrs Irene Adams Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Ian Bruce, Yvette Cooper, Maria Eagle, Sandra Gidley, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Peter Luff, Mr John McFall, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr John Robertson, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Ernie Ross, Joan Ruddock, Mrs Caroline Spelman, Ms Gisela Stuart and David Taylor.

2 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Yvette Cooper, Maria Eagle, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Peter Luff, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr John Robertson and Mrs Caroline Spelman members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

3 Health and Social Care Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Sir David Madel an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

4 Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill:—
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee G, and has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr John Burnett, Mr Tony Colman, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Howard Flight, Mr John Healey, Mr Mark Hendrick, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Allan Rogers, Mr David Ruffley, Mr Nick St. Aubyn, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr Alan W. Williams.
5 Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Graham Allen, Mr Tony Colman, Mr Howard Flight, Mr John Healey, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Matthew Taylor and Mr Stephen Timms members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee G in respect of the Bill.

6 Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First 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.: Mr Roger Berry, Mr James Cran, Jim Dowd, Mr Frank Field, Mr George Howarth, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Alan Hurst, Ms Jenny Jones, Mr Stephen McCabe, Shona McIsaac, Mr Stephen O'Brien, Mr Lembit Opik, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr William Thompson and Derek Wyatt.

7 Draft Companies (EU Political Expenditure) Exemption Order 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second 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.: Mr David Atkinson, Mr Tony Baldry, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Brian Cotter, Maria Fyfe, Mr Nick Gibb, Mrs Linda Gilroy, Mr James Gray, Dr Kim Howells, Lynne Jones, Mr David Kidney, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Phil Sawford and Mr Derek Twigg.

8 Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001, and the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Third 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.: Jackie Ballard, Mr Harold Best, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Jim Cousins, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Chris McCafferty, Mr Alasdair Morgan, Mr Mike O'Brien, Mr Keith Simpson, Angela Smith, Mr Llew Smith and Mr Brian Wilson.

9 Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001:
   (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 nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Ian Bruce, Mr Alan Campbell, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr James Cran, Mr Tam Dalyell, Jim Dowd, Mr George Howarth, Shona McIsaac, Mr Lembit Opik, Mr William Ross, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr David Stewart, Mr John M. Taylor and Mr Stephen Twigg.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Fifth 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.: Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr John Cryer, Paul Flynn, Mr Eric Forth, Mr James Gray, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Dr Kim Howells, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Richard Page, Mr Greg Pope, Christine Russell, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Derek Twigg and Mr David Winnick.

11 Draft Maximum Number of Judges (Northern Ireland) Order 2001.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (in respect of the draft Order).

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Sixth 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.: Ms Candy Atherton, Mr James Cran, Jim Dowd, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr Andy King, Mr Andrew Love, Shona McIsaac, Mr David Maclean, Mr Ken Maginnis, Mr Michael Mates, Mr John Smith, Mr John M. Taylor and Mr Robert N. Wareing.

13 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice for Examining Officers) Order 2001, the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice for Authorised Officers) Order 2001 and the draft Terrorism Interviews (Scotland) Order 2001:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Seventh 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.: Jackie Ballard, Mr Charles Clarke, Dr Jack Cunningham, Mrs Llin Golding, Mrs Eileen Gordon, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Lidington, Mr Ken Maginnis, Kali Mountford, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr James Plaskitt, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Chris Ruane, Mr Keith Simpson and Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West).

European Standing Committees

14 European Document No. 10544/00, relating to Community postal services, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

15 Two unnumbered Explanatory Memoranda dated 22nd January 2001 and one unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 23rd January 2001, submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, all relating to the establishment of permanent CESDP bodies, have been referred to European Standing Committee B together with the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 27th November 2000 already referred to the Committee on 29th November 2000.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Third Report from the Agriculture Committee [Flood and Coastal Defence: Follow-up], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 172];

(2) Fourth Report from the 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. 53];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [New Covent Garden Market]; to be printed [No. 173-s]; and

(4) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Implementation of IACS in the European Union; New Covent Garden Market; UK Pig Industry]

[Mr David Curry].

2 Defence,—(1) First Special Report from the Defence Committee [Annual Report of the Defence Committee 1999–2000]; to be printed [No. 177]; and


[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. 124-v] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Transport-related Executive Agencies of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions]; to be printed [No. 122-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody];

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Walking in Towns and Cities]; to be printed [No. 167-II]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Urban White Paper]; to be printed [No. 166-i]

[Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 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. 28-iv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].
6 Public Accounts,—(1) Third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Emergency Aid: the Kosovo crisis], 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. 143]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Supporting Innovation: Managing Risk in Government Departments]; to be printed [No. 189]; [Mr David Davis].

7 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Administration Committee [Making Government Work]; to be printed [No. 94-rv] [Tony Wright].

8 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Genetics and Insurance]; to be printed [No. 174-s] [Dr Michael Clark].

9 Tax Simplification Bills Joint Committee,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Tax Simplification Bills, to be printed [No. 173-s] [Mr Kenneth Clarke].

POLITICAL PARTIES, ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS ACT 2000

The Speaker has appointed the following Members to serve for the duration of the present Parliament on the committee, known as the Speaker’s Committee, established under section 2 of the Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 to oversee the functioning of the Electoral Commission: Mr A. J. Beith, Mrs Angela Browning, Mr Barry Jones, Mr Humfrey Malins and Mr Peter Viggers.

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 Thursday 1st February.

2 House of Commons (Removal of Clergy Disqualification) Bill,—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Secretary Byers, Mr Secretary Reid, Mr Secretary Murphy and Mr Mike O’Brien, presented a Bill to remove any disqualification from membership of the House of Commons that arises by reason of a person having been ordained or being a minister of a religious denomination and to continue the disqualification of Lords Spiritual from such membership. 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 House of Commons (Removal of Clergy Disqualification) Bill be printed [Bill 34–EN].

3 Adjournment (Fisheries),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Don Touhig);
And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.
4 Procedure,—Ordered, That Mr Barry Gardiner be discharged from the Procedure Committee and Mr David Lammy be added to the Committee.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

5 European Scrutiny,—Ordered, That Dr Nick Palmer be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Mr Mark Hendrick be added to the Committee.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.24 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Political Parties,—Draft Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Disapplication of Part IV for Northern Ireland Parties, etc.) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Registration of Political Parties,—(1) Registration of Political Parties (Fees) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 83), and
   (2) Registration of Political Parties (Prohibited Words and Expressions) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 82),
   dated 15th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

   (2) Local Elections (Parishes and Communities) (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 80), and
   (3) Local Elections (Principal Areas) (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 81),
   dated 15th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Other Papers:

5 Appropriation Accounts, 1999–2000,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Classes—
   (1) II (Department of Health), and
   (2) VIII (International Development)
   for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 25-II and -VIII] [Mr Stephen Timms].

6 Defence Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) Army Personnel Centre, and
   (2) Naval Manning Agency
   for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 132 and 125] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions Minute, dated 25th January 2001, concerning a government guarantee in respect of contingent liabilities transferred from the British Railways Board to the Strategic Rail Authority [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 Lord Chancellor’s Department Executive Agencies,—Resource Accounts of the Public Record Office for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 134] [Mr Stephen Timms].

9 School Inspections,—Resource Accounts of the Office of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector Of Schools in England for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 155] [Mr Stephen Timms].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill; to be printed [No. 154-iii] [Rachel Squire].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [The Communications White Paper]; to be printed [No. 161-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 International Development,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Corruption]; to be printed [No. 39-v] [Mr Bowen Wells].

[No. 24; WH, No. 13.]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment (Meeting the basic skills challenge),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Greg Pope);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 30th January.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]

[No. 25.]

Friday 26th January 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Outworking Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Outworking Bill be printed [Bill 11–EN]

2 Adjournment (Rural and Urban White Papers (Cm. 4909 and 4911)),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr David Clelland);

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 29th January.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Magistrates’ Courts (Children and Young Persons) (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 165),

(3) Magistrates’ Courts (Civilian Enforcement Officers) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 164), and

2 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Mandatory Surveys for Ro-Ro Ferry and High Speed Passenger Craft) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 152), dated 24th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 National Health Service.—(1) Special Trustees for King’s College Hospital (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 170),

(2) Special Trustees for Newcastle University Hospitals (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 173),

(3) Special Trustees for St George’s Hospital (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 171),

(4) Trustees for the Central Sheffield University Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 169), and

(5) Trustees for the Northern General Hospital National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 172), dated 24th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Somerset) (District of Taunton Deane) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 180), dated 25th January [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

5 Inland Revenue.—Report and Consolidated Resource Accounts of the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Inland Revenue for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5029] [Dawn Primarolo].

6 Treaty Series (No. 2, 2001).—Agreement, done at Washington on 13th July 1998, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America concerning Maritime and Aerial Operations to Suppress Illicit Trafficking by Sea in Waters of the Caribbean and Bermuda [by Command] [Cm. 5031] [Mr Secretary Cook].

7 Treaty Series (No. 3, 2001).—Protocol, done at Brussels on 10th April 1997, to the Partnership and Co-operation Agreement, Establishing a Partnership between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part [by Command] [Cm. 5032] [Mr Secretary Cook].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Dr Michael Clark reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2001.

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

2 European Standing Committee B,—Mr John McWilliam reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document Nos. 9712/00 relating to the proposed Statute for Members of the European Parliament, and 9560/00 relating to the audit of the expenditure of the European Parliament’s political groups; supports the Government’s efforts to secure agreement on a Statute for Members of the European Parliament; and notes the Nice European Council’s agreement on a legal basis for a Statute to regulate the funding of European political parties, as recommended by the Report of the Court of Auditors.

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

3 Criminal Justice and Police Bill,—The Criminal Justice and Police Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

4 Criminal Justice and Police Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the Criminal Justice and Police Bill:

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.

3. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 8th March 2001.

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at half past eight o’clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is Thursday, at half past five o’clock on that day.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at ten o’clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is Thursday, at seven o’clock on that day.

6. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Lords amendments and further messages from the Lords

7. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any motion to vary or supplement this order for the purpose of allocating time to proceedings on consideration of any Lords amendments, or on any further messages from the Lords, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith.—(Mr Mike Hall).

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Don Touhig: 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Keith Simpson: 137.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Criminal Justice and Police Bill:
Standing Committee

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.

3. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 8th March 2001.

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at half past eight o'clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is Thursday, at half past five o'clock on that day.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at ten o'clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is Thursday, at seven o'clock on that day.

6. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Lords amendments and further messages from the Lords

7. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any motion to vary or supplement this order for the purpose of allocating time to proceedings on consideration of any Lords amendments, or on any further messages from the Lords, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith.

5 Criminal Justice and Police Bill [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to the Criminal Justice and Police 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 Police 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 that Act; and

(b) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums which are payable out of money so provided under any other Act—(Mr Graham Allen);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Clive Betts: 298.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Eric Forth: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Criminal Justice and Police 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 Criminal Justice and Police Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the imposition of charges to corporation tax by provisions of that Act relating to the treatment for the purposes of the Tax Acts of the Service Authority for the National Criminal Intelligence Service and the Service Authority for the National Crime Squad; and

(b) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of sums paid to the Secretary of State by the Central Police Training and Development Authority—(Mr Mike Hall);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Clive Betts: 291.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Eric Forth: 0.

So the Question 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 Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (S.I., 2000, No. 3325), which were laid before this House on 19th December, 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 Open-Ended Investment Companies (Investment Companies with Variable Capital) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (S.I., 2000, No. 3324), which were laid before this House on 19th December, be approved—(Mr. Mike Hall).—It was agreed to.

9 Treasury Committee.—Ordered, That Mrs Liz Blackman be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Judy Mallaber be added to the Committee.—(Mr. John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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 Local Government Finance.—(1) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 72), and
    [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 159 and 158] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Police.—Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 156]
   [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Carding) Order 2001
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Channel Tunnel.—Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements) (Amendment) Order 2001
   (S.I., 2001, No. 178), dated 25th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Human Rights.—Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission (Human Rights Act
   Proceedings) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 127), dated 22nd January 2001 [by Act] [Mr
   Secretary Straw].

   204), dated 29th January 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

7 Legal Aid and Advice.—Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I.,
   2001, No. 191), dated 26th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

8 Magistrates’ Courts.—Magistrates’ Courts (Detention and Forfeiture of Terrorist Cash)

9 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—(1) Proscribed Organisations (Applications for
   (2) Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Audio Recording of Interviews) (No. 2)
   Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 189), dated 26th January 2001, and
   (3) Terrorism Act 2000 (Crown Servants and Regulators) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001,
   No. 192), dated 25th January 2001
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

10 Professional Qualifications.—European Communities (Recognition of Professional
    200), dated 24th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

11 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Crown Court (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001,
   No. 193), dated 29th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

12 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Scheme, dated 16th November 2000, made by the
   Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, amending the Schemes of the College [by Act]
   [Margaret Beckett].
Other Papers:

13 Appropriation Accounts, 1999–2000.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Classes:
   (1) I (Education and Employment),
   (2) IX (Trade and Industry and Export Credits Guarantee Department), and
   (3) XIV (Wales)
   for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 25-I, IX and XIV] [Mr Stephen Timms].

14 Chelsea Hospital,—Account of the Royal Hospital Chelsea: Report and Consolidated Financial Statements for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 204] [Clerk of the House].

15 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Account of the National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 133] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

16 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petitions [20th and 21st December] from shopworkers of the United Kingdom and others of like disposition for statutory protection of Christmas Day [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Homes Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Chris Mullin from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Kevin Hughes.

2 Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Roger Berry and Dr Nick Palmer from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mrs Louise Ellman and Mr Brian Sedgemore.

3 Draft Companies (EU Political Expenditure) Exemption Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Greg Pope and Mr Phil Sawford from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Tam Dalyell and Jim Dowd.

4 Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001 and the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Stephen Hepburn and Chris McCafferty from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr John Bercow, Mr Tam Dalyell and Mr Frank Dobson.

5 Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ian Bruce and Mr Tam Dalyell from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr David Faber and Chris McCafferty.

6 Non-automatic Weighing Instruments Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3236),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Julian Lewis from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Christopher Chope.

7 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2001, and the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on the Exercise of Police Powers) (Northern Ireland) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Dowd from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Greg Pope.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [The Globalisation White Paper]; to be printed [No. 208-i] [Mr Bowen Wells].

2 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The National Blood Service]; to be printed [No. 207-i] [Mr David Davis].
PRAYERS.

1. Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill,—Mr Bowen Wells reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Children’s Commissioner for Wales 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. 214].

2. Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill,—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 36].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 211].


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

4. Royal Liverpool Children’s Inquiry Report,—Ordered, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there will be laid before this House a Return of a report, summary and conclusions, evidence and supporting papers of the independent confidential Inquiry established under section 2 of the National Health Service Act 1977 to investigate the removal, retention and disposal of human tissues following post mortem at Alder Hey Hospital (the Royal Liverpool Children’s NHS Trust) and to make recommendations.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

5. Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Standing Orders Nos. 114 and 116, That—

1. The matter of human rights and equality 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 Thursday 8th February 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 human rights and equality in Northern Ireland, 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 Greg Pope).—It was agreed to.

6. Licensed Victualling (Regulation of Hours).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to permit licensing authorities to regulate the sale of alcohol from licensed premises after 11 o’clock at night in prescribed circumstances, in prescribed locations and on prescribed days—(Dr Howard Stoate);

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 Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Gordon Marsden, Dr Phyllis Starkey, Ms Karen Buck, Mrs Diana Organ and Mr Desmond Turner do prepare and bring in the Bill.

7. Licensed Victualling (Regulation of Hours) Bill.—Dr Howard Stoate accordingly presented a Bill to permit licensing authorities to regulate the sale of alcohol from licensed premises after 11 o’clock at night in prescribed circumstances, in prescribed locations and on prescribed days: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th March and to be printed [Bill 35].

8. Vehicles (Crime) Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the Vehicles (Crime) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 18th December 2000.
Consideration and Third Reading

1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting.

2. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at half past Eight o’clock.

3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Ten o’clock.

4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Consideration of Lords Amendments and further messages from the Lords

5. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any programme motion to supplement this order or to vary it in relation to—

(a) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments; or

(b) proceedings on any further messages from the Lords,

and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith—(Mr Charles Clarke).

And it being three quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Tony McNulty: 318.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr James Gray: 168.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Vehicles (Crime) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 18th December 2000:

Consideration and Third Reading

1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting.

2. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at half past Eight o’clock.

3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Ten o’clock.

4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Consideration of Lords Amendments and further messages from the Lords

5. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any programme motion to supplement this order or to vary it in relation to—

(a) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments; or

(b) proceedings on any further messages from the Lords,

and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith.

9 Vehicles (Crime) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Vehicles (Crime) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Offence of making false statements)—(Mr Keith Hill)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Unified power for Secretary of State to fund speed cameras etc)—(Mr Keith Hill)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Identifying marks on vehicles)—(Mr David Chidgey) brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Inspection of premises: Part II)—(Mr John Bercow)—brought up and read the first time.

Motion made and Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;

And it being half-past Eight o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the chair, pursuant to Order [7th November and this day].

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr James Gray: 118.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Clive Betts: 326.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being after half past Eight o'clock, the Deputy Speaker proceeded to put forthwith the Questions on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown, pursuant to Order [7th November and this day].

Amendments (Nos 1 to 24, 43, 45, 25 and 46 to 54) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows:

A Bill to regulate motor salvage operators and registration plate suppliers; to make further provision for preventing or detecting vehicle crime; to enable the Secretary of State to make payments in respect of certain expenditure relating to vehicle crime; and for connected purposes.

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 Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day]:—

It was agreed to.

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

10 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 Local Elections (Northern Ireland)(Amendment) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Jim Dowd)—It was agreed to.

11 Administration Committee,—Ordered, That Mr Stephen Hepburn be discharged from the Administration Committee and Caroline Flint 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—(Jim Dowd);

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

[Adjourned at 10.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Customs and Excise: Regulating Freight Imports from Outside the European Community [by Act]; to be printed [No. 131] [Clerk of the House].

2 Royal Liverpool Children’s Inquiry,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty this day for a Return of the Report, summary and conclusions, evidence and supporting papers of the independent confidential Inquiry established under section 2 of the National Health Service Act 1977 to investigate the removal, retention and disposal of human tissues following post mortem at Alder Hey Hospital (the Royal Liverpool Children’s NHS Trust) and to make recommendations; to be printed [Nos. 12-I and II] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Companies (EU Political Expenditure) Exemption Order 2001,—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 Mohammad Sarwar.

2 Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001 and the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Angela Smith and Mr Brian Wilson from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Dr Lynda Clark and Bridget Prentice.
3 Draft Maximum Number of Judges (Northern Ireland) Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Anne McGuire from the Sixth 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 Administration.—First Report from the Administration Committee [The Trial Summer Re-opening of the Line of Route], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 213] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 Armed Forces Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill; to be printed [No.154-iv] [Ms Rachel Squire].

3 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees [1999 Annual Report on Strategic Export Controls]; to be printed [No. 212-i] [Mr Bruce George; Mr Ted Rowlands; Mr Tony Worthington; Mr Martin O’Neill].

4 Education and Employment,—(1) First Special Report from the Education and Employment Committee [The Work of the Committee]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 206];

(2) Third Report from the Committee [Recruiting Unemployed People], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 48] [Mr Derek Foster];

(3) Fourth Report from the Committee [Higher Education (Access)], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 205]; and

(4) Memoranda laid before the Education Sub-Committee of the Committee [Higher Education (Access)] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

5 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Draft Water Bill]; to be printed [No. 143-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

6 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Second Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Iran] together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 80]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Future Structure and Strategy of The British Council and Consequences of Spending Review for the BBC World Service]; to be printed [No. 210-i] [Mr Donald Anderson].

7 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Rules Governing the Election of a Speaker]; to be printed [No.40-iii] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 46-v] [Mr David Tredinnick].

9 Treasury,—(1) Third Report from the Treasury Committee [HM Treasury] 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. 73];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Banking]; to be printed [No. 138-ii]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Sub-Committee [HM Treasury] [Mr Giles Radice].

10 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Wales in the World: the role of the UK Government in promoting Wales abroad]; to be printed [No. 38-ii] [Mr Martyn Jones].
CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel) The Speaker nominated Mr David Amess and Mr Peter L. Pike to be additional members of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

[No. 26; WH, No. 14.]

Tuesday 30th January 2001.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 28.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001 and the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001.

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

2 Welsh Grand Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Orders Nos. 107 and 108, That—

(1) the matter of Building Safer Communities in Wales be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration;

(2) the Committee shall meet on Tuesday 13th February 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 Building Safer Communities in Wales under Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales).)—(Mr Greg Pope);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Greg Pope: 334.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Miss Julie Kirkbride: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That—

(1) the matter of Building Safer Communities in Wales be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration;

(2) the Committee shall meet on Tuesday 13th February 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 Building Safer Communities in Wales under Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales).)

3 Divorce (Religious Marriages),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision enabling a court to require the dissolution of a religious marriage before granting a civil divorce: And that Mr Andrew Dismore, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Mike Gapes, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Ivan Lewis, Ms Linda Perham, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Stephen Twigg and Mr James Clappison do prepare and bring it in.

4 Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill,—Mr Andrew Dismore accordingly presented a Bill to make provision enabling a court to require the dissolution of a religious marriage before granting a civil divorce: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd February and to be printed [Bill 37].
5 Police.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2001–02 (House of Commons Paper No. 156), which was laid before this House on 29th January, be approved—(Mr Charles Clarke);

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 Community Documents).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr David Jamieson: 309.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr David Heath: 49.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2001–02 (House of Commons Paper No. 156), which was laid before this House on 29th January, be approved.

6 Local Government Finance (England).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2001–02 (House of Commons Paper No. 158), which was laid before this House on 29th January, be approved—(Hilary Armstrong);

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 Community Documents).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr David Jamieson: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 167.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2001–02 (House of Commons Paper No. 158), which was laid before this House on 29th January, be approved.

7 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the result of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Order of the House [7th November]:

Social Security,—That the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 30th November, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.

Ayes: 382.

Noes: 138.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Local Government Finance (England).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 72) (House of Commons Paper No. 159), which was laid before this House on 29th January, be approved—(Hilary Armstrong);

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 Community Documents)—It was agreed to.

9 Science and Technology Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Select Committee on Science and Technology shall have leave to meet concurrently with any committee of the Lords on science and technology or any sub-committee thereof, for the purpose of deliberating or taking evidence, and to communicate to any such committee its evidence or any other documents relating to matters of common interest—(Paddy Tipping);

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 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 Negative Resolution:

1 Employment Tribunals,—Employment Tribunals (Increase of Maximum Deposit) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 237), dated 30th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 243), dated 30th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 236), dated 31st January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Transport,—Strategic Rail Authority (Licence Exemption) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 218), dated 30th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

5 Appropriation Accounts, 1999–2000,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Classes—
   (1) III (Environment, Transport and the Regions and International Development),
   (2) V (Lord Chancellor’s and Law Officers’ Departments),
   (3) X (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Intervention Board Executive Agency),
   (4) XII (Department of Social Security),
   (5) XIII (Scotland),
   (6) XV (Northern Ireland),
   (7) XVI (Departments of the Chancellor of the Exchequer),
   (8) XVII (Cabinet Office and Central Office of Information), and
   (9) XVIII, XVIIIA and XVIIIB (Cabinet Office, Other Services, Parliament, etc; House of Commons; National Audit Office)
   for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 25-III, V, X, XII, XIII, XV, XVI, XVII and XVIII] [Mr Stephen Timms].

6 Aviation and Maritime Security,—Report for 2000 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].

7 Aviation Security,—Report for 2000 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 amended Act [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 Chancellor of the Exchequer’s Departments,—Resource Accounts of the Government Actuary’s Department for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 153] [Mr Stephen Timms].

9 Channel Tunnel Security,—Report for 2000 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].

10 Charity Commission,—Resource Accounts of the Charity Commission for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 191] [Mr Stephen Timms].

11 Criminal Justice,—Resource Accounts of the Serious Fraud Office for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 199] [Mr Stephen Timms].

13 Culture, Media and Sport.—Resource Accounts of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 181] [Mr Stephen Timms].

14 Customs and Excise.—Resource Accounts of HM Customs and Excise for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 165] [Mr Stephen Timms].

15 Defence.—Consolidated Departmental Resource Accounts of the Ministry of Defence for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 50] [Mr Stephen Timms].

16 Defence Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of Service Children’s Education for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 104] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

17 Deregulation.—Proposal under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 by the Minister for the Cabinet Office for the Deregulation (Disposals of Dwelling-houses by Local Authorities) Order 2001, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Act] [Marjorie Mowlam].


19 Fair Trading.—Resource Accounts of the Office of Fair Trading for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 75] [Mr Stephen Timms].

20 Forestry.—(1) Accounts of the Forestry Fund for 1st April to 30th June 1999, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 216] [Clerk of the House];

(2) Resource Accounts for 1999–2000 of—

(i) Forestry Commission Pension and Early Retirement/Compensation Schemes, and

(ii) the Forestry Commission

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 201 and 196] [Mr Stephen Timms]; and

(3) Reports and Accounts for 1999–2000 of—

(i) Forest Research, and

(ii) the Forestry Commission

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 99 and 98] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

21 Foreign and Commonwealth Office.—Resource Accounts of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 195] [Mr Stephen Timms].

22 Government Trading Funds.—Resource 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. 190] [Mr Stephen Timms].

23 Health.—Resource Accounts of the Department for Health for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 194] [Mr Stephen Timms].

24 Health Executive Agencies.—Resource Accounts of the NHS Pension Scheme and NHS Compensation for Premature Retirement Scheme for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 188] [Mr Stephen Timms].
25 International Development.—Resource Accounts of—
   (1) the Department for International Development, and
   (2) Department for International Development Overseas Superannuation Pensions
      for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
      to be printed [Nos. 116 and 187] [Mr Stephen Timms].

26 Local Government (Scotland).—Scottish Local Government Financial Statistics for 1998–99
   [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

27 Lord Chancellor’s Departments.—Resource Accounts of the Northern Ireland Court Service
   for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
   to be printed [No. 199] [Mr Stephen Timms].

28 Privy Council Office.—Resource Accounts of the Privy Council Office for 1999–2000, with the
   Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 197]
   [Mr Stephen Timms].

29 Prosecution of Offences.—Resource Accounts of the Crown Prosecution Service for
   1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be
   printed [No. 193] [Mr Stephen Timms].

30 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the Thirty-eighth to the Forty-second Reports from
   the Committee of Public Accounts, 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 5021] [Mr Stephen
   Timms].

31 Railways.—Resource Accounts of the Office of the Rail Regulator for 1999–2000, with the
   Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 184]
   [Mr Stephen Timms].

32 Scotland Office.—Resource Accounts of the Scotland Office for 1999–2000, with the Report
   of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 186] [Mr
   Stephen Timms].

33 Social Security.—Consolidated Resource Accounts of the Department for Social Security for
   1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be
   printed [No. 183] [Mr Stephen Timms].

34 Teachers’ Pension Scheme.—Resource Accounts of the Teachers’ Pension Scheme (England
   and Wales) for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General
   thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 189] [Mr Stephen Timms].

35 Telecommunications.—Resource Accounts of the Office of Telecommunications for
   1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be
   printed [No. 151] [Mr Stephen Timms].

36 Treasury Executive Agencies.—Resource 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. 185] [Mr Stephen Timms].

37 Treaty Series (No. 4, 2001).—Protocol, done at Brussels on 21st May 1997, to the Partnership
   and Co-operation Agreement, Establishing a Partnership between the European
   Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Russian Federation, of
   the other part [by Command] [Cm. 5034] [Mr Secretary Cook].

38 Treaty Series (No. 5, 2001).—Exchange of Notes, done at Amman on 29th June 1995, between
   the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the
   Government of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan concerning Certain Commercial Debts
   (The United Kingdom/Jordan Debt Agreement No. 3 (1994)) [by Command] [Cm. 5036]
   [Mr Secretary Cook].

39 Water.—Resource Accounts of the Office of Water Services for 1999–2000, with the Report
   of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 176] [Mr
   Stephen Timms].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Health and Social Care Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien an additional
   Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

2 Criminal Justice and Police Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee F, and has appointed Mr
       Roger Gale and Mr Jimmy Hood Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Adrian Bailey, Jackie Ballard, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mrs Helen Brinton, Mr Paul Clark, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr James Gray, Mr John Grogan, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Simon Hughes, Mrs Joan Humble, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr David Lock, Sir Nicholas Lyell, Mr Stephen McCabe, Siobhain McDonagh, Miss Geraldine Smith, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West).

3 Criminal Justice and Police Bill (Programming Sub-committee),—The Speaker has appointed Jackie Ballard, Mr Paul Clark, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr James Gray, Mr John Grogan, Mr Oliver Heald and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill.

4 Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001 and the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mrs Irene Adams an additional Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tam Dalyell and Dr Norman A. Godman from the Committee; and nominated in substitution Mr David Crausby and Mr Mark Hendrick.


Grand Committees

6 The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Thursday 8th February.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [The Communications White Paper]; to be printed [No. 161-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

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. 124-vi] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Walking in Towns and Cities]; to be printed [No. 167-i] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Public Health]; to be printed [No. 30-v] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

5 International Development,—Second Special Report from the International Development Committee [Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Committee, Session 1999-2000, on After Seattle—The World Trade Organisation and Developing Countries]; to be printed [No. 218] [Mr Bowen Wells].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Parades Commission]; to be printed [No. 120-iii] [Mr Peter Brooke].

7 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Rules Governing the Election of a Speaker]; to be printed [No. 40-v] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

8 Public Accounts,—(1) Fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Grants made by the National Lottery Charities Board]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 168]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Re-negotiation of the PFI Deal for the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds]; to be printed [No. 217-i] [Mr David Davis].

9 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Administration Committee [Making Government Work]; to be printed [No. 94-v] [Tony Wright].
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10 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Drinks Industry in Scotland], to be printed [No. 114-iii] [Mr David Marshall].

11 Social Security,—First Report from the Social Security Committee [Inherited SERPS], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 215] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

12 Tax Simplification Bills Joint Committee,—(1) First Report from the Joint Committee on Tax Simplification Bills [Capital Allowances Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 175];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Capital Allowances Bill]; to be printed [No. 175-ii]; and

(3) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Capital Allowances Bill] [Mr Kenneth Clarke].

13 Trade and Industry,—Third Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Vehicle Manufacturing in the UK], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 128] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 28; WH, No. 15.]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 1.59 p.m.

[No. 29.]

Thursday 1st February 2001.

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 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 Thursday 8th February.

2 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.:

Colchester Borough Council Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

3 Capital Allowances Bill,—Mr Kenneth Clarke reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Tax Simplification Bills, to which the Capital Allowances Bill was committed. That it had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in Joint Committee, re-committed to a committee of the whole House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60 (Tax simplification bills).

Committee to-morrow.

4 Homes Bill,—Mr George Stevenson reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Homes Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 38].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 222].
5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Ray Michie reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001.

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

6 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,— Mr Jimmy Hood reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Non-Automatic Weighing Instruments Regulations 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 3236).

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

7 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Maximum Number of Judges (Northern Ireland) Order 2001.

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

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.

Government’s Asylum System,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government’s failure to deal with the total chaos in the asylum system, which is detrimental to the interests of genuine refugees and the people of the United Kingdom; notes the failure of the Government’s measures introduced under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; further notes that the number of asylum applications made in 2000 reached the record level of 76,040, and that the proportion of unfounded claims increased to 78 per cent of all applications; notes with concern the continuing backlog of asylum applications and undetermined applications for British citizenship; and calls on the Government to take action to put in place measures which would both deter unwarranted claims and assist genuine refugees—({\textit{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 ‘reaffirms the obligations of the United Kingdom under the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees to provide asylum for those fleeing from a well-founded fear of persecution; approves the Government’s strategy for reform of the asylum system and welcomes the practical improvements which have already been delivered, including substantial additional investment to provide the Immigration and Nationality Directorate with the staff and other resources essential to operate an efficient and humane asylum system; congratulates the Immigration and Nationality Directorate staff on their recent achievements including taking 110,000 initial asylum decisions in 2000; welcomes the effect which the provisions of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 and other measures have had in reducing unfounded asylum claims; welcomes the successful introduction of a coherent, national system of support for asylum seekers to replace the chaotic arrangements created by the previous Government which imposed an intolerable burden on local authorities in London and the South-East; notes that the civil penalty, a measure which was opposed by the Official Opposition, has successfully encouraged hauliers and ferry operators to introduce additional security measures to tackle clandestine and illegal entry to the United Kingdom; welcomes the Government’s expansion of detention capacity to support substantial increases in the number of asylum seekers with unfounded claims who are removed from the UK, and supports the Government’s commitment to working closely with other countries to deal more effectively with asylum pressures affecting the whole of Europe’, instead thereof.—({\textit{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 Atkinson: 126.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Clive Betts: 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 Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Clive Betts: 268.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Peter Atkinson: 152.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.
Resolved, That this House reiterates the obligations of the United Kingdom under the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees to provide asylum for those fleeing from a well-founded fear of persecution; approves the Government’s strategy for reform of the asylum system and welcomes the practical improvements which have already been delivered, including substantial additional investment to provide the Immigration and Nationality Directorate with the staff and other resources essential to operate an efficient and humane asylum system; congratulates the Immigration and Nationality Directorate staff on their recent achievements including taking 110,000 initial asylum decisions in 2000; welcomes the effect which the provisions of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 and other measures have had in reducing unfounded asylum claims; welcomes the successful introduction of a coherent, national system of support for asylum seekers to replace the chaotic arrangements created by the previous Government which imposed an intolerable burden on local authorities in London and the South-East; notes that the civil penalty, a measure which was opposed by the Official Opposition, has successfully encouraged hauliers and ferry operators to introduce additional security measures to tackle clandestine and illegal entry to the United Kingdom; welcomes the Government’s expansion of detention capacity to support substantial increases in the number of asylum seekers with unfounded claims who are removed from the UK, and supports the Government’s commitment to working closely with other countries to deal more effectively with asylum pressures affecting the whole of Europe.

Crisis in Agriculture,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses its profound concern about the crisis in British agriculture, demonstrated by the collapse in farm incomes and loss of jobs; notes that, since the launch of the Government’s Action Plan for Farming, incomes have continued to fall and many of the promises remain unfulfilled; condemns the Government for its failure to address this crisis and for its damaging policies which have made matters even worse; and calls on the Government to end the competitive disadvantage suffered by British farmers as a result of red tape, gold-plating and over-regulation, to introduce honesty in food-labelling and to restrict the flow of sub-standard food imports—(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 ‘recognises the continuing difficulties faced by the agriculture sector as a result of the low level of farm incomes; endorses the Government’s long term vision for agriculture as sustainable, competitive and diverse, environmentally responsible, and an integral part of vibrant rural economies; recognises the important role of the new Rural Development Programmes in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland in delivering this vision; welcomes the measures in the Action Plan for Farming and the Rural White Paper to give immediate financial relief to the hardest-hit sectors and to reduce the burden of regulation on farming; supports the Government’s constructive engagement in Europe to reform further the Common Agricultural Policy; notes that the Conservative party’s policies of banning foreign imports and taking unilateral action in areas of European Union competence are illegal and would lead to heavy penalties being levied on UK taxpayers as well as retaliatory action against UK exporters; notes that the Conservative Party have not indicated how much of the £16 billion they propose in public expenditure cuts would fall on British farmers; and calls on the Conservative Party instead to come forward with practical and constructive policies to help farmers through very difficult times’, instead thereof.—(Mr Nicholas Brown).

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question; Mr James Cran 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, Mr Peter Atkinson: 145.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Jim Dowd: 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, Mr Tony McNulty, Jim Dowd: 267.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr John Randall: 114.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.
Resolved, That this House recognises the continuing difficulties faced by the agriculture sector as a result of the low level of farm incomes; endorses the Government's long term vision for agriculture as sustainable, competitive and diverse, environmentally responsible, and an integral part of vibrant rural economies; recognises the important role of the new Rural Development Programmes in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland in delivering this vision; welcomes the measures in the Action Plan for Farming and the Rural White Paper to give immediate financial relief to the hardest-hit sectors and to reduce the burden of regulation on farming; supports the Government's constructive engagement in Europe to reform further the Common Agricultural Policy; notes that the Conservative party's policies of banning foreign imports and taking unilateral action in areas of European Union competence are illegal and would lead to heavy penalties being levied on UK taxpayers as well as retaliatory action against UK exporters; notes that the Conservative Party have not indicated how much of the £16 billion they propose in public expenditure cuts would fall on British farmers; and calls on the Conservative Party instead to come forward with practical and constructive policies to help farmers through very difficult times.

9 Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 17th January, be approved—(Mr Graham Allen):—It was agreed to.

10 Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 18th January, be approved—(Mr Graham Allen):—It was agreed to.

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 (EU Political Expenditure) Exemption Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 17th January, be approved—(Mr Graham Allen);

And the Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till Wednesday 7th February, pursuant to Order [7th November].

12 European Parliament,—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. 9712/00, relating to the proposed Statute for Members of the European Parliament, and 9560/00, relating to the audit of the expenditure of the European Parliament's political groups; supports the Government's efforts to secure agreement on a Statute for Members of the European Parliament; and notes the Nice European Council's agreement on a legal basis for a Statute to regulate the funding of European political parties, as recommended by the Report of the Court of Auditors—(Mr Graham Allen):—It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the residents of the Derby North constituency against the unnecessary importation of parrots 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 Graham Allen.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.50 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Pig Industry Restructuring (Capital Grant) Scheme 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 251), dated 1st February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

2 Civil Aviation,—Draft Transport Act 2000 (Designation of Transferee) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Constitutional Law,—Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Agriculture,—Pig Industry Restructuring (Non-Capital Grant) Scheme 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 252), dated 1st February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

5 Local Government,—(1) Local Authorities (Alteration of Requisite Calculations) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 216), and


6 Police,—Northern Ireland Policing Board (Prescribed Period) Regulations 2001 (S.R. (N.I.), 2001, No. 35), dated 31st January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

7 Taxes,—Taxes (Interest Rate) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 254), dated 1st February 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

8 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 1999–2000, on China [by Command] [Cm. 5038] [Mr Secretary Cook].

9 Members’ Interests,—Register of Members’ Interests as at 31st January 2001 [pursuant to the Resolutions of 22nd May 1974, 28th June 1993 and 6th November 1995]; to be printed [No. 221] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Criminal Justice and Police Bill,—The Committee of Selection has nominated Mr Ken Maginnis to serve on Standing Committee F in respect of the Criminal Justice and Police Bill.

2 Draft Maximum Number of Judges (Northern Ireland) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Helen Brinton from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Jim Dobbin.

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. 124-vii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environmental Audit,—Memorandum laid before the Environmental Audit Committee [Government Observations on the Seventh Report from the Committee—Water Prices and the Environment] [Mr John Horam].

3 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Accounts Committee [National Audit Office Estimate 2000–2001]; to be printed [No. 219-v] [Mr David Davis].

[No. 29; WH, No. 16.]

Thursday 1st February 2001.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment (United Kingdom Space Policy).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Clelland.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 6th February.

[Adjourned at 5.05 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

PRAYERS.

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

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Miller, Angela Smith: 34.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr David Maclean: 0.

And it appearing on the report of the division that fewer than forty Members had taken part in the Division, the Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided, and the business under consideration stood over until the next Sitting of the House.

2 Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Bill;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Ann Clwyd, Mr Dafydd Wigley: 8.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West): 4.

And it appearing on the report of the division that fewer than forty Members had taken part in the Division, the Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided, and the business under consideration stood over until the next Sitting of the House.

3 Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Divorce (Religious Marriages) 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 9th February.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 5th February:

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Companies,—Company and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 259), dated 1st February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Statutory Maternity Pay (General) and Statutory Sick Pay (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 206), dated 29th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].
Other Papers:

6 Public Administration,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, Session 1999–2000, on Appointments to NHS Bodies [by Command] [Cm. 5037] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

7 School Teachers,—Tenth Report of the School Teachers' Review Body [by Command] [Cm. 4990] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 Treaty Series (No. 6, 2001),—Fourth Additional Protocol, done at Washington on 14th December 1989, to the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union [by Command] [Cm. 5039] [Mr Secretary Cook].

9 Treaty Series (No. 7, 2001),—Fifth Additional Protocol, done at Seoul on 14th September 1994, to the Constitution of the Universal Postal Union [by Command] [Cm. 5040] [Mr Secretary Cook].


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

PRAYERS.

1 Road Transport Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Road Transport Bill be printed [Bill 12–EN].

2 Opposition Day [4th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the second largest opposition party in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider opposition business.

Social Exclusion, Poverty and Job Losses in Wales,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that there is growing poverty throughout Wales, both in rural and urban areas with a widening gap between rich and poor; further notes the Government's failure to avoid the problems in the manufacturing industry as evidenced by the huge job losses announced by Corus which will add greatly to the problems of social exclusion in Wales; further notes that the Welsh Affairs Committee in the Third Report of Session 1999–2000, House of Commons Paper No. 365, Social Exclusion in Wales' reported on the matter, concluding that: Government should consider regional variations in tax to encourage investment, that it may well be necessary for the basic state pension to be increased in line with average earnings, that Government should initiate a comprehensive national benefit take-up campaign, that increasing the level of benefits is central to tackling social exclusion, and that the Barnett formula should be reassessed to reflect a needs-based formula—(Mr Elfyn Llwyd);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'notes the Government's central aim is a fair and prosperous society that offers opportunity for all, and that both economic prosperity and social justice depend on people being able to achieve their full potential; endorses the Government's commitment to eradicating child poverty, to providing employment opportunities for all who can work, to rewarding saving, and to ensuring that older people live secure, active and fulfilling lives and to tackling the root causes of poverty and social exclusion; further notes and expresses concern at the announcement by Corus on 1st February 2001; believes that the Corus action is a short term solution which is damaging for the individuals affected and the communities concerned; and calls on the company to think again about the planned closures and redundancies and instead work with the trade unions, Government and the National Assembly for Wales to identify a better way forward, instead thereof.—(Mr Hugh Bayley.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr Simon Thomas: 37.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Tony McNulty: 271.

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 the Government's central aim is a fair and prosperous society that offers opportunity for all, and that both economic prosperity and social
justice depend on people being able to achieve their full potential; endorses the Government’s commitment to eradicating child poverty, to providing employment opportunities for all who can work, to rewarding saving, and to ensuring that older people live secure, active and fulfilling lives and to tackling the root causes of poverty and social exclusion; further notes and expresses concern at the announcement by Corus on 1st February 2001; believes that the Corus action is a short term solution which is damaging for the individuals affected and the communities concerned; and calls on the company to think again about the planned closures and redundancies and instead work with the trade unions, Government and the National Assembly for Wales to identify a better way forward.

Personal Care for the Elderly.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the NHS Plan’s commitment to a care system founded on the principles of equity and fairness, regrets that the Plan discriminates against older people with chronic and long-term illness by continuing to means-test them for their own care; believes that the Plan creates a fault-line between nursing and personal care; further believes that the Plan fails even to provide nursing care free on the basis of need, limiting the concession to registered nurse time; and calls on the Government to implement the Royal Commission’s proposals for personal and nursing care to be provided on the basis of a person’s assessed need instead of means—(Mr Paul Burstow),

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 NHS Plan’s commitments to a care system founded on the principles of equity and fairness; welcomes the measures the Government has announced to reform the funding of long term care and to invest in new health and social care services for older people; notes that this matches the extra spending on long term care recommended by the Royal Commission; believes that the implementation of free nursing care on the basis of need and not ability to pay will bring an end to a major injustice affecting tens of thousands of older people in nursing homes; welcomes the new investment announced in the NHS Plan of £900 million annually by 2003–04 in new intermediate care services for older people; supports the priority the Government has rightly attached to improving front-line services for older people; and calls on the Liberal Democrats to set out what services they would cut in order to fund their proposals’, instead thereof.—(Mr John Hutton.)

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 Donald Gorrie: 41.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Ian Pearson: 271.

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 Ian Pearson, Mr Graham Allen: 270.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Don Foster: 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 NHS Plan’s commitments to a care system founded on the principles of equity and fairness; welcomes the measures the Government has announced to reform the funding of long term care and to invest in new health and social care services for older people; notes that this matches the extra spending on long term care recommended by the Royal Commission; believes that the implementation of free nursing care on the basis of need and not ability to pay will bring an end to a major injustice affecting tens of thousands of older people in nursing homes; welcomes the new investment announced in the NHS Plan of £900 million annually by 2003–04 in new intermediate care services for older people; supports the priority the Government has rightly attached to improving front-line services for older people; and calls on the Liberal Democrats to set out what services they would cut in order to fund their proposals.

3 Supreme Court of 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 Maximum Number of Judges (Northern Ireland) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 11th December, be approved—(Jim Dowd)—It was agreed to.

4 Representation of the People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 16th January, be approved—(Jim Dowd)—It was agreed to.
5 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 Thursday 15th February, do adjourn till Monday 26th February 2001—(Jim Dowd).—It was agreed to.

6 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, 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 four minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.56 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Charities.—Charities (Exception from Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 260), dated 1st February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw]

2 Disabled Persons.—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (ScotRail Class 334 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 277), dated 2nd February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott]


4 Social Security.—Employment Zones (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 261), dated 30th January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett]

Other Papers:

5 Industrial Organisation and Development.—Report and Accounts of the British Potato Council for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown]

6 National Lottery.—Report and Summary Financial Statement of the Arts Council of Wales for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy]

7 Sessional Returns, 1999–2000.—Returns to Orders [12th December] 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 1999–2000 [by Order]; to be printed [No. 100] [Clerk of the House]

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Public Accounts Committee [The Sale of United Kingdom Gold Reserves]; to be printed [No. 224-i] [Mr David Davis].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2001 and the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on the Exercise of Police Powers) (Northern Ireland) Order 2001.

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

2 Analysis of Costs and Benefits (European Union),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a Parliamentary Commission to investigate and report regularly to Parliament, at intervals to be determined by Parliament, on the costs and the benefits of the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union—(Mr Michael Fabricant);

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 the commencement of public business)—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr John Wilkinson, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr John Townend and Mr Crispin Blunt do prepare and bring in the Bill.

3 Analysis of Costs and Benefits (European Union) Bill,—Mr Michael Fabricant accordingly presented a Bill to establish a Parliamentary Commission to investigate and report regularly to Parliament, at intervals to be determined by Parliament, on the costs and the 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 20th July and to be printed [Bill 39].

4 House of Commons (Removal of Clergy Disqualification) Bill,—The House of Commons (Removal of Clergy Disqualification) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

5 House of Commons (Removal of Clergy Disqualification) Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the following provisions shall apply to the House of Commons (Removal of Clergy Disqualification) Bill:

Committee
1. The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

2. Proceedings in the Committee of the whole House shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Eight o'clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is Thursday, at Five o'clock on that day.

Consideration and Third Reading
3. Any proceedings on consideration, and proceedings on Third Reading, shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Ten o'clock on that day or, if that day is Thursday, at Seven o'clock on that day.

Programming Committees
4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House or on consideration and Third Reading.

Lords amendments and further messages from the Lords
5. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any motion to vary or supplement this order for the purpose of allocating time to proceedings on consideration of any Lords amendments, or on any further messages from the Lords, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith—(Mr Mike O'Brien),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Mike Hall: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr David Heath: 57.
So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the House of Commons (Removal of Clergy Disqualification) Bill:

Committee

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

2. Proceedings in the Committee of the whole House shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Eight o'clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is Thursday, at Five o'clock on that day.

Consideration and Third Reading

3. Any proceedings on consideration, and proceedings on Third Reading, shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Ten o'clock on that day or, if that day is Thursday, at Seven o'clock on that day.

Programming Committees

4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House or on consideration and Third Reading.

Lords amendments and further messages from the Lords

5. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any motion to vary or supplement this order for the purpose of allocating time to proceedings on consideration of any Lords amendments, or on any further messages from the Lords, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith.

Committee to-morrow.

6 Political Parties,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Disapplication of Part IV for Northern Ireland Parties, etc.) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 25th January, be approved—(Mr George Howarth);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act on or on European Community documents).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Jim Dowd: 304.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr James Gray: 123.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Political Parties, Elections and Referendums Act 2000 (Disapplication of Part IV for Northern Ireland Parties, etc.) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 25th January, be approved.

7 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Colchester against the burning of low level nuclear waste at Bradwell Nuclear Power Station was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.35 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Sheep Annual Premium (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 281), dated 5th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

2 Immigration,—(1) Detention Centre Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 238), dated 29th January 2001,

(2) Detention Centre (Specified Diseases) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 240), dated 28th January 2001, and
(3) Immigration (Suspension of Detainee Custody Officer Certificate) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 241), dated 28th January 2001

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Immigration and Asylum,—Carriers’ Liability (Clandestine Entrants) (Application to Rail Freight) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 280), dated 5th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw]

Other Papers:

4 Air Force (Constitution).—Amendment 11 to the Royal Air Force Manual of Assessment of Medical Fitness: Air Publication 1269A (Third Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

5 Chiropractors,—Financial Statements of the General Chiropractic Council for 1st August 1999 to 31st July 2000 [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

6 Education and Employment,—Department of Education and Employment Minute, dated 6th February 2001, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for the provision of a guarantee to bodies from the voluntary sector who undertake projects part funded by payments made from the European Social Fund [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

7 Immigration and Asylum,—Draft Code of Practice on Civil Penalty (Rail Freight Wagons) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

8 School Inspections,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 102] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill; to be printed [No. 154-v] [Rachel Squire].

2 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. 56-iv] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [New Deal: An Evaluation]; to be printed [No. 58-iv] [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 [Draft Water Bill]; to be printed [No. 145-ii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Environment Sub-Committee [Local Authority Governance]; to be printed [No. 225]

[Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 Home Affairs,—(1) Second Special Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Government Response to the Report of the Independent Inquiry into The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971: Drugs and the Law]; to be printed [No. 226]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Criminal Records Bureau]; to be printed [No. 227-i]

[Mr Robin Corbett].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Parades Commission]; to be printed [No. 126-iv] [Mr Peter Brooke].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 46-iv] [Mr David Tredinnick].

8 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Bank of England]; to be printed [No. 42-i] [Mr Giles Radice].

9 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Wales in the World: the role of the UK Government in promoting Wales abroad]; to be printed [No. 38-sv] [Mr Martyn Jones].
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[No. 32; WH, No. 17.]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 Jamieson);

And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 33.]

Wednesday 7th February 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jim Cunningham reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice for Examining Officers) Order 2001, the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice for Authorised Officers) Order 2001, the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Carding) Order 2001 and the Terrorism Interviews (Scotland) Order 2001.

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

2 Education (Funding) Bill,—Dr Nick Palmer, supported by Mrs Liz Blackman, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Vernon Coaker, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Michael Fabricant and Mr David Kidney, presented a Bill to make provision about the distribution of funding between local education authorities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 30th March and to be printed [Bill 40].

3 Homes Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the Homes Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 8th January 2001:

Consideration and Third Reading

1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting.

2. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Nine o’clock.

3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Ten o’clock.

4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Consideration of Lords Amendments and further messages from the Lords

5. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any programme motion to supplement this order or to vary it in relation to—

(a) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments; or

(b) proceedings on any further messages from the Lords,

and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith—(Mr Nick Raynsford),

And it being three quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr David Clelland: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 169.
So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Homes Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 8th January 2001:

**Consideration and Third Reading**

1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today's sitting.

2. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Nine o'clock.

3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Ten o'clock.

4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

5. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any programme motion to supplement this order or to vary it in relation to—
   
   (a) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments; or
   
   (b) proceedings on any further messages from the Lords,

   and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith.

4 Homes Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Homes Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Application of Part VI of 1996 Act to existing tenants)—(Mr Nick Raynsford)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Persons claiming to be homeless who are at risk of violence)—(Mr Robert Ainsworth)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Co-operation between registered social landlords and local housing authorities)—(Mr Don Foster)—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 persons with priority need who are not homeless intentionally)—(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, Sir Robert Smith: 151.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr David Jamieson: 255.

So the Question was negatived.

5 Deferred Divisions,—The Deputy Speaker announced the result of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Order of the House [7th November]:

Companies,—That the draft Companies (EU Political Expenditure) Exemption Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 17th January, be approved.

Ayes: 329.

Noes: 7.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Homes Bill.—The House again proceeded to consider the Homes Bill.

Another Clause (Energy efficiency report (No. 1))—(Mr Tim Loughton)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 28) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 3, to leave out the words ‘a freehold interest or a long leasehold interest in the property’, and to insert the words ‘the freehold interest or the interest under a long lease’, instead thereof.—(Mr Nick Raynsford.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Nine o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [7th November and this day].
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and agreed to.

And it being after Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker proceeded to put forthwith the Questions on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown, pursuant to Order [7th November and this day].

Amendments (Nos. 29 to 40, 22, 41, 42, 23 and 43 to 51) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

7 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 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 16th January, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—It was agreed to.

8 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 (Code of Practice on the Exercise of Police Powers) (Northern Ireland) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 16th January, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—It was agreed to.

9 Science and Technology Committee.— The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned debate on the Question proposed [31st January], That the Select Committee on Science and Technology shall have leave to meet concurrently with any committee of the Lords on science and technology or any sub-committee thereof, for the purpose of deliberating or taking evidence, and to communicate to any such committee its evidence or any other documents relating to matters of common interest;

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.

10 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 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 Agriculture,—Draft Pig Industry Development Scheme 2000 (Confirmation) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Education (London Residuary Body) (Property Transfer) (Revocation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 308), dated 6th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Road Traffic,—(1) Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No 307), and
(2) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2001(S.I., 2001, No. 306),
dated 7th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


Other Papers:

6 Erskine Bridge Tolls,—Accounts of the Scottish Executive Development Department: Erskine Bridge for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 223] [Clerk of the House].
7 Housing.—Report and Accounts of Stonebridge Housing Action Trust for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Home Office on the Petition [22nd November, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of Ryhill and Havercroft calling for a review of the criminal justice system following the death of Anna Fisher [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9 Treaty Series (No. 8, 2001),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 22nd November 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. 5 (1999)) [by Command] [Cm. 5041] [Mr Secretary Cook].

10 Treaty Series (No. 9, 2001),—Exchange of Notes, done at Ashgabat on 11th September 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Turkmenistan amending the Air Services Agreement done at Ashgabat on 9th February 1995 [by Command] [Cm. 5042] [Mr Secretary Cook].

11 Treaty Series (No. 10, 2001),—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 [by Command] [Cm. 5043] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Hunting Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Jane Kennedy a member of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill, in place of Mr Mike O’Brien.

2 Companies and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 259):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations 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.: Dr Vincent Cable, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Brian Cotter, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mrs Lorna Fitzsimmons, Mr Nick Gibb, Mr James Gray, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Judy Mallaber, Mr Greg Pope, Dr Phyllis Starkey, Mr Stephen Twigg, Mr John Wilkinson and Mr David Wilshire.

3 Pig Industry Restructuring (Capital Grant) Scheme 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 251):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Scheme to the Second 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 Roger Berry, Mr William Cash, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mrs Linda Gilroy, Mr David Heath, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr James Pace, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Ms Joyce Quin, Mr Chris Ruane, Mr Jonathan R. Shaw, Mr John Smith, Mr Paul Tyler and Mr Shaun Woodward.

4 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order 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 Peter Atkinson, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr George Galloway, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Calum Macdonald, Mr Michael Moore, Mr John Robertson, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Phil Woolas and Mr James Wray.

5 Draft Transport Act 2000 (Designation of Transferee) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Peter L. Pike Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Don Foster, Mr John Heppell, Mr Kevin Hughes, Helen Jones, Mr Fraser Kemp, Dr Doug Naysmith, Ms Sandra Osborne, Mr Colin Pickthall, Miss Geraldine Smith, Mr Robert Symms, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr Peter Viggers and Ms Rosie Winterton.

The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Jack Cunningham and Kali Mountford from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Dave Watts and Mr Derek Twigg.

Grand Committees

7 The Speaker has appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Tuesday 13th February.

European Standing Committees


9 European Union Document No. 14329/00 relating to a European Safety Agency, has been referred to European Standing Committee A, to be debated with European Union Document No. 13735/99 already referred to the Committee on 12th July, in the last Session of Parliament.

10 European Union Document No. 13572/00 relating to the protection of the Communities’ financial interests, together with an unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 20th December 2000 submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the Court of Auditors Annual Report for 1999, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Fifth Report from the Agriculture Committee [The Work of the Forestry Commission], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 229];

(2) Third Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Genetically Modified Organisms and Seed Segregation], to be printed [No. 230];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Common Agricultural Policy Paying Agency]; to be printed [No. 231]; and

(4) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Common Agricultural Policy Paying Agency; New Covent Garden Market; Government Research into Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies and Intensive Farming]

[Mr David Curry].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [The Communications White Paper]; to be printed [No. 161-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Defence,—(1) First Report from the Committee [The Six-Nation Framework Agreement], 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. 115]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [MoD Annual Reporting Cycle]; to be printed [No.144-ii]

[Mr Bruce George].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Walking in Towns and Cities]; to be printed [No.167-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 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. 28-v] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Relocation following paramilitary intimidation]; to be printed [No. 59-ii] [Mr Peter Brooke].
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7 Public Accounts. Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Leakage and Water Efficiency]; to be printed [No. 234-i] [Mr David Davis].

8 Public Administration. Third Report from the Committee on Public Administration [The Ministerial Code], 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. 235] [Tony Wright].

9 Science and Technology. Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Genetics and Insurance]; to be printed [No. 174-ii] [Dr Michael Clark].

10 Social Security. Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Social Fund]; to be printed [No. 232-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 33; WH, No. 18.]

Wednesday 7th February 2001.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 1.58 p.m.]

[No. 34.]

Thursday 8th February 2001.

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 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 Thursday 15th February.

2 Colchester Borough Council Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Colchester Borough Council Bill [Lords] be read a second time on Thursday 15th February.

3 Health and Social Care Bill. Mr John Maxton reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Health and Social Care Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 42].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 240].

4 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill. Mrs Irene Adams reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 41].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 241].

5 Hunting Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [7th November and 20th December 2000], That the Order of 20th December 2000 (Hunting Bill (Programme)) be amended by the substitution in paragraph 5 (time for conclusion of proceedings in Standing Committee) of the words ‘Tuesday 13th February 2001’ for the words ‘Thursday 8th February 2001’.—(Mr Don Touhig.)—It was agreed to.

6 Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the following provisions shall apply to the Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 23rd January:
Consideration and Third Reading

1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting.

2. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at half past Three o’clock.

3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at a quarter past Four o’clock.

4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Consideration of Lords Amendments and further messages from the Lords

5. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any programme motion to supplement or vary this order in relation to—

(a) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments; or

(b) proceedings on any further messages from the Lords,

and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith—(Mr Stephen Timms).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Clive Betts: 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 124.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 23rd January:

Consideration and Third Reading

1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting.

2. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at half past Three o’clock.

3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at a quarter past Four o’clock.

4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Consideration of Lords Amendments and further messages from the Lords

5. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any programme motion to supplement or vary this order in relation to—

(a) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments; or

(b) proceedings on any further messages from the Lords,

and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith.

7 Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No.10) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 3, at the end to insert the words—

‘(7) For the purposes of this Act only, a right to acquire relevant shares will be deemed to give rise to a liability of nil under section 2 below.

(8) In subsection (7) above relevant shares are shares which on 7th November 2000 were neither listed on a recognised stock exchange nor traded on a recognised investment exchange.’.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 1 to 9) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

8 Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 16th January:
Consideration and Third Reading

1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today's sitting.

2. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at quarter past Six o'clock.

3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Seven o'clock.

4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

5. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any programme motion to supplement this order or to vary it in relation to—

   (a) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments; or
   (b) proceedings on any further messages from the Lords,
   and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith—(Mr David Hanson);

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Ian Pearson: 254.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Gray, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 134.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Children's Commissioner for Wales Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 16th January:

Consideration and Third Reading

1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today's sitting.

2. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at quarter past Six o'clock.

3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Seven o'clock.

4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

5. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any programme motion to supplement this order or to vary it in relation to—

   (a) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments; or
   (b) proceedings on any further messages from the Lords,
   and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith.

Children's Commissioner for Wales Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Children's Commissioner for Wales Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Advice to Assembly and to local authorities)—(Mr Robert Walter)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Right of access to institutions)—(Mr Win Griffiths)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;
And it being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day]:—It was agreed to.

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

Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(a) the Campaign for a Sustainable Didcot, in favour of the development of the town of Didcot to the north-east; and
(b) the Electors of the Group of Thirteen Parishes of South Oxfordshire, against demands for the calling-in of Oxfordshire County Council’s decision to develop the town of Didcot to the west

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Seven o’clock, adjourned 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,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 75) [by Act], to be printed [No. 228] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Civil Aviation,—Air Traffic Services (Exemption) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 287), dated 5th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Competition,—(1) Competition Act 1998 (Public Transport Ticketing Schemes Block Exemption) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 319), and


5 Immigration and Asylum,—(1) Carriers’ Liability (Clandestine Entrants) (Code of Practice for Rail Freight) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 312), and
(2) Carriers’ Liability (Clandestine Entrants and Sale of Transporters) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 311), dated 7th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Judgements,—European Communities (Matrimonial Jurisdiction and Judgements) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 310), dated 2nd February 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

7 Postal Services,—Draft Social and Environmental Guidance to the Postal Services Commission [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Tackling Obesity in England [by Act], to be printed [No. 220] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [New Covent Garden Market]; to be printed [No. 173-ii] [Mr David Curry].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [The Communications White Paper]; to be printed [No. 161-iv] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].
3 Treasury.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Government Actuary’s Department]; to be printed [No. 236-i]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Committee [HM Customs and Excise and Inland Revenue: Progress Reports]; to be printed [No. 237-i]
[Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 34; WH, No. 19.]
Thursday 8th February 2001.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].
The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.
Adjournment (Social Security Fraud).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Jeff Rooker.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 13th February.
[Adjourned at 4.13 p.m.]

[No. 35.]
Friday 9th February 2001.
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Road Transport Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Transport Bill;
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;
Mr James Gray 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 Robert Syms, Mr James Gray: 15.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas: 1.
It appearing on the report of the Division that fewer than forty Members had taken part in the Division, the Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided, and the business under consideration stood over until the next sitting of the House.

2 Vaccination of Children (Parental Choice) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination of Children (Parental Choice) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 9th March.

3 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 6th April.

4 Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd February, That the Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill be now read a second time;
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 9th March.

5 Outworking Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Outworking Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 9th March.

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 12th February.
[Adjourned at 3.09 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2. Education.—Education (The Arts Institute at Bournemouth Further Education Corporation) (Transfer to the Higher Education Sector) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 337), dated 5th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Other Papers:

4. Armed Forces Pay.—Thirty蜜th Report of the Armed Forces’ Pay Review Body [by Command] [Cm. 4993] [The Prime Minister].

5. Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.—Paper, entitled The Interim Response to the Report of the BSE Inquiry by HM Government in consultation with the Devolved Administrations [by Command] [Cm. 5049] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

6. Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration.—Supplement to the Thirtieth Report of the Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration [by Command] [Cm. 4999] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

7. Environment, Transport and the Regions.—Government Response to the Fifteenth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 1999–2000, on the Road Haulage Industry [by Command] [Cm. 5023] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8. Senior Salaries.—Twenty-Third Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries [by Command] [Cm. 4995] [The Prime Minister].

9. Treaty Series (No. 11, 2001).—Protocol of 1988, done at London on 11th November 1988, relating to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974 [by Command] [Cm. 5044] [Mr Secretary Cook].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Company and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 259).

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

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter L. Pike reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Transport Act 2000 (Designation of Transferee) Order 2001.

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:

Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to clarify the extent of the duty of the Legal Services Commission under section 13(1) of the Access to Justice Act 1999, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Bill [Lords],—The Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 43].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 43–EN].

5 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.

Conditions in Her Majesty’s Prisons,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the comments of the Director General of the Prison Service, in which he criticised intolerable conditions and referred to a number of prisons as ‘hell holes’, and the Report of the Chief Inspector of Prisons which described appalling conditions at certain prisons, and calls on the Government to take urgent action to improve conditions in Her Majesty’s Prisons, in order to enable them better to fulfil their role of protecting the public—(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 ‘supports the policy of Her Majesty’s Government to make prisons work better to reduce reoffending and thus cut crime; welcomes the improved investment in the Service, and the improved performance of the Service in terms of security, literacy and numeracy, offender behaviour programmes, the reduction in drug taking and in under-18 regimes; offers its gratitude to staff and the many volunteers attached to prisons; but notes the significant and unacceptable variation in the effectiveness of different Prison Service establishments as highlighted by the Director General and Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Prisons, and endorses the measures being put in place to secure higher and more consistent standards across establishments’, 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 Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Stephen Day: 159.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 248.

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 supports the policy of Her Majesty’s Government to make prisons work better to reduce reoffending and thus cut crime; welcomes the improved investment in the Service, and the improved performance of the Service in terms of security, literacy and numeracy, offender behaviour programmes, the reduction in drug taking and in under-18 regimes; offers its gratitude to staff and the many volunteers attached to prisons; but notes the significant and unacceptable variation in the
effectiveness of different Prison Service establishments as highlighted by the Director General and Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Prisons, and endorses the measures being put in place to secure higher and more consistent standards across establishments.

‘Shifting the Balance’,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that the First Report of Session 1999–2000 from the Liaison Committee, Shifting the Balance: Select Committees and the Executive, House of Commons Paper No. 300, provides the right basis for the further development of the Select Committee system as a means of increasing the scrutiny and accountability of Government; and invites the Liaison Committee and the Government to bring forward the necessary Standing Orders for detailed consideration by the House. (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 ‘notes the First Report from the Liaison Committee, Session 1999–2000, Shifting the Balance: Select Committees and the Executive, House of Commons Paper No. 300, and the Government response thereto, Cm. 4737; considers that the Select Committee system has proved its worth as a means of increasing the scrutiny and accountability of Government, endorsing in particular the Liaison Committee’s judgement of the value of Select Committees (in particular paragraphs 4, 5 and 24 of the Committee’s First Report); commends the initiatives already taken by the Government and by the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons to improve the accountability of Ministers to Parliament, including the provision in Westminster Hall of the opportunity for some 200 extra back bench debates each Session, and over 20 debates on Select Committee reports; but does not believe that concentrating patronage in the hands of three senior Members of the House would increase the transparency or effectiveness of the Committee system’, instead thereof. (Mrs Margaret Beckett.)

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, Sir George Young, Mr Nicholas Winterton: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Clive Betts: 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, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Clive Betts: 276.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nicholas Winterton, Sir George Young: 164.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House notes the First Report from the Liaison Committee, Session 1999–2000, Shifting the Balance: Select Committees and the Executive, House of Commons Paper No. 300, and the Government response thereto, Cm. 4737; considers that the Select Committee system has proved its worth as a means of increasing the scrutiny and accountability of Government, endorsing in particular the Liaison Committee’s judgement of the value of Select Committees (in particular paragraphs 4, 5 and 24 of the Committee’s First Report); commends the initiatives already taken by the Government and by the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons to improve the accountability of Ministers to Parliament, including the provision in Westminster Hall of the opportunity for some 200 extra back bench debates each Session, and over 20 debates on Select Committee reports; but does not believe that concentrating patronage in the hands of three senior Members of the House would increase the transparency or effectiveness of the Committee system.

6 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 (Code of Practice for Examining Officers) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 16th January, be approved. (Mr Gerry Sutcliffe):—It was agreed to.
7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gerry Satchiffe.)

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 Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance.—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 74) on Threshold Payments [by Act]; to be printed [No. 209] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Education.—Paper, entitled Schools: Building on Success [by Command] [Cm. 5050] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

4 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 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 242] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Companies and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 259),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Anne Campbell and Mrs Ann Cryer from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations), and nominated in substitution Caroline Flint and Dr Ian Gibson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Criminal Records Bureau]; to be printed [No. 227-i] [Mr Robin Corbett].

2 Public Accounts.—(1) Fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Draft Social Security (Inherited Serps) Regulations 2001], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 243].

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Post Office Acquisition of German Parcel]; to be printed [No. 245-i] [Mr David Davis].

   [No. 37.]

Tuesday 13th February 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Kent County Council Bill [Lords] be considered on Tuesday 27th February.

2 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Medway Council Bill [Lords] be considered on Tuesday 27th February.

3 Hunting Bill.—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Hunting Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 and New Clauses), and made Amendments thereunto.
Bill, as amended in Committee and in the Standing Committee, to be considered tomorrow; and to be printed [Bill 46].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 250].

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Pig Industry Restructuring (Capital Grant) Scheme 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 251).

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 considered the matter of Building Safer Communities in Wales, referred to it on 31st January, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 35].

6 Climate Change Bill,—Mr Don Foster, supported by Mr Tom Brake, Joan Walley, Mr David Chaytor and Mr Simon Thomas, presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to draw up and implement polices to alleviate climate change; to require the setting of targets for the achievement of those policies; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th March and to be printed [Bill 44].

7 Rural Community Public Transport,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to delegate further the provisions of rural public transport to voluntary organisations, district, town and parish councils; and to encourage and promote the use of such transport: And that Mr David Prior, Mrs Gillian Shepherd, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr David Ruffley, Mr Richard Spring, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Desmond Swynne, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr John Whittingdale and Mr Tim Collins do prepare and bring it in.

8 Rural Community Public Transport Bill,—Mr David Prior accordingly presented a Bill to delegate further the provisions of rural public transport to voluntary organisations, district, town and parish councils; and to encourage and promote the use of such transport: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 6th April and to be printed [Bill 45].

9 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the following provisions shall apply to the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 22nd January:

**Consideration and Third Reading**
1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today's sitting.
2. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at quarter past Eight o'clock.
3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Nine o'clock.
4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

**Consideration of Lords Amendments and further messages from the Lords**
5. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any programme motion to supplement this order or to vary it in relation to—
   (a) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments; or
   (b) proceedings on any further messages from the Lords,
   and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith—(Yvette Cooper);
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Kevin Hughes: 290.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Gray, Mr John Randall: 172.
   So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 22nd January:
Consideration and Third Reading

1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today's sitting.

2. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at quarter past Eight o'clock.

3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Nine o'clock.

4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Consideration of Lords Amendments and further messages from the Lords

5. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any programme motion to supplement this order or to vary it in relation to—

(a) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments; or
(b) proceedings on any further messages from the Lords,

and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith.

10 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Prohibition or restriction of use of symbol, name or emblem)—(Mrs Caroline Spelman) 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 James Gray: 122.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr David Clelland: 345.

Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, after the second word ‘advertisement’, to insert the words ‘including product placement’.—(Mrs Caroline Spelman.)

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

Amendment (No. 40) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 21, to leave out the word ‘includes’, and to insert the words ‘shall, to the extent set out in regulations made by the Secretary of State after consultation with representatives of those involved in the electronic publication and transmission of material, include’, instead thereof.—(Mrs Caroline Spelman.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And it being a quarter past Eight o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [7th November and this day].

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

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Questions on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 41 to 44, 48, 45 to 47, 49 and 50) made to the Bill.

Question put, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Ian Pearson: 327.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Andrew Hunter: 5.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

11 Capital Allowances Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee on the Capital Allowances Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60 (Tax simplification bills), That the Committee of the whole House be discharged from considering the Bill—(Dawn Primarolo);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Graham Allen: 313.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Gerald Howarth: 12.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Committee of the whole House be discharged from considering 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.

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 Capital Allowances Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Ian Pearson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Jim Dowd: 309.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Christopher Chope: 33.

So the Question was agreed to.

13 Capital Allowances Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Capital Allowances Bill be now read the third time:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

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 proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Dowd, Mr Don Touhig: 238.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 31.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

14 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 (Code of Practice for Authorised Officers) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 16th January, be approved—(Mr Ian Pearson):—It was agreed to.

15 Companies,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Companies and Business Names (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 259) dated 1st February 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 2nd February, be approved—(Mr Ian Pearson):—It was agreed to.

16 Civil Aviation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Transport Act 2000 (Designation of Transferee) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved—(Mr Ian Pearson):—It was agreed to.

17 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 (Carding) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 29th January, be approved—(Mr Ian Pearson):—It was agreed to.

18 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 (Interviews) (Scotland) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 15th January, be approved—(Mr Ian Pearson):—It was agreed to.

19 Education and Employment,—Ordered, That Judy Mallaber be discharged from the Education and Employment Committee and Mr Jon Trickett be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
20 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) mothers, midwives, families and residents of South Cumbria in support of the Helme Chase Maternity Unit,

(2) Strathclyde Elderly Forum in support of free television licences for all pensioners; and

(3) citizens of Frome, Somerset, against mobile phone masts in built-up areas

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

21 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Sheffield Committee Against War on Iraq and others calling on the House to urge the Government to stop military attacks on and end its support for sanctions against Iraq was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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 sixteen minutes to One o’clock on Wednesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.44 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation,—(1) Aerodromes (Designation) (Chargeable Air Services) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 354), and

(2) Civil Aviation (Publication of Directions) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 353), dated 10th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 National Health Service,—(1) National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 289), and

(2) Special Trustees for the Former United Birmingham Hospitals (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 288), dated 4th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

3 Social Security,—Tax Credits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 367), dated 12th February 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

4 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Tax Credits Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 366), dated 12th February 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

5 Trade and Industry,—Paper entitled, Opportunity for all in a World of Change: A White Paper on Enterprise, Skills and Innovation [by Command] [Cm. 5052] [Mr Secretary Byers].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill; to be printed [No. 154-vi] [Rachel Squire].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [The Communications White Paper]; to be printed [No. 161-v] [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 [Draft Water Bill]; to be printed [No. 145-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].
4 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Government policy towards the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia following the fall of Milosevic]; to be printed [No. 246-i] [Mr Donald Anderson].

5 Home Affairs.—(1) Third Special Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Annual Report of the work of the Committee to the Liaison Committee]; to be printed [No. 248];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Prison Service]; to be printed [No. 249-i]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Criminal Records Bureau]; to be printed [No. 227-iii]

[Mr Robin Corbett].

6 Procedure.—Second Report from the Procedure Committee [Election of a Speaker], 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. 40] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

7 Statutory Instruments.—Seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 46-vii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

8 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [UK Aerospace Industry]; to be printed [No 171-ii] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

9 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Royal Mint]; to be printed [No. 239-ii] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 37; WH, No. 20.]

Tuesday 13th February 2001.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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. 38.]

Wednesday 14th February 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) 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 Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2001.

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

3 European Standing Committee A,—Mr John Cummings reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

and supports the Government’s objective of achieving Community-wide measures against transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, especially in the light of recent findings that BSE is more widespread in Europe than had previously been acknowledged.

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

4 Adoption of Sewers Bill.—Mr Andy King, supported by Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Martin Bell, Mr Stephen McCabe, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Peter Bradley, Mr David Stewart, Mr Tony Clarke and Mr Tom Brake presented a Bill to require sewerage undertakers to adopt all remaining unadopted sewers; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 9th March and to be printed [Bill 47].

5 Consumer Accountability and New Mutuals,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 to allow for the creation of community mutuals; and to improve accountability of key services to consumers: And that Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West), Mr Andrew Love, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Paul Clark, Mr Phil Hope, David Taylor, Mr David Drew, Mr Mike Gapes, Angela Smith, Mr Adrian Bailey and Mr Alun Michael do prepare and bring it in.

6 Consumer Accountability and New Mutuals Bill,—Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West) accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 to allow for the creation of community mutuals; and to improve accountability of key services to consumers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th July and to be printed [Bill 48].

7 Health and Social Care Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed,That the following provisions shall apply to the Health and Social Care Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 10th January:

Consideration and Third Reading
1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today's sitting.
2. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Nine o'clock.
3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Ten o'clock.
4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.

Consideration of Lords Amendments and further messages from the Lords
5. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any programme motion to supplement this order or to vary it in relation to—

(a) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments; or
(b) proceedings on any further messages from the Lords,
and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith—(Mr John Denham),

And it being three quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, Mr Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr David Jamieson: 342.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 181.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Health and Social Care Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 10th January:

Consideration and Third Reading
1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting.
2. Proceedings on Consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Nine o'clock.
3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Ten o'clock.
4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading.
Consideration of Lords Amendments and further messages from the Lords

5. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any programme motion to supplement this order or to vary it in relation to—

(a) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments; or

(b) proceedings on any further messages from the Lords,

and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith.

8 Health and Social Care Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Health and Social Care Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Enhanced criminal record certificates)—(Mr John Denham)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Conditional inclusion in medical, dental, ophthalmic and pharmaceutical lists)—(Mr John Denham)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Application to the City of London)—(Mr John Denham)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Patient data)—(Dr Liam Fox)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr James Gray, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Dowd, Mr Mike Hall: 306.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Clause (Community Health Councils: scheme for reform)—(Dr Liam Fox)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [7th November and this day].

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 163.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Ian Pearson: 301.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being after Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker proceeded to put forthwith the Questions on any amendment moved or motions made by a Minister of the Crown, pursuant to Order [7th November and this day].

Question put, That Clauses (Patients’ councils) and (Independent advocacy services) be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Ian Pearson: 335.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 124.

So the Question was agreed to.

Question put, That Amendments Nos. 141 to 143, 140, 144 to 150, 24, 151, 25 and 26, 36 to 39, 152 to 154, 40 to 114, 116, 115, 117 to 129, 27, 28, 155 to 158, 130 to 135, 159, and 136 to 139 be made to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Ian Pearson: 338.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 118.

So the Question was agreed to.

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 Speaker put the Question necessary for bringing proceedings on consideration and third reading to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [7th November and this day].

Question put, That the Bill be now read the third time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Graham Allen: 310.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Luff: 168.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

9 Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Pig Industry Restructuring (Capital Grant) Scheme 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 251), dated 1st February 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved.—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—It was agreed to.

10 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from citizens of South Gloucestershire in support of South Gloucestershire’s Community Transport Schemes was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.42 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Social Security,—(1) Draft Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling]; and

(2) draft Social Security Commissioners (Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Road Traffic,—Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 309), dated 6th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Special Parliamentary Procedure:

4 Transport and Works,—(1) Leeds Supertram (Extension) Order 2001, and

(2) Leeds Supertram (Land Acquisition and Road Works) Order 2001 dated 28th January 2001, together with Certificates by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act][Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

5 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of Defence Estates for 1999-2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 203] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

6 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the Petition [7th July, in the last Session of Parliament], from residents of Laindon and Basildon for a duty on owners of shopping centres to provide for adequate cleaning, maintenance and security; to be printed [by Standing Order] [Clerk of the House].

7 Treaty Series (No. 12, 2001),—International Convention, as Revised at Geneva on 10th November 1972, 23rd October 1978 and 19th March 1991, for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants of 2nd December 1961 [by Command] [Cm. 5045] [Mr Secretary Cook].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 74) on Threshold Payments:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the First Standing Committee on
       Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the
       Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Peter Bradley, Mr William Cash,
       Mrs Lorna Fitzsimons, Mr Neil Gerrard, Jane Griffiths, Mr John Hayes, Mr Gerald
       Howarth, Mr Alan Keen, Estelle Morris, Mr John Randall, Rachel Square, Dr George
       Turner, Ms Claire Ward and Mr Phil Willis.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 75) (House of Commons
   Paper No. 228):
   (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 David Amess, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mrs
       Ann Cryer, Mr Don Foster, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Ms Beverley
       Hughes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Ms Sally Keeble, Ms Tess Kingham, Mr Kevin McNamara,
       Kahi Mounford, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Jon Trickett and Mr Nigel Waterson.

3 Draft Pig Industry Development Scheme 2000 (Confirmation) Order 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the 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, Ms Hazel Blears, Mr Colin Breed, Tom Cox, Mr
       Christopher Gill, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr
       David Maclean, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Lembt Opk, Mr James Paice, Ms Joyce Quin,
       Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr John Smith and Mr Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West).

European Standing Committees

4 The Speaker has appointed Sir David Madel Chairman of European Standing Committee C
   in respect of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 21st November 2000
   relating to a draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a
   general framework for informing and consulting employees in the European Community.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport
   Committee [The Communications White Paper]; to be printed [No. 161-vi] [Mr Gerald
   Kaufman].

2 Defence,—(1) Second Report from the Defence Committee [The Strategic Defence Review:
   Policy for People], 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. 29]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Defence Aviation Research
       Agency]; to be printed [No. 261-i] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Education and Employment,—(1) Second Special Report from the Education and
   Employment Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the
   Committee on the OFSTED Corporate Plan 2000]; to be printed [No. 258] [Mr Barry
   Sheerman]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Committee [Age Discrimination], to be printed [No. 259-i] [Mr Derek Foster].

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Walking in Towns and Cities], to be printed [No. 167-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Opportunities and Development Prospects at Major Ports]; to be printed [No. 244-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

5 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. 28-vi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) First Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Northern Ireland Prison Service], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 263]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Relocation following paramilitary intimidation]; to be printed [No. 59-iv] [Mr Peter Brooke].

7 Public Accounts,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Access to Properties Grant-aided by English Heritage (Supplementary Evidence)]; to be printed [No. 265-i]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Modernising Construction]; to be printed [No. 266-i] [Mr David Davis].

8 Public Administration,—First Special Report from the Public Administration Committee [Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Inherited SERPS]; to be printed [No. 264] [Tony Wright].

9 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Social Fund]; to be printed [No. 232-ii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE
The Speaker certified the Capital Allowances Bill as a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 38; WH, No. 21.]

Wednesday 14th February 2001.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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.]

[No. 39.]


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 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 Thursday 1st March.
2 Colchester Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Colchester Borough Council Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and committed.

3 International Development Bill.—Secretary Clare Short, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Cook, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr George Foulkes and Mr Chris Mullin, presented (under Standing Order No. 50 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to make provision relating to the provision of assistance for countries outside the United Kingdom; to make provision with respect to certain international financial institutions and the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 26th February and to be printed [Bill 49].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the International Development Bill be printed [Bill 49–EN].

4 Adjournment (Report of the BSE Inquiry by Lord Phillips, House of Commons Paper No. 887 of Session 1999–2000).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Don Touhig);

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

5 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of St Albans calling for the return of the rail network to public ownership was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 26th February, pursuant to Order [5th February].

[Adjourned at 7.30 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. 76) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 233] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Transport,—Draft British Waterways Board (Limit for Borrowing) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Civil Aviation,—Civil Aviation (Chargeable Air Services) (Records) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 399), dated 14th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Local Government,—Proposed alterations to the Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) and (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 414), dated 14th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

6 Air Force (Constitution).—Amendment List 3 to Regulations for the Reserve Air Forces: Air Publication 3392 Volume 7 (First Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 Culture, Media and Sport.—Department of Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 15th February 2001, concerning the proposed transfer of the Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine, South Kensington, to the Governing Body of Imperial College [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

8 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts for 1999–2000 of the Defence Dental Agency, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 127] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

9 Education,—Financial Statements of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 273] [Clerk of the House].

10 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Access to the Victoria and Albert Museum [by Act]; to be printed [No. 238] [Clerk of the House].
11 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 1999–2000, on Air Travel and Health [by Command] [Cm. 5068] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

12 United Nations,—(1) Afghanistan (United Nations Sanctions) (Channel Islands) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 393), and
(2) Afghanistan (United Nations Sanctions) (Isle of Man) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 394), dated 14th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw]; and
(4) Afghanistan (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 392), and
(5) Iraq (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 395), dated 14th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 74) on Threshold Payments,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Randall from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report), and nominated in substitution Mr Geo
V
rey Clifton-Brown.

European Standing Committees

2 The Speaker has appointed Mrs Ray Michie Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 13572/00 relating to the Protection of the Communities’ Financial Interests, and the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 20th December 2000 submitted by HM Treasury relating to the Court of Auditors Annual Report for 1999.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Access to NHS Dentistry]; to be printed [No. 247-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Standards and Privileges,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on Standards and Privileges on 14th February [Proposed Amendments to the Rules relating to the Conduct of Members]; to be printed [No. 267-i] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

3 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee on 14th February [Impact on Trade and Industry of Motor Fuel Taxation; Gas Prices; UK Steel Industry]; to be printed [Nos. 268-i, 269-i and 270-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

4 Treasury,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee, and Appendices thereto [Equitable Life and the Life Assurance Industry]; to be printed [No. 272-i]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Equitable Life and the Life Assurance Industry]
[Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 39; WH, No. 22.]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment (Ordered),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Greg Pope.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 27th February, pursuant to Order [5th February].

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

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

Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to enable provision to be made for the purpose of reforming legislation which has the effect of imposing burdens affecting persons in the carrying on of any activity and to enable codes of practice to be made with respect to the enforcement of restrictions, requirements or conditions; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords].—The Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 51].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 51:–EN].

3 High Hedges Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the High Hedges Bill be printed [Bill 13:–EN].

4 Register of Drug Trafficking Offenders,—Mr Desmond Browne, supported by Fiona Mactaggart, Sandra Osborne, John Robertson, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Eric Joyce and Mr David Stewart presented a Bill to amend the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 to establish a register of drug trafficking offenders; to prescribe the circumstances in which, and by whom, the register may be consulted; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 23rd March and to be printed [Bill 50].

5 Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Bill [Lords],—The Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read as second time.

6 Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Bill [Lords] (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the following provisions shall apply to the Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Bill [Lords]:

Standing Committee

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.

3. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 8th March.

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at six o’clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at three o’clock on that day.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at seven o’clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at four o’clock on that day.

6. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Lords Messages

7. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any motion to vary or supplement this order for the purpose of allocating time to proceedings on consideration of any messages from the Lords, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith—(Mr David Lock),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Dowd, Mr Don Touhig: 255.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Owen Paterson: 47.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Bill [Lords]:
Standing Committee

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.

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6. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Lords Messages

7. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any motion to vary or supplement this order for the purpose of allocating time to proceedings on consideration of any messages from the Lords, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith.

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.) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 1st February, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson):—
It was agreed to.

Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies,—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. 5196/99, a draft regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the rules for the prevention and control of certain transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, and a draft directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Council Directive 91/68/EEC, and supports the Government’s objective of achieving Community-wide measures against transmissible spongiform encephalopathies, especially in the light of recent findings that BSE is more widespread in Europe than had previously been acknowledged—(Mr David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.

Line of Route,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the First Report from the Administration Committee on the Trial Summer Re-opening of the Line of Route (House of Commons Paper No. 213)—(Mrs Marion Roe);
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 Motion relating to the Line of Route may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Clive Betts):—It was agreed to.

Line of Route,—The Question being again proposed, That this House approves the First Report from the Administration Committee on the Trial Summer Re-opening of the Line of Route (House of Commons Paper No. 213)—(Mrs Marion Roe),
And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.
Resolved, That this House approves the First Report from the Administration Committee on the Trial Summer Re-opening of the Line of Route (House of Commons Paper No. 213).

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

[Adjourned at 10.38 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 on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

Friday 16th February 2001

1 Miscellaneous (No. 3, 2001).—Amendment, adopted at the Eleventh Meeting of the Parties held in Beijing on 29th November–3rd December 1999, to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5063] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Wednesday 21st February 2001

2 Treaty Series (No. 15, 2001).—Exchange of Notes, done at Port Louis on 8th June and 6th November 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Mauritius amending the Air Services Agreement done at Port Louis on 12th July 1973 [Cm. 5065] [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 16th February 2001

3 Channel Tunnel.—Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 418), dated 15th February 2001 [Mr Secretary Straw].


5 Constitutional Law.—National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Land) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 398), dated 16th February 2001 [Mr Secretary Murphy].

6 Income Tax.—(1) Income Tax (Building Societies) (Dividends and Interest) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 404),

   (2) Income Tax (Deposit-takers) (Interest Payments) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 406),

   (3) Income Tax (Interest Payments) (Information Powers) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 405), and

   (4) Income Tax (Manufactured Overseas Dividends) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 403),

dated 15th February 2001 [Dawn Primarolo].

7 Social Services.—Carers (Services) and Direct Payments (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 441), dated 15th February 2001 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Monday 19th February 2001


dated 12th February 2001 [Mr Secretary Prescott].


Tuesday 20th February 2001


12 Food.—Restriction on Pithing (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 447), dated 15th February 2001 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

14 National Health Service.—Isles of Scilly (Health) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 448), dated 17th February 2001 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Wednesday 21st February 2001

15 Clean Air.—Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 422), dated 14th February 2001 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

16 Education.—(1) Parent Governor Representatives (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 478), dated 20th February 2001; and  

17 Road Traffic.—Motor Cycles Etc. (EC Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 368), dated 12th February 2001 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Thursday 22nd February 2001

18 Agriculture.—(1) England Rural Development Programme (Enforcement) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 431), dated 14th February 2001,  
           (2) Hill Farm Allowance Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 476), dated 20th February 2001,  
           (3) Organic Farming (England Rural Development Programme) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 432), dated 14th February 2001, and  
           (4) Organic Products Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 430), dated 14th February 2001 [Mr Nicholas Brown].


Friday 23rd February 2001

22 Civil Aviation.—(1) Civil Aviation (Chargeable Air Services) (Detention and Sale of Aircraft) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 493), and  
           (2) Civil Aviation (Chargeable Air Services) (Detention and Sale of Aircraft for Eurocontrol) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 494), dated 21st February 2001 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 26th February:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

23 Climate Change Levy.—(1) Draft Climate Change Agreements (Energy-intensive Installations) Regulations 2001,  
           (2) draft Climate Change Levy (Combined Heat and Power Stations) Prescribed Conditions and Efficiency Percentages Regulations 2001,  
           (3) draft Climate Change Levy (Electricity and Gas) Regulations 2001,  
           (4) draft Climate Change Levy (Solid Fuel) Regulations 2001, and  
           (5) draft Climate Change Levy (Use as Fuel) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms]

24 Education.—Draft School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (Amendment of Schedule 18) (England) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

25 Environmental Protection.—Draft Offshore Combustion Installations (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

26 Highways.—Draft Street Works (Charges for Unreasonably Prolonged Occupation of the Highway) (England) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
   (2) draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Designation of Public Authorities for the Purposes of Intrusive Surveillance) Order 2001
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

28 Legal Services Commission,—(1) Draft Criminal Defence Service (Choice in Very High Cost Cases) Regulations 2001, and
   (2) draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Order Appeals) Regulations 2001
   [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

29 Partnerships,—Limited Liability Partnerships (Fees) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 529), dated 21st February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

30 Pensions,—(1) Draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Additional Rights of Appeal) Regulations 2001, and
   (2) draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Late Appeals) Regulations 2001
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

31 Representation of the People,—Draft European Parliamentary Elections (Franchise of Relevant Citizens of the Union) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

32 Social Security,—(1) Draft Social Security (Inherited SERPS) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling], and
   (2) draft Tax Credits Up-rating Order 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

33 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—(1) Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2001, and
   (2) draft Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2001
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

34 Agriculture,—Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 541), dated 26th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

35 Civil Aviation,—Air Navigation (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 397), dated 14th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


37 Maintenance of Dependants,—Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders (Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 410), dated 14th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

   (2) Personal Injuries (Civilians) Amendment Scheme 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 420),
   dated 14th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

39 Social Security,—Social Security Amendment (Joint Claims) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 516), dated 22nd February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

40 Criminal Justice,—Paper, entitled Criminal Justice: The Way Ahead [by Command] [Cm. 5074] [Mr Secretary Straw].

41 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Educating and training the future health professional workforce for England, and
   (2) Improving Student Performance: How English further education colleges can improve student retention and achievement
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 277 and 276] [Clerk of the House].

Parliamentary Commissioner,—Second Report of the Parliamentary Ombudsman, Session 2000–01, on State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme (SERPS) Inheritance Provisions: Redress For Maladministration [by Act]; to be printed [No. 271] [Clerk of the House].

Pensions,—Naval, Military and Air Forces Etc. (Disability and Death) Service Pensions Amendments Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 409), dated 14th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the Petition [13th February] from Strathclyde Elderly Forum in support of free television licences for all pensioners [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—(1) Sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Review of Audit and Accountability for Central Government]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 260]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Benefits Payment Card]; to be printed [No. 282-i]
   [Mr David Davis].

2 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Bank of England]; to be printed [No. 42-iii] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 41.]

Tuesday 27th February 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;
   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 6th March.

2 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the Medway Council Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;
   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 6th March.

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Amess reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 74) on Threshold Payments.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Rail Passenger Services,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require railway passenger service providers to compensate passengers for late journeys and to ensure that passengers reach their ultimate rail destination: And that Mr Lembit Opik, Mr David Chidgey, Bob Russell, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Brian Cotter, Dr Jenny Tonge, Mr David Heath, Mr David Rendel and Mr Richard Livsey do prepare and bring it in.

5 Rail Passenger Services Bill,—Mr Lembit Opik accordingly presented a Bill to require railway passenger service providers to compensate passengers for late journeys and to ensure that passengers reach their ultimate rail destination: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th March and to be printed [Bill 52].

6 Hunting Bill (Programme) (No. 4).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the Hunting Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 20th December 2000 (as amended on 17th January and 8th February 2001):
Consideration and Third Reading

1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed in one day on which the Bill is put down as first Government Order of the Day.

2. On that day—
   (1) proceedings on Consideration shall (unless previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Ten o’clock, and
   (2) proceedings on Third Reading shall (unless previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Twelve o’clock.

3. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

4. In the application to proceedings on Consideration of Sessional Order E made by the House on 7th November 2000, paragraph (2)(d) shall have effect as if it required the Speaker to put—
   (1) a single question on any amendment in the name of a Minister of the Crown which creates a defence in respect of the hunting of rabbits and on any amendments in the name of a Minister of the Crown which are consequential on that amendment;
   (2) the question on any amendment in the name of a Minister of the Crown which creates a defence in respect of deer-stalking and flushing;
   (3) the question on any amendment in the name of a Minister of the Crown which expands the defence in respect of the hunting of rodents;
   (4) the question on any amendment in the name of a Minister of the Crown which creates a defence in respect of the hunting of mink; and
   (5) a single question on any other amendments moved or motions made by a Minister of the Crown.

5. Paragraph (4) of Sessional Order E made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration.

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6. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any programme motion to supplement this order or to vary it in relation to—
   (1) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments, or
   (2) proceedings on any further messages from the Lords;
   and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith—(Mr Mike O’Brien);

And it being three quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Dowd, Mr Don Touhig: 288.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr James Gray: 175.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Hunting Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 20th December 2000 (as amended on 17th January and 8th February 2001):

Consideration and Third Reading

1. Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed in one day on which the Bill is put down as first Government Order of the Day.

2. On that day—
   (1) proceedings on Consideration shall (unless previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Ten o’clock, and
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3. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.
4. In the application to proceedings on Consideration of Sessional Order E made by the House on 7th November 2000, paragraph (2)(d) shall have effect as if it required the Speaker to put—

(1) a single question on any amendment in the name of a Minister of the Crown which creates a defence in respect of the hunting of rabbits and on any amendments in the name of a Minister of the Crown which are consequential on that amendment;
(2) the question on any amendment in the name of a Minister of the Crown which creates a defence in respect of deer-stalking and flushing;
(3) the question on any amendment in the name of a Minister of the Crown which expands the defence in respect of the hunting of rodents;
(4) the question on any amendment in the name of a Minister of the Crown which creates a defence in respect of the hunting of mink; and
(5) a single question on any other amendments moved or motions made by a Minister of the Crown.

5. Paragraph (4) of Sessional Order E made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on Consideration.

Lords Amendments and Messages

6. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any programme motion to supplement this order or to vary it in relation to—

(1) proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments, or
(2) proceedings on any further messages from the Lords;

and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith.

7 Hunting Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Hunting Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Disposal of fallen stock)—(Mr Edward Garnier)—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 Nicholas Soames, Mr Edward Leigh: 160.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Stephen Hesford: 280.

So the Question was negatived.

Amendment (No. 76) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 2, at the end, to insert the words—

‘Hunting which begins in Scotland

—A person does not commit an offence under paragraph 1 if he hunts a wild mammal with a dog and his hunting of that mammal began in Scotland.’—(Mr David Lidington)

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

Another Amendment (No. 77) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 2, at the end, to insert the words—

‘Hunting which begins and ends in Scotland

—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (3), a person does not commit an offence under paragraph 1 if he hunts a wild mammal with a dog in England only incidentally in the course of a hunt which begins and ends in Scotland.
(2) A hunt begins in Scotland if the pursuit of the wild mammal begins in Scotland.
(3) A hunt ends—
(a) when the wild mammal is killed, or
(b) by a decision to stop hunting
and no offence is committed under paragraph 1 if the hunt begins in Scotland and the wild mammal is killed in England.
(4) A wild mammal may not be dug out or bolted in England in the course of a hunt which begins and ends in Scotland.
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Gerald Howarth: 135.

Tellers for the Noes, Bridget Prentice, Dr Nick Palmer: 312.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 62) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 6, after the word ‘a’, to insert the words ‘deer, boar, muntjac’.—(Mr Douglas Hogg.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Ten o’clock, the Speaker, pursuant to Order [7th November and this day] put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Douglas Hogg, Mr Gerald Howarth: 134.

Tellers for the Noes, Bridget Prentice, Dr Nick Palmer: 324.

The Speaker then put forthwith the question on an Amendment which he had selected for separate division.

Amendment (No. 36) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—

‘—(1) The Secretary of State shall by order make a scheme for the making of payments to persons in respect of losses incurred by them as a result of—

(a) ceasing, by reason of the enactment or coming into force of this Act—

(i) to carry on their businesses so far as they consist of activities prohibited by this Act, or

(ii) to continue in paid employment so far as that employment was dependent on activities prohibited by this Act;

(b) damage by wild mammals which were previously controlled by activities prohibited by this Act.

(2) A scheme may, in particular—

(a) specify the descriptions of losses and businesses in respect of which payments are, or are not, to be made and the basis of valuation for determining losses,

(b) specify the amounts of the payments to be made or the basis on which such amounts are to be calculated,

(c) provide for the procedure to be followed (including any time within which claims must be made and the provision of information) in respect of claims under the scheme and for the determination of such claims,

(d) include provision for arbitration of any dispute as to a person’s entitlement to payments under the scheme or the amounts of any such payments.

(3) Before making a scheme under this paragraph, the Secretary of State shall consult such organisations as appear to him to represent persons likely to be entitled to payments under such a scheme.

(4) An order under this paragraph shall be made by statutory instrument which shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament.’.—(Mr Lembit Öpik.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes: Mr Lembit Öpik, Mr Gerald Howarth: 156.

Tellers for the Noes, Bridget Prentice, Dr Nick Palmer: 281.

So the Question was negatived.

The Speaker then put forthwith a single Question on any amendment in the name of a Minister of the Crown which creates a defence in respect of the hunting of rabbits and on any amendments in the name of a Minister of the Crown which are consequential on that amendment.

Amendments (Nos. 43 to 45, 49 and 51) made to the Bill.
The Speaker then put forthwith the Question on an amendment in the name of a Minister of the Crown which creates a defence in respect of deer-stalking and flushing.

Another Amendment (No. 46) made to the Bill.

The Speaker then put forthwith the Question on any amendment in the name of a Minister of the Crown which expands the defence in respect of the hunting of rodents.

Another Amendment (No. 48) made to the Bill.

The Speaker then put forthwith the Question on any amendment in the name of a Minister of the Crown which creates a defence in respect of the hunting of mink;

Another Amendment (No. 50) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 49, at the end, to insert the words—

"Mink. It is a defence for a person charged with an offence under paragraph 1 to prove that the conduct to which the charge relates consisted of hunting a mink."

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr A. J. Beith, Mr Douglas Hogg: 119.

Tellers for the Noes, Bridget Prentice, Dr Nick Palmer: 295.

So the Question was negatived.

The Speaker then put forthwith a single question on any other amendments moved or motions made by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 47 and 52 to 60) made to the Bill.

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 Motions in the name of Margaret Beckett relating to Deferred Divisions and Mr Stephen Timms relating to Vote on Account 2001–02 may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

9 Hunting Bill,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony Banks, Bridget Prentice: 319.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Douglas Hogg: 140.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time and passed.

10 Deferred Divisions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 7th March, notwithstanding the provisions of the Sessional Order of 7th November 2000 (Deferred Divisions) votes on divisions which have been deferred until half past three o’clock on that day shall be recorded for one and a half hours after half past five o’clock, no account being taken of any period during which the House or committee proceeds to a division—(Paddy Tipping);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till this day, pursuant to Order (7th November 2000).

11 Vote on Account 2001–02.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.) shall apply on a day not later than 18th March as if the words ‘(aa) votes on account for the coming financial year;’ were inserted after line 21—(Mr Stephen Timms);

Mr Michael Fallon moved, That the House sit in private.

The Deputy Speaker put the Question forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 163 (Motions to sit in private).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Gerald Howarth: 1.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Clive Betts: 62.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question being again proposed;

Question put and agreed to.
Ordered, That paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.) shall apply on a day not later than 18th March as if the words ‘(aa) votes on account for the coming financial year;’ were inserted after line 21.

12 Delegated Legislation,—Ordered, That the Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Straw relating to Data Protection and Freedom of Information 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 Greg Pope.)

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.33 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Financial Services and Markets,—(1) Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Carrying on Regulated Activities by Way of Business) Order 2001,
(2) draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Designated Professional Bodies) Order 2001,
(3) draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Exemption) Order 2001,
(4) draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2001,
(5) draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Professions) (Non-Exempt Activities) Order 2001,
(6) draft Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001, and

2 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 73) on 2000–01 Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children [by Act]; to be printed [No. 275] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Defence,—Royal Air Force Terms of Service (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 542), dated 23rd February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

4 Education,—Education (Student Support) (European Institutions) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 563), dated 23rd February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Social Security,—(1) Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 487), dated 19th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling]; and
(2) Tax Credits (Claims and Payments) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 567), dated 26th February 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

6 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Tax Credits (Claims and Payments) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 568), dated 26th February 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

7 Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 27th February 2001, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the Votes specified in the Spring Supplementary Estimates for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

8 Civil List,—List of new and supplementary pensions granted under the Civil List Act 1972 for 2000–2001 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

9 Defence (Votes A), 2001–02,—Estimates of the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces for 2001–02 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 157] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
10 Hong Kong,—Six-monthly Report on Hong Kong, July–December 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 5067] [Mr Secretary Cook].

11 Northern Ireland Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Compensation Agency for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 179] [Mr Secretary Reid].

12 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the Petition [13th February] from citizens of Frome, Somerset, against mobile phone masts in built-up areas [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

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

Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 498) [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

14 Supply Estimates, 2000–01,—(1) Spring Supplementary Estimates for 2000–01 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 256] [Mr Stephen Timms]; and

(2) Spring Supplementary Estimate (Class XVIII, A, House of Commons) for 2000–01 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 255] [The Speaker].

15 Supply Estimates, 2001–02,—(1) Estimates for Central Government, for which a Vote on Account is required for 2001–02 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 251] [Mr Stephen Timms];

(2) Estimates for the Electoral Commission, for which a Vote on Account is required for 2001–02 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 254] [The Speaker]; and

(3) Estimates for the House of Commons, for which a Vote on Account is required for 2001–02 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 252] [The Speaker]; and

(4) Estimates for the National Audit Office, for which a Vote on Account is required for 2001–02 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 253] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Sixth Report from the Agriculture Committee [The UK Pig Industry]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 32];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Implementation of IACS in the European Union]; to be printed [No. 150-ii]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Common Agricultural Policy Paying Agency; Government Research into Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies and Intensive Farming]

[Mr David Curry].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Government policy towards the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia following the fall of Milosevic]; to be printed [No. 246-ii] [Mr Donald Anderson].

3 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Corruption]; to be printed [No. 39-v] [Mr Bowen Wells].

4 Standards and Privileges,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Proposed Amendments to the Rules relating to the Conduct of Members]; to be printed [No. 267-ii] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

5 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 46-viii]; and

(2) First Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 288-i]

[Mr David Tredinnick].

6 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Bank of England]; to be printed [No. 42-iv] [Mr Giles Radice].
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Tuesday 27th February 2001.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 Mike Hall);

And it being Two o'clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.

[No. 42.]

Wednesday 28th February 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Electoral Commission (Answer to Address).—The Vice Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, that the Address of 10th January, praying that Her Majesty would appoint as Electoral Commissioners—

(1) Pamela Joan Gordon for the period of four years;
(2) Sir Neil William David McIntosh KBE for the period of four years;
(3) Johnathon Glyn Mathias for the period of five years;
(4) Sukhminder Karamjit Singh CBE for the period of five years;
(5) James Samuel Younger for the period of six years; and
(6) Graham John Zellick for the period of five years;

and further praying that Her Majesty would appoint James Samuel Younger to be the chairman of the Electoral Commission for the period of six years, was presented to Her Majesty, who was graciously pleased to comply with the request; the appointments having become effective from 19th January.

2 Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords].—The Alliance & Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time and passed, without Amendment.

3 Standing Orders (Private Business).—Ordered, That the Amendments to Standing Orders set out in the following Schedule be made:—

SCHEDULE

Standing Order 1, line 24, leave out 'and Wales'.
Standing Order 1, line 30, leave out subsection (d).
Standing Order 1, line 34, at end insert—

'(f) the Greater London Authority;'

Standing Order 1, line 34, at end insert—

'In Wales

(a) the council of a county,
(b) the council of a county borough,
(c) the council of a community or group of communities or the community meeting of a community which has no separate council.'.

Standing Order 1, line 36, leave out from beginning to end of line 38 and insert—

'a council for a local government area;'.

Standing Order 1, line 108, leave out from beginning to 'for' in line 118.
Standing Order 4A, line 18, leave out from 'or' to 'in' in line 19 and insert—

'(in Wales) the county or county borough or (in Scotland) the local government areas'.
Standing Order 4A, line 28, leave out from ‘or’ to ‘in’ in line 29 and insert—
‘(in Wales) the counties or county boroughs or (in Scotland) the local government area’.

Standing Order 4A, line 42, leave out from second ‘or’ to ‘copies’ in line 43 and insert—
‘(in Wales) the county or county borough or (in Scotland) the local government area’.

Standing Order 4A, line 47, leave out ‘(in Scotland) the islands area or district’ and insert—
‘(in Wales) the county or county borough or (in Scotland) the local government area’.

Standing Order 5, line 5, after ‘and’ insert ‘the counties or county boroughs in’.

Standing Order 6, line 9, leave out from ‘England’ to ‘parish’ and insert—
‘or the county or county borough in Wales and the’.

Standing Order 7, line 6, leave out ‘thirty feet’ and insert ‘10 metres’.

Standing Order 7, line 6, leave out ‘nine feet six inches’ and insert ‘3 metres’.

Standing Order 10, line 14, leave out ‘(in Scotland) the islands area or district’ and insert—
‘(in Wales) the county or county borough or (in Scotland) the local government area’.

Standing Order 10, line 23, leave out from second ‘or’ to ‘in’ in line 24 and insert—
‘(in Wales) the counties or county boroughs or (in Scotland) the local government areas’.

Standing Order 14, line 6, leave out ‘thirty feet’ and insert ‘10 metres’.

Standing Order 14, line 7, leave out ‘nine feet six inches’ and insert ‘3 metres’.

Standing Order 14, line 10, leave out ‘ten feet six inches’ and insert ‘3.3 metres’.

Standing Order 16, line 24, at end add—
‘(2) This order shall apply to Greater London as if it were a county and the Greater London Authority were the council of the county.’

Standing Order 17, line 10, leave out ‘300 yards’ and insert ‘275 metres’.

Standing Order 20, line 6, leave out ‘300 yards’ and insert ‘275 metres’.

Standing Order 20, line 6, at end add—
‘unless after reasonable inquiry the identity of any such persons cannot be ascertained’.

Standing Order 25, line 20, leave out from ‘borough’ to end and add—
‘district in England or county or county borough in Wales’.

Standing Order 27, line 12, leave out from second ‘or’ to ‘in’ in line 13 and insert—
‘(in Wales) of each county or county borough or (in Scotland) of each local government area’.

Standing Order 27, line 23, leave out from ‘and’ to ‘so’ in line 24 and insert—
‘(in Wales) of each county or county borough or (in Scotland) of each local government area’.

Standing Order 27, line 27, leave out from ‘or’ to end of line 28 and insert—
‘(in Wales) the county or county borough or (in Scotland) the local government area’.

Standing Order 27, line 45, leave out ‘one inch to the mile or of’.
Standing Order 27, line 52, leave out from ‘or’ to ‘and’ in line 53 and insert—

‘(in Wales) of the county or county borough or (in Scotland) of the local government area’.

Standing Order 27, line 57, leave out ‘(in Scotland) each islands area or district’ and insert—

‘(in Wales) each county or county borough or (in Scotland) each local government area’.

Standing Order 27, line 79, leave out ‘eleven feet’ and insert ‘3.4 metres’.

Standing Order 27, line 98, at end add—

‘(7) This order shall apply to Greater London as if it were a county and the Greater London Authority were the council of the county.’.

Standing Order 27A, line 12, leave out from ‘bill,’ to ‘of’ in line 16 and insert—

‘(i) the information referred to in Part II of Schedule 4 to the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999 (S.I., 1999, No. 293) (referred to below as “Schedule 4”), and so much of the information referred to in Part I of that Schedule as is reasonably required to assess the environmental effect of the works and as the promoters can reasonably be expected to compile; or

(ii) such’.

Standing Order 27A, line 40, leave out from first ‘paragraph’ to end of line 41 and insert—

‘6 of Part I and paragraph 5 of Part II of Schedule 4’.

Standing Order 27A, line 59, leave out ‘3’ and insert ‘4’.


Standing Order 27A, line 65, leave out ‘3’ and insert ‘4’.

Standing Order 29, line 5, leave out ‘six inches to the mile’ and insert ‘1/10,000’.

Standing Order 30, line 3, leave out ‘one inch to the mile’ and insert ‘1/50,000’.

Standing Order 30A, line 7, leave out ‘one inch to a mile’ and insert ‘1/50,000’.

Standing Order 30A, line 18, leave out ‘one inch to a mile’ and insert ‘1/50,000’.

Standing Order 36, line 11, leave out ‘and Wales’.

Standing Order 36, line 13 at end insert—

‘(aa) any county or county borough in Wales with the proper officer of the county or borough:’.

Standing Order 39, line 30, leave out ‘Scottish’ and insert ‘Scotland’.

Standing Order 39, line 32, leave out ‘Welsh’ and insert ‘Wales’.

Standing Order 47, line 30, leave out from ‘England’ to end and insert—

‘, London boroughs and counties and county boroughs in Wales’.

Standing Order 48, line 2, leave out ‘four inches to a mile’ and insert ‘1/15,000’.

Standing Order 48, line 19, leave out ‘a quarter of an inch to every 100 feet’, and insert ‘1/5,000’.

Standing Order 48, line 21, leave out ‘a quarter of an inch to every 100 feet’, and insert ‘1/5,000’.

Standing Order 48, line 32, leave out from ‘stated’ to end of line 33 and insert and insert ‘in kilometres and metres’.

Standing Order 50, line 3, leave out ‘miles and furlongs’ and insert ‘kilometres’.

Standing Order 50, line 6, leave out ‘one mile’ and insert ‘1.6 kilometres’.

Standing Order 50, line 13, leave out ‘800 yards’ and insert ‘750 metres’.

Standing Order 52, line 9, leave out ‘thirty feet’ and insert ‘10 metres’.

Standing Order 52, line 13, leave out ‘nine feet six inches’ and insert ‘3 metres’.

Standing Order 52, line 16, leave out ‘ten feet six inches’ and insert ‘3.3 metres’.

Standing Order 52, line 25, leave out ‘miles and furlongs’ and insert ‘kilometres’.

Standing Order 55, line 3, leave out ‘one inch to every 100 feet’ and insert ‘1/1,250’.
Standing Order 55, line 26, leave out ‘five feet’ and insert ‘1.5 metres’
Standing Order 56, line 6, leave out from beginning to ending of line and insert—
‘metres or parts of a metre’.
Standing Order 57, line 7, leave out from ‘in’ to ‘at’ in line 8 and insert—
‘metres or parts of a metre’.
Standing Order 57, line 30, leave out ‘800 yards’ and insert ‘750 metres’.
Standing Order 59, line 8, leave out ‘one inch to every 330 feet’ and insert ‘1/5,000’.
Standing Order 59, line 9, leave out ‘one inch to every 40 feet’ and insert ‘1/500’.
Standing Order 59, line 18, leave out ‘200 yards’ and insert ‘180 metres’.
Standing Order 61, line 17, leave out from ‘or’ to ‘in’ in line 18 and insert—
‘(in Wales) of every county or county borough or (in Scotland) of every local government area’.
Standing Order 61, line 32, leave out from ‘or’ to ‘in’ in line 33 and insert—
‘(in Wales) the county or county borough or (in Scotland) the local government area’.
Standing Order 61, line 49, at end add—
‘(4) This order shall apply to Greater London as if it were a county and the Greater London Authority were the council of the county.’.
Standing Order 62, line 16, leave out from ‘or’ to ‘in’ in line 17 and insert—
‘(in Wales) the county or county borough or (in Scotland) the local government area’.
Standing Order 62, line 94, at end insert—
‘(3) This order shall apply to Greater London as if it were a county.’.
Standing Order 65, line 29, leave out from ‘or’ to ‘in’ in line 30 and insert—
‘(in Wales) the county or county borough or (in Scotland) the local government area’.
Standing Order 69, line 3, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 81, line 10, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 82, line 2, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 84, line 4, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 86, line 5, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 87, line 6, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 88, line 6, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 89, line 5, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 89, line 7, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 97, line 1, leave out ‘and Wales’.
Standing Order 97, line 2, after ‘borough’ insert ‘or county or county borough in Wales’.
Standing Order 97, line 3, leave out ‘or borough’ and insert ‘; borough or county’.
Standing Order 98, line 1, after ‘county’ insert—
‘or (in Wales) any county or county borough’.
Standing Order 98, line 2, leave out ‘such county’ and insert ‘its administrative area’.
Standing Order 98, line 5, leave out ‘such county’ and insert ‘that area’.
Standing Order 98, line 8, after ‘borough’ insert—
‘or (in Wales) any county or county borough’.
Standing Order 98, line 14, at end add—
‘(3) This order shall apply to Greater London as if it were a county and the Greater London Authority were the council of the county.’.
Standing Order 100, line 1, leave out from ‘any’ to ‘against’ in line 2 and insert—
‘drainage body within the meaning of the Land Drainage Act 1991 petitions’.
Standing Order 103, line 6, leave out from ‘Selection’ to ‘three’ in line 7.
Standing Order 103, line 9, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 103, line 9, at end add—
‘(2) Unless the Committee of Selection otherwise orders, the members nominated to the committee shall continue to be members of the committee for the remainder of the Parliament.’.
Standing Order 120, line 9, leave out from ‘declare,’ to ‘in’ in line 10 and insert—
‘that I have no personal or constituency interest’.
Standing Order 123, line 8, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 132, line 5, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 136A, line 30, at end insert—
‘(5) This order shall apply to Greater London as if it were a county, the Greater London Authority were the council of the county and the councils of London boroughs were councils of districts in the county.’.
Standing Order 147, line 8, leave out ‘Transport’ and insert—
‘the Environment, Transport and the Regions’.
Standing Order 147, line 10, leave out ‘Transport’ and insert—
‘the Environment, Transport and the Regions’.
Standing Order 152, line 6, leave out ‘fifteen inches’ and insert ’38 centimetres’.
Standing Order 164, line 2, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 164, line 4, leave out ‘written’ and insert ‘clearly set out’.
Standing Order 175, line 3, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 181, line 9, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 182, line 2, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 191A, line 15, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 204A, line 13, leave out ‘Mr’ and insert ‘the’.
Standing Order 209, line 9, at end insert—
‘(2) When the time for delivering notices, or making deposits, expires on a Saturday or Sunday, Christmas Day, Good Friday or any bank holiday, the time shall be extended to the next day following which is not such a day’.
Standing Order 235, line 2, leave out ‘Scottish’ and insert ‘Scotland’.

Appendix A: Form referred to in Standing Orders 13 and 61

Page 125, leave out line 5 to line 66 on page 126 and insert—

“Dear Sir

[Short title of bill]

We intend to apply [to apply] to Parliament [this] [next] session for leave to introduce this bill.

We understand that you have an interest in the property mentioned in the Table set out below and that your interest is as stated in Part[s] I and [II] of that Table. If the bill is passed, the property mentioned in Part I of the Table, or a right to use it, will be liable to be acquired compulsorily under the powers of the resulting Act [and the property mentioned in Part II of the Table will be liable to the imposition of an improvement charge].

A plan [and section] relating to the purposes of the bill, together with a book of reference relating to it, [was] [were] [will be, on or before 20th November] deposited for public inspection with [here insert the officers of the local authorities with whom deposits have been or are to be made in accordance with Standing Order 27].

A copy of so much of the plan [and section] as relates to [here insert the parish or other area in accordance with Standing Order 36] in which the property in which you have an interest is situated, together with a book of reference relating to it, [has been] [will be on or before 20th November] deposited for public inspection with [here insert the officers of the local authorities with whom deposits have been or are to be made in accordance with Standing Order 36].
On that plan the property [is] [will be] designated by the number or numbers in the Table set out below. If that Table contains any error or misdescription, will you please let us know as soon as you can.

Copies of the bill, or the relevant parts of it, [have been] [will be on or before 4th December] deposited for public inspection and for sale at the [here insert the several offices at which deposits have been or are to be made in accordance with Standing Order 4A].

[We intend that the bill shall provide that, notwithstanding section 92 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845, you may be required to sell and convey a part only of your property, numbered [here insert number or numbers] on the deposited plan.]

[We intend that the bill shall exclude section 92 of the Lands Clauses Consolidation Act 1845 and shall substitute for it a provision—

(a) restricting the power of acquiring compulsorily a part only of a house or building to cases where the part can be taken without material detriment to the house or building; and

(b) restricting the power of acquiring compulsorily a part only of a park or garden belonging to a house to cases where the part can be taken without seriously affecting the amenity or convenience of the house.]

You may object to the bill by depositing a petition against it. If you wish us to do so, we shall be glad to let you know the latest date on which you may deposit a petition in either House.

For the moment we can let you know that the latest date for depositing a petition against a bill is—

(a) in the first House, [here insert current date] in the case of the House of Lords, and [here insert current date] in the case of the House of Commons; and

(b) in the second House, the tenth day after that on which the bill receives its first reading in that House.

In the case of a late bill, the rule in paragraph (b) above applies to a petition in either House. If the latest date turns out to be a Saturday, a Sunday, Christmas day, a bank holiday or a day on which the House does not sit, the latest date may be postponed.

We enclose for your use copies of the standing orders of both Houses of Parliament relating to the time and method for presenting petitions in opposition to bills.

If you need any further information, or any help in preparing a petition, you should get in touch with the Private Bill Office in either House (telephone number 020 7219 3231 in the House of Lords and 020 7219 3250 in the House of Commons).

Yours faithfully, “

—[The Chairman of Ways and Means.]“

4 Private Business (Standing Orders).—Ordered, That the following Standing Order be made:—

“Consents required under the Greater London Authority Act 1999.

25A.—(1) In the case of a bill promoted by the Greater London Authority, Transport for London or the London Development Agency there shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office on or before 27th November the following documents, as appropriate, namely—

(a) where the relevant consent provision applies to the bill, copies of the pre-deposit consents;

(b) where the relevant consent provision does not apply, a statement to that effect.

(2) The relevant consent provision for the purposes of paragraph (1) above is—

(a) in the case of a bill promoted by the Greater London Authority, paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (“the 1999 Act”);

(b) in the case of a bill promoted by Transport for London, paragraph 5 of Schedule 13 to the 1999 Act;


(3) In the case of a bill promoted by the council of a London borough, Transport for London or the London Development Corporation there shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office on 11th December or as soon as practicable thereafter the following documents, as appropriate, namely—
(a) where the relevant consent provision applies to the bill—
   (i) copies of the pre-deposit consents and post-deposit confirmations of consents; or
   (ii) if confirmation of consent has not been given, a statement that the relevant withdrawal provision applies; or
   (iii) if confirmation of consent is given conditionally on the amendment of the bill, a statement that the relevant amendment provision applies;

(b) where the relevant consent provision does not apply, a statement to that effect.

Paragraph (a)(ii) does not apply to a bill promoted by the council of a London borough. In this paragraph “pre-deposit consent” includes a consent given in accordance with the relevant consent provision after deposit of the bill.

(4) The relevant consent provision for the purposes of paragraph (3) above is—
   (a) in the case of a bill promoted by the council of a London borough, section 79(2) of the 1999 Act;
   (b) in the case of a bill promoted by Transport for London, section 167(2) of the 1999 Act;
   (c) in the case of a bill promoted by the London Development Agency, section 26A(2) of the 1998 Act.

(5) The relevant withdrawal provision for the purposes of paragraph (3) above is—
   (a) in the case of a bill promoted by Transport for London, section 167(3) of the 1999 Act;
   (b) in the case of a bill promoted by the London Development Agency, section 26A(3) of the 1998 Act.

(6) The relevant amendment provision for the purposes of paragraph (3) above is—
   (a) in the case of a bill promoted by the council of a London borough, section 79(4) of the 1999 Act;
   (b) in the case of a bill promoted by Transport for London, section 167(4) of the 1999 Act;
   (c) in the case of a bill promoted by the London Development Agency, section 26A(4) of the 1998 Act.”—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

5 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. 75) (House of Commons Paper No. 228).

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

6 European Standing Committee B.—Mrs Ray Michie reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 13572/00, Protecting the Communities’ Financial Interests—the fight against fraud: Commission’s Annual Report 1999, and the unnumbered explanatory memorandum dated 20th December 2000 submitted by H.M. Treasury relating to the Court of Auditors’ annual report for 1999; and supports the Government’s continuing efforts to promote and support measures to improve financial management and fight fraud against the EU budget.

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

7 European Standing Committee C.—Sir David Madel reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the unnumbered explanatory memorandum from the Department of Trade and Industry dated 21st November 2000 relating to a draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a general framework for informing and consulting employees in the European Community; and supports the Government’s position that it is not persuaded of the need for a directive on information and consultation in undertakings operating only at national level, which is difficult to reconcile with subsidiarity and would cut across existing practices in member states to no benefit.

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

8 Copyright etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill.—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Copyright etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill be printed [Bill 20–EN].
9 Siting of Telecommunications Masts.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to control the siting and development of telecommunications masts—(Ms Debra Shipley);

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)—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Ms Debra Shipley, Ms Margaret Moran, Mrs Betty Williams, Barbara Follett, Mrs Diana Organ, Jackie Ballard, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Alan Simpson, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr John Bercow, Mr David Lepper and Mr Andrew Dismore do prepare and bring in the Bill.

10 Siting of Telecommunications Masts Bill.—Ms Debra Shipley accordingly presented a Bill to control the siting and development of telecommunications masts. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 23rd March and to be printed [Bill 53].

11 Opposition Day [6th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Foot and Mouth and the Crisis in Agriculture.—Resolved, That this House expresses concern about the recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease, sympathy for farmers facing the loss of their livelihoods and for others working in the livestock sector, and appreciation of the work of those fighting to contain the spread of the disease; endorses the action of the Government to restrict the movement of livestock; welcomes its efforts to identify the source of the outbreak; urges, where necessary, a temporary suspension of rights of way across farmland; welcomes the Government’s announcement that it will draw down the full amount of agri-monetary compensation available for livestock farmers; and calls on the Government to consider what other help can be given to the industry.—(Mr Tim Yeo.)

12 Deferred Divisions.—The Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Order of the House [7th November]:

Deferred Divisions.—That, at the sitting on Wednesday 7th March, notwithstanding the provisions of the Sessional Order of 7th November 2000 (Deferred Divisions), votes on Divisions which have been deferred until half-past Three o’clock on that day shall be recorded for one and a half hours after half-past Five o’clock, no account being taken of any period during which the House or committee proceeds to a Division.

Ayes: 318.
Noes: 119.

So the Question was agreed to.

13 Delegated Legislation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Straw relating to the Electoral Commission shall be treated as if they related to instruments subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation) in respect of which notice has been given that the instruments be approved—(Mr Clive Betts).

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

14 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Viv Sumner and others calling for measures to ensure that any driving ban imposed on persons convicted of drink-driving does not begin until their full sentence is spent 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 Clive Betts.)

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 Channel Tunnel,—Draft Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 London Government,—Draft Greater London Road Traffic (Various Provisions) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Postal Services,—Draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

4 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Social Security,—Draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

6 Weights and Measures,—Draft Weights and Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) (Amendment) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

7 Education,—Special Educational Needs Tribunal Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 600), dated 27th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


9 Magistrates’ Courts,—Greater London Magistrates’ Courts Authority (Provision of Court-houses etc.) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 603), dated 26th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

10 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 561), and

   (2) The Road Vehicles Lighting (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 560), dated 26th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

11 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 596), dated 27th February 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo]; and

   (2) Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 488), dated 20th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

12 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 597), dated 26th February 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

13 Weights and Measures,—Measuring Equipment (Capacity Measures) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 599), dated 22nd February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

14 El Salvador (No. 1, 2001),—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 concerning Air Services, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5077] [Mr Secretary Cook].

15 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 2000–01, on Development on, or Affecting, the Flood Plain [by Command] [Cm. 5073] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
16 Health Service Commissioner,—Second Report of the Health Service Ombudsman, Session 2000–01: Investigations Completed—August-November 2000 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 278-I and -II] [Clerk of the House].

17 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the Petition [6th February] from residents of Colchester against the burning of low level nuclear waste at Bradwell Nuclear Power Station [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr John Burnett, Dr David Clark, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Eric Joyce, Mr Andy King, Mr David Lammy, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr David Lock, Sir Nicholas Lyell, Mrs Anne McGuire, Bridget Prentice and Mr Robert N. Wareing.

2 Draft Social Security (Inherited SERPS) Regulations 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations 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 Peter Atkinson, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Paul Burstow, Ann Coffey, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Alun Michael, Laura Moffatt, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr David Rendel, Mr Allan Rogers, Mr Jeff Rooker, Mr Neil Turner and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

3 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 76) (House of Commons Paper No. 233):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report 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.: Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Roger Casale, Mr William Cash, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Lorna Fitzsimons, Ms Don Foster, Ms Beverley Hughes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Dr Brian Idson, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr David Lepper, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Adrian Sanders and Mr Nigel Waterson.

4 Draft Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2001, and the draft Social Security Commissioners (Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2001:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Tony Clarke, Ann Coffey, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Valerie Davey, Angela Eagle, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Andrew George, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr Ted Rowlands, Dr Howard Stoate and Steve Webb.

5 Salary of the Information Commissioner:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Salary of the Information Commissioner to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Geraint Davies, Mr Mike Hall, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr P Sara S. Khabra, Mr Martin Linton, Mr Robert Maclellen, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr John Redwood, Mr Andrew Robathan, Joan Ruddock, Mr Keith Simpson and Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West).

6 Pig Industry Development Scheme 2000 (Confirmation) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gareth Thomas from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order), and nominated in substitution Dr Norman A. Godman.
7 Draft Offshore Combustion Installations (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Regulations 2001:

(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 Russell Brown, Mr Colin Burgon, Dr Jack Cunningham, Caroline Flint, Mr James Gray, Mr Peter Hain, Mr John Horam, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Richard Sprink, Mr Andrew Stunell, Dr Desmond Turner and Mr Mike Wood.

8 Draft Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations 2001, and the draft Limited Liability (Fees) Regulations 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft 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 John Burnett, Dr Vincent Cable, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr David Faber, Mr Nick Gibb, Mr James Gray, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Robert Jackson, Mr Bill Michie, Mrs Diana Organ, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Jonathan R. Shaw, Mr Peter Temple-Morris and Joan Walley.

9 Draft Pensions Appeals and Tribunals (Additional Rights of Appeal) Regulations, and the draft Pensions Appeals Tribunals (Late Appeals) Regulations 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Seventh 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 Hugh Bayley, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Martin Caton, Ann Coffey, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Andrew George, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Ian Pearson, Ms Dari Taylor, David Taylor and Steve Webb.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; 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, Mrs Janet Dean, Mr James Gray, Mr Alan Johnson, Sir Peter Lloyd, Mr John McFall, Mr David Maclean, Mr Richard Page, Mr Kerry Pollard, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Syd Rapson, Mr Phil Sawford, Mr Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West) and Mr Tony Worthington.

European Standing Committees


12 The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document No. 13889/00, a Commission report on the evaluation of Regulation (EC) No. 1475/95 on the application of Article 85(3) of the Treaty to certain categories of motor vehicle distribution and servicing agreements.

13 European Union Document No. 12335/00, relating to duty-free access for products originating in the least-developed countries, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

14 European Union Document No. 11381/00, relating to Reinvigorating the Barcelona Process, together with European Union Document No. 14778/00, relating to assistance to Palestinian Society, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [The Draft Defence Science and Technology Laboratories Trading Fund Order 2001]; to be printed [No. 289-i] [Mr Bruce George].
2 Environmental Audit,—(1) Second Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [The Pre-Budget Report 2000: Fuelling the Debate], 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]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Water Prices and the Environment: Government response and follow-up]; to be printed [No. 290-8] [Mr John Horam].

3 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. 28-vii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 International Development,—Memoranda laid before the International Development Committee [The International Development Bill] [Mr Bowen Wells].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Parades Commission]; to be printed [No. 120-v] [Mr Peter Brooke].

6 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Giving domestic customers a choice of electricity supplier]; to be printed [No. 292-i] [Mr David Davis].

7 Public Administration,—(1) Fourth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [Special Advisers: Boon or Bane?]; 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. 293]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Making Government Work]; to be printed [No. 94-vi] [Tony Wright].

8 Science and Technology,—Third Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Scientific Advisory System: Scientific Advice on Climate Change], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 14] [Dr Michael Clark].

9 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Drinks Industry in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 114-iv] [Mr David Marshall].

10 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Social Fund]; to be printed [No. 232-iii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 42; WH, No. 24.]

Wednesday 28th February 2001.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jim Cunningham reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Pig Industry Development Scheme 2000 (Confirmation) Order 2001.

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, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means, be further considered on Thursday 8th March.

3 Fixed-term Parliaments Bill,—Tony Wright, supported by Mr Giles Radice, Mr Robin Corbett, Mr Frank Field, Helen Jackson, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mrs Anne Campbell, Ms Harriet Harman and Mr Mark Oaten, presented a Bill to provide for fixed-term Parliaments: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 6th April and to be printed [Bill 54].

4 Welsh Grand Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order Nos. 107 and 108, That—

(1) the matter of the Budget Statement and its implications for Wales, being a matter relating exclusively to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration;

(2) the Welsh Grand Committee shall meet at the County Hall, Cwmbran, on Monday 12th March at half past Ten o'clock 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)), proceedings being interrupted at Four o'clock—(Mr Ian Pearson).—It was agreed to.

5 House of Commons (Removal of Clergy Disqualification) Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the House of Commons (Removal of Clergy Disqualification) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Removal of disqualification of clergy).

Amendment (No. 14) proposed, in page 1, line 5, at the beginning, to insert the words ‘Subject to subsection (1A),’.—(Miss Ann Widdecombe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

 Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Desmond Swayne: 17.

 Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Clive Betts: 264.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 1, line 9, at the end, to insert the words ‘or Bishop of the Church of England’.—(Mr Michael Fallon.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Short title, commencement and extent).

Amendment (No. 11) proposed, in page 1, line 17, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) This Act shall come into force on the day after the general election for the Parliament after that in which it is passed, and shall apply only to persons elected to the House of Commons after that date.’.—(Mr Michael Fallon.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Five o'clock, the Chairman put the Questions necessary for bringing proceedings in Committee to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [7th November and 6th February].

Question put and negatived.

Clause agreed to.
Schedules Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.
Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House, pursuant to Order [7th November].

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 put, That the Bill be now read the third time—(Mr Mike O’Brien);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Graham Allen: 196.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Gerald Howarth: 15.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Keith Bradley.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till Monday 5th March.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:
1 Constitutional Law,—(1) Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2001, and
   (2) draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2001
   [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].
3 Northern Ireland Equality,—Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].
4 Pensions,—(1) Draft Social Security (Minimum Contributions to Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) Order 2001,
   (2) draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class I Contributions, and Rebates) (Money Purchase Contracted-out Schemes) Order 2001, and
   (3) draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class I Contributions) (Salary Related Contracted-out Schemes) Order 2001
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].
5 Postal Services,—Draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Consequential Modifications No. 1) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].
6 Rehabilitation of Offenders,—Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
7 Animals,—Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Amendment) Regulations 2001
(S.I., 2001, No. 627), dated 1st March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].
8 Education,—(1) Education (Budget Statements) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 560), and
   (2) Education (Outturn Statements) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 570), dated 22nd February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
9 Postal Services,—Postal Services Commission (Register) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 620),
dated 28th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].
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Other Papers:

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by—

(1) the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs on the Petition [13th February] from the Sheffield Committee Against War on Iraq and others calling on the House to urge the Government to stop military attacks on and end its support for sanctions against Iraq, and

(2) the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [13th December] from Mr Richard Barnes and others for the continuation of Harefield Hospital, Middlesex [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr John Burnett, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr David Lammy, Mr David Lock and Mrs Anne McGuire members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Pig Industry Development Scheme 2000 (Confirmation) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Brian Jenkins from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Dr Desmond Turner.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Staging International Sporting Events]; to be printed [No. 286-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [The Appointment of the Chief of the Defence Staff]; to be printed [No. 298-i] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Government policy towards the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia following the fall of Milosevic]; to be printed [No. 246-iii] [Mr Peter Emery].

4 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Government Actuary’s Department, Royal Mint]; to be printed [Nos. 239-ii and 236-ii] [Mr Giles Radice].

5 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Job Losses in the Steel Industry in Wales]; to be printed [No. 295-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 43; WH, No. 25.]

Thursday 1st March 2001.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment (Provision of NHS Mental Health Services),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr John Hutton);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put till Tuesday 6th March.

[Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Report of the Hammond Inquiry,—Ordered, That there shall be laid before this House a Return of the Report of the Review by Sir Anthony Hammond KCB of the circumstances surrounding an application for naturalisation by Mr S. P. Hinduja in 1998.—(Mr Ian Pearson.)

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

   Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to amend Part 4 of the Education Act 1996; to make further provision against discrimination, on grounds of disability, in schools and other educational establishments, and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

   Parliamentary Referendum Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to establish the entitlement of each House of Parliament to resolve that a referendum be held on matters substantially affecting the constitution; to make provision as to the conduct of such referendums; and for connected purposes, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill [Lords].—The Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 55].

   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 55–EN].

4 Adjournment (Welsh Affairs),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Don Touhig).

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

5 Language of Parliamentary Proceedings,—Resolved, That—

   (1) this House approves the First Report from the Procedure Committee, Session 2000–01 (House of Commons Paper No. 47); and

   (2) the Resolution of 5th June 1996 on the Language of Parliamentary Proceedings be amended accordingly by inserting, after the word ‘Wales’, the words ‘and at Westminster in respect of Select Committees’.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

6 Education and Employment,—Ordered, That Mr Ian Pearson be discharged from the Education and Employment Committee and Mr Kerry Pollard be added to the Committee.—(Mr Keith Bradley, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 Public Administration,—Ordered, That Mr John McFall be discharged from the Select Committee on Public Administration and Mr David Lammy be added to the Committee.—(Mr Keith Bradley.)

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

   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 delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 2nd March 2001 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law,—Costs in Criminal Cases (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 611), dated 27th February 2001 [by Act][Mr David Lock].

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3 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Civil Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 617), and
(2) Civil Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 616),
dated 28th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

4 Legal Profession,—(1) European Communities (Lawyer's Practice) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 644), and
dated 1st March 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

5 Local Government,—Local Government (Magistrates' Courts etc.) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 612),
dated 27th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

dated 28th February 2001,
(2) Magistrates' Courts (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 610), dated 27th February 2001, and
[by Act] [Mr David Lock].

7 Social Security,—(1) Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Extended Payments) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 537),
dated 22nd February 2001, and
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

8 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Crown Court (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 614),
dated 27th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

9 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 630),
dated 1st March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 5th March 2001.

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

10 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures),—Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Churchwardens Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 302] [Clerk of the House].

11 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Draft of Alterations to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

12 Animals,—Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 665), dated 2nd March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

13 Judgements (Northern Ireland),—European Communities (Matrimonial Jurisdiction and Judgements) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 660), dated 5th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

14 Postal Services,—Postal Services Act 2000 (Consequential Modifications to Local Enactments No. 1) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 648), dated 2nd March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

15 Road Traffic,—(1) Community Drivers' Hours (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 628), and
(2) Drivers' Hours (Goods Vehicles) (Milk Collection) (Temporary Exception) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 629)
dated 5th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

16 Sea Fisheries,—(1) Prohibition of Fishing with Multiple Trawls Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 650), and
(2) Sea Fish (Specified Sea Areas) (Regulation of Nets and Other Fishing Gear) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 649)
dated 28th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].
17 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Credits and Incapacity Benefit) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 573), dated 26th February 2001, and


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

18 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures),—Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee on the Churchwardens Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 306] [Clerk of the House].

19 Courts and Legal Services,—Report of the Court Service for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 101] [Mr David Lock].


21 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Double Jeopardy and Prosecution Appeals [by Command] [Cm. 5048] [Mr David Lock].

22 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Medical Assessment of Incapacity and Disability Benefits [by Act]; to be printed [No. 280] [Clerk of the House].


25 Proceeds of Crime,—Paper, entitled Proceeds of Crime Bill—Publication of Draft Clauses [by Command] [Cm. 5066] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers withdrawn:

26 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 73) on 2000–01 Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children [laid 27th February].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr David Clark and Mr Robert N. Wareing from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill), and nominated in substitution Jane Griffiths and Mr Andrew Love.

2 Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward Garnier a member of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill, in place of Mr Nick Hawkins.

3 Draft Part-Time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2001, and the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ben Chapman from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations), and nominated in substitution Caroline Flint.

European Standing Committees

4 European Union Document No. 12335/00, relating to duty-free access for products originating in the least-developed countries, originally referred to European Standing Committee A on 28th February, has now been referred to European Standing Committee C.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Joint Committee on Human Rights,—(1) First Special Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Criminal Justice and Police Bill], together with an Appendix, to be printed [No. 296]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Criminal Justice and Police Bill], to be printed [No. 296-i]

[Jean Corston].

[No. 45.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Kent County Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 13th March.

2 Medway Council Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the Medway Council Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 13th March.

3 Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Bill [Lords],—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Bill [Lords], and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 309].

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 76) (House of Commons Paper No. 233).

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 Capital Allowances Bill, without Amendment.

6 Food Poverty (Eradication) Bill,—Mr Alan Simpson, supported by Dr Jenny Tonge, Alice Mahon, Mr Dafydd Wigley, Mr Tony Benn, Mrs Diane Abbott, Mrs Margaret Ewing, Mr David Chaytor, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr John McDonnell, Mr David Drew and David Taylor presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to publish and implement a strategy for abolishing food poverty; to require the setting of targets for the implementation of that strategy, and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th July and to be printed [Bill 56].

7 Education (Student Loans) (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to student loans in respect of the entitlement of borrowers to defer repayment of loans and in respect of the rate of interest payable on loans: And that Mr Nick St. Aubyn, Mr Stephen O'Brien, Mr David Ruffley, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Patrick Nicholls and Miss Julie Kirkbride do prepare and bring it in.

8 Education (Student Loans) (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Nick St. Aubyn accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law relating to student loans in respect of the entitlement of borrowers to defer repayment of loans and in respect of the rate of interest payable on loans. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 23rd March and to be printed [Bill 57].

9 International Development Bill,—The International Development Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

10 International Development Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the International Development Bill:
Standing Committee

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.

3. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 15th March.

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Nine o’clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Six o’clock on that day.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Ten o’clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o’clock on that day.

6. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Lords amendments and further messages from the Lords

7. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any motion to vary or supplement this order for the purpose of allocating time to proceedings on consideration of any Lords amendments, or on any further messages from the Lords, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith—

(Mr Chris Mullin);

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Kevin Hughes: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 138.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the International Development Bill:

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6. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Lords amendments and further messages from the Lords

7. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any motion to vary or supplement this order for the purpose of allocating time to proceedings on consideration of any Lords amendments, or on any further messages from the Lords, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith.

11 International Development Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to International Development 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 purpose of any Act resulting from the International Development Bill, it is expedient to authorise—
(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of
(a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State by virtue of this Act;
(b) any sums required by him for fulfilling any guarantee given under this Act;
(c) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable out of money so
provided by virtue of any other Act; and
(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr David Jamieson: 312.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Gray, Mr John Randall: 65.
So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That for the purpose of any Act resulting from the International
Development Bill, it is expedient to authorise—
(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of
(a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State by virtue of this Act;
(b) any sums required by him for fulfilling any guarantee given under this Act;
(c) any increase attributable to this Act in the sums payable out of money so
provided by virtue of any other Act; and
(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.
12 Finances,—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. 13572/00, Protecting the Communities’ Financial
Interests—the fight against fraud: Commission’s Annual Report 1999; and the
unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 20th December 2000 submitted by HM
Treasury relating to the Court of Auditors’ annual report for 1999; and supports the
Government’s continuing efforts to promote and support measures to improve financial
management and fight fraud against the EU budget—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was
agreed to.
13 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
Pig Industry Development Scheme 2000 (Confirmation) Order 2001, which was laid
before this House on 7th February, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—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. 74) on Threshold Payments (House of Commons Paper No. 209), which was laid before this
House on 12th February, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.
15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes to Twelve
o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 11.42 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Access to Justice,—Code of Conduct for Employees of the Legal Services Commission who
provide services as part of the Criminal Defence Service [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture,—Common Agricultural Policy (Wine) (England and Northern Ireland)
Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 686), dated 2nd March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas
Brown].

3 Education,—(1) Education (Schools and Further and Higher Education) (Amendment)

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

4 National Health Service,— National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 706), dated 5th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Supreme Court of England and Wales,— Court Funds (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 703), dated 5th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

6 Telegraphs,—Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 730), dated 6th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

7 Biological Standards,— Accounts of the National Biological Standards Board for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 311] [Clerk of the House].

8 Customs and Excise,— Export of Goods (Control) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 729), dated 5th March 2001 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Byers].

9 Marshall Aid Commemoration,— Account of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 312] [Clerk of the House].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on—

(1) the Petition [8th February] from the Campaign for a Sustainable Didcot, in favour of the development of the town of Didcot to the north-east, and

(2) the Petition [8th February] from the Electors of the Group of Thirteen Parishes of South Oxfordshire, against demands for the calling-in of Oxfordshire County Council’s decision to develop the town of Didcot to the west

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

11 School Standards and Framework,— Account of Heart of Slough Education Action Zone for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 313] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Criminal Justice and Police Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Irene Adams an additional Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 76) (House of Commons Paper No. 233),— 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 Charlotte Atkins.

3 Draft Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2001, and the draft Social Security Commissioners (Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Howard Stoate from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Harriet Harman.

4 Draft Offshore Combustion Installations (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Spring from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Nick Gibb.

5 Draft Part-Time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2001, and the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Page, Mr Greg Pope and Mr Tony Worthington from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Bob Laxton and Mr Ian Pearson.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill; to be printed [Nos. 154-vii and -viii] [Rachel Squire].

2 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry
   (1) Third Report from the Defence Committee;
   (2) Third Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee;
   (3) Second Report from the International Development Committee, and
   (4) Seventh Report from the Trade and Industry Committee
   [Strategic Export Controls: Annual Report for 1999 and Parliamentary Prior Scrutiny],
   together with Appendices to 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); to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 212] [Mr Bruce George; Mr Ted Rowlands; Ann Clwyd; Mr Martin O’Neill].

3 Education and Employment,—Third Special Report from the Education and Employment Committee [OFSTED’s Response to the Second Report from the Committee, on the OFSTED Corporate Plan 2000]; to be printed [No. 294] [Mr Derek Foster].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Local Authority Governance]; to be printed [No. 225-d] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 International Development,—First Report from the International Development Committee [The Globalisation White Paper], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 208] [Mr Bowen Wells].

6 Statutory Instruments,—Ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 46-xs] [Mr David Tredinnick].

7 Trade and Industry,—(1) Fourth Report from the Committee [Steel], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 270];
   (2) Fifth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Impact on Trade and Industry of Motor Fuel Taxation], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 268]; and
   (3) Sixth Report from the Committee [Local Loop Unbundling], 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. 90].
   [Mr Martin O’Neill].

8 Treasury,—Fourth Report from the Treasury Committee [International Monetary Fund: A Blueprint for Parliamentary Accountability], 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. 162];
   (2) Fifth Report from the Committee [Banking and the Consumer], 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. 138]; and
   (3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Banking and the Consumer]
   [Mr Giles Radice].

9 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Wales in the world: the role of the UK Government in promoting Wales abroad]; to be printed [No. 38-s] [Mr Martyn Jones].

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 1.55 p.m.]

Wednesday 7th March 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

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

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents Nos. 12648/00, a draft Council Regulation laying down the health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption, and 12646/00, a draft Council Directive amending Council Directives 90/425/EEC and 92/118/EEC as regards health requirements for animal by-products; and supports the Government’s objective of achieving a revised Regulation to protect animal and public health whilst ensuring that controls are proportionate to the risk they are designed to address.

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

2 European Standing Committee C,—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 13889/00, a Commission report on the evaluation of Regulation (EC) No. 1475/95 on the application of Article 85(3) of the Treaty to certain categories of motor vehicle distribution and servicing agreements; notes its conclusion that the “natural link” between sales and after-sales service seems no longer to exist; notes further its conclusions that the objective of increasing the commercial independence of dealers has been achieved “to only a limited extent”, that independent repairers are being denied access to technical information, and that they offer services at least as good and generally cheaper than dealers; notes further that car buyers still face difficulties when they try to purchase new vehicles in another member state; and, in view of the Commission’s clear finding that the justifications advanced in 1995 for the block exemption are no longer valid, calls on the European Commission, in line with the views of the UK Competition Commission, to allow the block exemption to expire in September 2002.

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

3 Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a copy of the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report, March 2001, as laid before this House by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

4 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 oil (rates of duty) (motion No. 2);

(b) Hydrocarbon oil (rebate on unleaded petrol) (motion No. 3);

(c) Tobacco products (rates of duty) (motion No. 4)—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

5 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, (1) 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.
(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) to (6) below, 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;

(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.

(3) Paragraph (2) above does not exclude the making of amendments with respect to value added tax—

(a) providing for refunds of the kind specified in paragraph (4) below;

(b) providing for that tax to be charged at a reduced rate of 5 per cent. on supplies of the descriptions specified in paragraph (5) below (and on equivalent acquisitions and importations); or

(c) making provision of the kind authorised by paragraph (6) below.

(4) The refunds mentioned in paragraph (3)(a) above are refunds of value added tax where—

(a) that tax is chargeable on a supply to, or an acquisition or importation by, a museum or gallery, and

(b) the supply, acquisition or importation is attributable to supplies of free rights of admission to the museum or gallery.

(5) The supplies mentioned in paragraph (3)(b) above are—

(a) supplies, in the course of a conversion of a building (or part of a building), of services related to the conversion if after the conversion the building (or part) contains living accommodation;

(b) supplies, in the course of the renovation or alteration (including the extension) of a dwelling that has been unoccupied for at least three years, of services related to the renovation or alteration;

(c) supplies of goods by a person making a supply of services within sub-paragraph (a) or (b) above if—

(i) those services include the incorporation of the goods into the building concerned (or its site), and

(ii) the goods are building materials within the meaning of Group 5 of Schedule 8 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994;

(d) supplies of children’s car seats.

(6) The provision authorised by this paragraph is provision re-enacting, without altering any person’s liability to value added tax or the amount of any such liability, provisions providing for that tax to be charged at a reduced rate of 5 per cent. on certain supplies, acquisitions and importations—[Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer];

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr David Clelland.] And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.22 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Children and Young Persons,—(1) Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Conduct of Litigation and Exercise of Rights of Audience) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 698),

(2) Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Membership, Committee and Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 699), and

2 Civil Aviation,—Transport Act 2000 (Extinguishment of Loans) (Civil Aviation Authority) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 755), dated 6th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


4 Food,—Welfare Food (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 758), dated 6th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


6 Insolvency,—(1) Insolvency (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 762), dated 1st March 2001,
   (2) Insolvency (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 763), dated 1st March 2001,
   (3) Insolvency Fees (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 761), dated 5th March 2001,
   (6) Insolvent Companies (Reports on Conduct of Directors) (Scotland) (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 768), dated 1st March 2001, and
   (7) Insolvent Partnerships (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 767), dated 1st March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

7 Magistrates’ Courts,—(1) Inner London Court Staff Pensions Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 733), and

8 National Health Service,—(1) National Treatment Agency Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 715),
   (2) Royal Brompton and Harefield National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 712),
   (3) Special Trustees for St. Bartholomew’s Hospital (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 711),
   (4) Special Trustees for the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 709), and
   (5) Special Trustees for the Royal London Hospital (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 710), dated 6th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


10 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 677), dated 1st March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms]; and
   (2) Value Added Tax (Business Gifts of Small Value) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 735),
   (3) Value Added Tax (Consideration for Fuel Provided for Private Use) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 736),
   (4) Value Added Tax (Increase of Registration Limits) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 640),
   (6) Value Added Tax (Protective Helmets) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 732), and
(7) Value Added Tax (Vehicles Designed or Adapted for Handicapped Persons) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 754), dated 7th March 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

11 Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report,—Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report, March 2001, entitled Investing for the Long Term: Building Opportunity and Prosperity for All [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 279] [Mr Stephen Timms].


13 Finance,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Audit of Assumptions for the March 2001 Budget [by Act]; to be printed [No. 304] [Clerk of the House].

14 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Forty-third and the Forty-sixth to the Fortysixth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 5071] [Mr Stephen Timms].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 International Development Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Mr John Butterfill and Mr Joe Benton Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Desmond Browne, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Ian Davidson, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Paul Goggins, Mr Patrick Hall, Ms Oona King, Mr John McFall, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Chris Mullin, Dr Doug Naynsmith, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Gary Streeter, Dr Jenny Tonge, Mr Dennis Turner, Mr Bowen Wells and Mr Tony Worthington.

2 Draft British Waterways Board (Limit for Borrowing) Order 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Peter L. Pike Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Ann Clwyd, Mr Tony Colman, Mr Keith Darvill, Mr Clive Efford, Mr Kevin Hughes, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Richard Shepherd, Sir Michael Spicer, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Robert Syms and Mr Brian Whiie.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Peter L. Pike Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Jackie Ballard, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Simon Hughes, Ms Julie Morgan, Mr George Mudie, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr John Smith, Mr Ian Stewart, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West) and Mr David Wilshire.

4 Draft Social Security (Inherited SERPS) Regulations 2001,—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

   (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.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Richard Allan, Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr John Cryer, Mr John Hayes, Glenda Jackson, Mr David Lammy, Mr John Randall, Jacqui Smith, Rachel Squire, Sir John Stanley, Mr Michael Trend and Mr Phil Willis.
Draft Criminal Defence Service (Choice in Very High Cost Cases) Regulations 2001, and the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Order Appeals) Regulations 2001, and the Code of Conduct for Employees of the Legal Services Commission who provide services as part of the Criminal Defence Service:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations and the Code to the Second 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.: Miss Anne Begg, Mr John Burnett, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Paul Clark, Mr Iain Coleman, Mr Huw Edwards, Mr Bill Etherington, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Nigel Jones, Mr David Lock, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Owen Paterson, Mr Andrew Robathan and Mr Alan Simpson.

Draft Street Works (Charges for Unreasonably Prolonged Occupation of the Highways) (England) Regulations 2001:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Mr Geo Clifton-Brown, Mr Michael Fallon, Barbara Follett, Mr Don Foster, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Paul Marsden, Mr Michael Moore, Dan Norris, Helen Southworth, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Robert Syms, Dr Rudi Vis and Mr Phil Woolas.

Draft Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2001 and the draft Social Security Commissioners (Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2001, — The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Eric Forth from the Third Standing Committee Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr David Tredinnick.

Draft Climate Change Levy (Use as Fuel) Regulations 2001, the draft Climate Change Levy (Combined Heat and Power Stations) Prescribed Conditions and Efficiency Percentages Regulations 2001, the draft Climate Change Agreements (Energy-intensive Installations) Regulations 2001, the draft Climate Change Levy (Electricity and Gas) Regulations 2001, and the draft Climate Change Levy (Solid Fuel) Regulations 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fourth 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 Tom Brake, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr John Grogan, Mr Ivan Henderson, Mr John Horam, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Oliver Letwin, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Bill Rammell, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr Don Touhig.

Draft Offshore Combustion Installations (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Regulations 2001, — The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

Draft European Parliamentary Elections (Franchise of Relevant Citizens of the Union) Regulations 2001, — The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

Draft Defence Aviation Repair Agency Trading Fund Order 2001:

(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.: Christine Butler, Mr David Clelland, Paul Flynn, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Alan Hurst, Ms Jenny Jones, Mr Paul Keetch, Mr Robert Key, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Mark Oaten, Dr Nick Palmer, Ms Linda Perham, Mr John Randall, Mr Martin Salter, Mr John Spellar and Mr Dave Watts.
14 Draft Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations 2001 and the draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Fees) Regulations 2001,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jim Cunningham Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

15 Draft Tax Credits Up-rating Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh 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 Borrow, Mrs Helen Brinhton, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr James Clappison, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Ms Fiona Jones, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, Ms Dari Taylor, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Gareth Thomas (Chwyd West) and Steve Webb.

16 Draft Pensions Appeals Tribunals (Additional Rights of Appeal) Regulations 2001 and the draft Pensions Appeals Tribunals (Late Appeals) Regulations 2001.—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

17 Draft Defence Science and Technology Laboratory Trading Fund Order 2001:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr Tony Clarke, Mr David Clelland, Mr Michael Foster, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Paul Keetch, Mr Robert Key, Mr David Kidney, Gillian Merron, Dr Lewis Moonie, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr John Randall, Miss Geraldine Smith and Mr Paul Truswell.

18 Draft Part-Time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2001 and the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2001,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

19 Draft of Alterations to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft of Alterations to the Scheme to the Ninth 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.: John Austin, Jackie Ballard, Mr Nigel Beard, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Denzil Davies, Mr Terry Davis, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Tony McWalter, Bridget Prentice, Mr Brian Sedgemore and Mr Keith Simpson.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Tenth 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.: Mr Tony Baldry, Mr Hilary Benn, Sir Paul Beresford, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr Frank Field, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Howard Flight, Mr Wm Griffiths, Mr Patrick Hall, Mr John Healey, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Peter Luff, Mr John McDonnell, Mrs Anne McGuire and Mr Mark Todd.

Grand Committees

21 Welsh Grand Committee,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Barry Jones Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Monday 12th March.

European Standing Committees

22 European Union Document No. 11529/00, relating to a Community immigration policy, originally referred to European Standing Committee C on 17th January, has now been referred to European Standing Committee B.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Implementation of IACS in the European Union]; to be printed [No. 150-iii]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [UK Pig Industry]
   [Mr David Curry].

2 Armed Forces Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill; to be printed [No. 154-ix] [Rachel Squire].

3 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) First Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [The Operation of the National Lottery], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 56];
   (2) Second Report from the Committee [The Communications White Paper], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 161];
   (3) Second Special Report from the Committee [Cultural Property: Return and Illicit Trade: Further Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000]; to be printed [No. 316]; and
   (4) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Operation of the National Lottery; the Communications White Paper]
   [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

4 Defence,—(1) Fourth Report from the Defence Committee [The Draft Defence Aviation Repair Agency Trading Fund Order 2001], 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. 261]; and
   (2) Fifth Report from the Committee [The Draft Defence Science and Technology Laboratory Trading Fund Order 2001], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 289]
   [Mr Bruce George].

5 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Fourth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Inland Waterways], 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. 317]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Walking in Towns and Cities]; to be printed [No. 167-iv] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

6 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [EU Enlargement]; to be printed [No. 318-i]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Gibraltar]; to be printed [No. 319-i]
   [Mr Donald Anderson].

7 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Making Government Work]; to be printed [No. 320-ii] [Mr Tony Wright].

8 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Science and Innovation White Paper and the Science Budget]; to be printed [No. 274-ii] [Dr Michael Clark].

9 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Social Fund]; to be printed [No. 232-iv] [Mr Archie Kirkwood].
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[No. 46; WH, No. 27.]

Wednesday 7th March 2001.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 Don Touhig);

And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.

[No. 47.]


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 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 Thursday 15th March.

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

That a day not later than 18th March be allotted for the consideration of the following Vote on Account for the financial year 2001-02:

Foreign and Commonwealth Office in so far as it relates to expenditure on policy relating to weapons of mass destruction.

Report to lie upon the Table.

3 Standing Committee F (Conduct of Members),—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee F, to which the Criminal Justice and Police Bill was referred, That, having drawn attention to the presence of Miss Ann Widdecombe, Member for Maidstone and the Weald, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Member for West Derbyshire, Mr James Cran, Member for Beverley and Holderness and Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Member for Cotswold, not being members of the Committee, in the part of the Committee Room reserved for members of the Committee, and the honourable Members having declined to withdraw, he had been directed to report Miss Ann Widdecombe, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr James Cran and Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown to the House.

Report to lie upon the Table.

4 Ways and Means, —Amendment of the Law.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday:

(1) 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.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) to (6) below, 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;

(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.
Paragraph (2) above does not exclude the making of amendments with respect to value added tax—

(a) providing for refunds of the kind specified in paragraph (4) below;
(b) providing for that tax to be charged at a reduced rate of 5 per cent. on supplies of the descriptions specified in paragraph (5) below (and on equivalent acquisitions and importations); or
(c) making provision of the kind authorised by paragraph (6) below.

The refunds mentioned in paragraph (3)(a) above are refunds of value added tax where—

(a) that tax is chargeable on a supply to, or an acquisition or importation by, a museum or gallery, and
(b) the supply, acquisition or importation is attributable to supplies of free rights of admission to the museum or gallery.

The supplies mentioned in paragraph (3)(b) above are—

(a) supplies, in the course of a conversion of a building (or part of a building), of services related to the conversion if after the conversion the building (or part) contains living accommodation;
(b) supplies, in the course of the renovation or alteration (including the extension) of a dwelling that has been unoccupied for at least three years, of services related to the renovation or alteration;
(c) supplies of goods by a person making a supply of services within sub-paragraph (a) or (b) above if—

(i) those services include the incorporation of the goods into the building concerned (or its site), and
(ii) the goods are building materials within the meaning of Group 5 of Schedule 8 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994;
(d) supplies of children's car seats.

The provision authorised by this paragraph is provision re-enacting, without altering any person's liability to value added tax or the amount of any such liability, provisions providing for that tax to be charged at a reduced rate of 5 per cent. on certain supplies, acquisitions and importations;

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 12th March.

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.28 p.m.]


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Environmental Protection,—Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 503), dated 22nd February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


8 Highways,—Street Works (Inspection Fees) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 788), dated 7th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


10 Industrial and Provident Societies,—Credit Unions (Increase in Limits on Deposits by persons too young to be members and of Periods for the Repayment of Loans) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 811), dated 8th March 2001 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].


(2) National Treatment Agency (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 713), dated 6th March 2001,

(3) North and East Devon Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 708), dated 6th March 2001,

(4) Special Trustees for the Former United Birmingham Hospitals (Transfer of Trust Property) No 2 Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 792), dated 7th March 2001, and


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


14 Probation,—Local Probation Boards (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 786), dated 2nd March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

15 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Plymouth) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 787), dated 7th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

16 Social Security,—Income Support (General) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 721), dated 5th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

17 Telegraphs,—Wireless Telegraphy (Television Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 772), dated 6th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].


Other Papers:

19 Local Government (Scotland),—Accounts of the Accounts Commission for Scotland for the five months to 31st March 2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 310] [Clerk of the House].
20 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Inland Flood Defence [by Act]; to be printed [No. 299] [Clerk of the House].

21 School Standards and Framework.—Accounts of the:
   (1) Hastings and St Leonards Education Action Zone, and
   (2) Leigh Park Education Action Zone
   for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 322 and 320] [Clerk of the House].

22 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 Leeds Supertram (Land Acquisition and Road Works) Order 2001 and Leeds Supertram (Extension) Order 2001 [by Act] [Chairman of Ways and Means].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

International Development Bill.—(1) The Speaker has appointed Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Paul Goggins, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Keith Simpson, Dr Jenny Tonge and Mr Dennis Turner members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gary Streeter from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Robathan.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Staging International Sporting Events]; to be printed [No. 286-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Liaison.—First Report from the Liaison Committee [Shifting the Balance: Unfinished Business], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 321] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

3 Public Accounts.—Seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Excess Votes 1999–2000: Class X, Votes 2 and 3]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 284] [Mr David Davis].

[No. 47; WH, No. 28.]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment (Public funding of civil legal services).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Jim Dowd.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 13th March.

[Adjourned at 4.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from railworkers and rail users of Great Britain for the return of Railtrack to public ownership and accountability was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

2 Standing Committee F,—Mr Roger Gale, Chairman of Standing Committee F, made the following Report to the House—

   It is my unpleasant duty to inform the House that, at the meeting of Standing Committee F yesterday evening, I drew attention to the presence of Miss Ann Widdecombe, the Member for Maidstone and the Weald, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, the Member for West Derbyshire, Mr James Cran, the Member for Beverley and Holderness, and Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, the Member for Cotswold, not being members of the Committee, in the part of the Committee Room reserved for the members of the Committee; and the honourable Members having declined to withdraw, the Committee ordered—

   That the Chairman do report Miss Ann Widdecombe, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mr James Cran and Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown to the House.

   The honourable Members continued to decline to withdraw, and so I adjourned the Committee for grave disorder with outputting any question. The Committee therefore did not complete its consideration of the Criminal Justice and Police Bill yesterday, as it had been instructed to by the Order of the House of 29th January.

3 High Hedges Bill,—The High Hedges Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

4 Copyright, etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Copyright, etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) 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 23rd March.

5 Pension Annuities (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Pension Annuities (Amendment) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 16th March.

6 Exorcism of Children (Prohibition) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Exorcism of Children (Prohibition) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 6th April.

7 Vaccination of Children (Parental Choice) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Vaccination of Children (Parental Choice) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 16th March.

8 Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill,—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd February, That the Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill be now read a second time;

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 23rd March.

9 Outworking Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Outworking Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 16th March.

10 Climate Change Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Climate Change Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 16th March.

11 Adoption of Sewers Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Adoption of Sewers Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 30th March.
12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday next.  [Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Extensification Payment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 864), dated 9th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

2 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—(1) Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) (England and Wales) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 725),
(2) Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) (England and Wales and Scotland) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 726),
(3) Gaming (Bingo) Act (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 727), and
(4) Lotteries (Gaming Board Fees) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 728), dated 5th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Building Societies,—Building Societies (General Charge and Fees) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 815), dated 8th March 2001 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

4 Children and Young Persons,—Adoption (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 819), dated 6th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

5 Civil Aviation,—Transport Act 2000 (Civil Aviation Authority Pension Scheme) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 853), dated 5th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 Climate Change Levy,—Climate Change Agreements (Eligible Facilities) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 662), dated 2nd March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

7 Disabled Persons,—(1) Rail Vehicle Accessibility (South West Trains Class 458 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 848), and
(2) Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Gatwick Express Class 460 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 847), dated 8th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

(6) Teachers’ Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 871), dated 7th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

9 Environmental Protection,—(1) Contaminated Land (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 663), and
(2) Environmental Protection (Waste Recycling Payments) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 661), dated 2nd March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

10 European Communities (Wales),—European Social Fund (National Assembly for Wales) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 872), dated 8th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

11 Family Proceedings,—(1) Family Proceedings (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 821), and
12 Food,—(1) Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) (Charges) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 750), dated 7th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn]; and

13 Friendly Societies,—Friendly Societies (General Charge and Fees) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 816), dated 8th March 2001 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].


15 Insurance,—Insurance (Fees) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 812), dated 8th March 2001 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

16 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 829), and
(2) Legal Aid in Family Proceedings (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 830), dated 8th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

17 Legal Services Commission,—(1) Community Legal Service (Costs) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 822), dated 1st March 2001,
(2) Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 823), dated 1st March 2001, and
(3) Community Legal Service (Funding) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 831), dated 8th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

(2) Local Authorities (Companies) (Amendment) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 822), dated 5th March 2001,
(3) Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (England) (No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 691), dated 5th March 2001,
(4) Local Authorities (Referendums) (Petitions and Directions) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 760), dated 7th March 2001, and


20 Magistrates’ Courts,—(1) Family Proceedings Courts (Children Act 1989) (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 818), and

21 Medicines,—Medicines for Human Use and Medical Devices (Fees and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 795), dated 8th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

22 Mental Health,—Court of Protection Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 824), dated 6th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

23 National Health Service,—(1) Broadmoor Hospital Authority (Abolition) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 834), dated 8th March 2001,
(2) Health Authorities (Membership and Procedure) Amendment (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 751), dated 8th March 2001,
(4) National Health Service Appointments Commission Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 794), dated 9th March 2001,
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Standards and Privileges,—Third Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaints against Mr Keith Vaz], with Appendices. Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 13th June 2000, in the last Session of Parliament, parts of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 30th January and 13th February 2001 and Appendices thereto: to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 314] [Mr Robert Sheldon].
PRAYERS.

1 Criminal Justice and Police Bill,—Minutes of Proceedings of Standing Committee F, in respect of the Criminal Justice and Police Bill, to be printed [No. 325].

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter L. Pike reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft British Waterways Board (Limit for Borrowing) Order 2001.

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


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4 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 1st March, and had directed him to report accordingly to the House.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 35].

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

Social Security Fraud Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision, for the purposes of the law relating to social security, about the obtaining and disclosure of information; and to make provision for restricting the payment of social security benefits and war pensions in the case of persons convicted of offences relating to such benefits or pensions and about the institution of proceedings for such offences; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Social Security Fraud Bill [Lords].—The Social Security Fraud 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 Social Security Fraud Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 60-EN].

7 Air Travellers (Provision of Health Information).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require air carriers to provide information to passengers on health risks associated with flying and to contribute to research into such risks: And that Mr John Smith, Dr Ian Gibson, Dr Ashok Kumar, Dr Doug Naysmith, Dr Howard Stoate, Dr Brian Iddon, Dr Desmond Turner and Dr David Clark do prepare and bring it in.

8 Air Travellers (Provision of Health Information) Bill,—Mr John Smith accordingly presented a Bill to require air carriers to provide information to passengers on health risks associated with flying and to contribute to research into such risks: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 6th April and to be printed [Bill 59].

9 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 7th March,

(1) 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.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) to (6) below, 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;

(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.
Paragraph (2) above does not exclude the making of amendments with respect to value added tax—

(a) providing for refunds of the kind specified in paragraph (4) below;

(b) providing for that tax to be charged at a reduced rate of 5 per cent. on supplies of the descriptions specified in paragraph (5) below (and on equivalent acquisitions and importations); or

(c) making provision of the kind authorised by paragraph (6) below.

The refunds mentioned in paragraph (3)(a) above are refunds of value added tax where—

(a) that tax is chargeable on a supply to, or an acquisition or importation by, a museum or gallery, and

(b) the supply, acquisition or importation is attributable to supplies of free rights of admission to the museum or gallery.

The supplies mentioned in paragraph (3)(b) above are—

(a) supplies, in the course of a conversion of a building (or part of a building), of services related to the conversion if after the conversion the building (or part) contains living accommodation;

(b) supplies, in the course of the renovation or alteration (including the extension) of a dwelling that has been unoccupied for at least three years, of services related to the renovation or alteration;

(c) supplies of goods by a person making a supply of services within sub-paragraph (a) or (b) above if—

(i) those services include the incorporation of the goods into the building concerned (or its site), and

(ii) the goods are building materials within the meaning of Group 5 of Schedule 8 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994;

(d) supplies of children’s car seats.

The provision authorised by this paragraph is provision re-enacting, without altering any person’s liability to value added tax or the amount of any such liability, provisions providing for that tax to be charged at a reduced rate of 5 per cent. on certain supplies, acquisitions and importations;

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.

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 Criminal Justice and Police Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Kevin Hughes);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Clive Betts: 266.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Gerald Howarth: 134.

So the Question was agreed to.

Criminal Justice and Police Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, following the Report of the Chairman of Standing Committee F on 9th March, the Criminal Justice and Police Bill shall be deemed to have been reported to the House, as amended by the Committee, and as if those Clauses and Schedules the consideration of which had not been completed by the Committee had been ordered to stand part of the Bill, with the outstanding Amendments which stood on the Order paper in the name of Mr Charles Clarke—(Mr Charles Clarke);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out from the word ‘be’ to the end of the Question, and to add the words ‘recommitted to Standing Committee F for consideration of all remaining clauses, schedules and amendments not so far debated in Standing Committee without limit of time for further consideration; that a week shall elapse between the completion of Committee Stage and the commencement of Report Stage; and that notwithstanding the Order of the House of 29th January, Report Stage do continue without limit of time until completion; and that one day be allocated for the Third Reading of the Bill’, instead thereof.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;
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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 Kevin Hughes, Mrs Anne McGuire: 240.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Owen Paterson: 142.
So the Question was agreed to.

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Adrian Sanders: 143.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Kevin Hughes: 240.
So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Jim Dowd: 238.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Owen Paterson: 142.
So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, following the Report of the Chairman of Standing Committee F on 9th March, the Criminal Justice and Police Bill shall be deemed to have been reported to the House, as amended by the Committee, and as if those Clauses and Schedules the consideration of which had not been completed by the Committee had been ordered to stand part of the Bill, with the outstanding Amendments which stood on the Order paper in the name of Mr Charles Clarke.

Bill, as amended in Standing Committee F and pursuant to Order [this day], to be considered this day; and to be printed [Bill 58].

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Mike Hall.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes to Three o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 2.32 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Justices of the Peace,—Draft Justices and Justices’ Clerks (Costs) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

2 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 77) on 2000/2001 Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children [by Act], to be printed [No. 315] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Draft General Commissioners of Income Tax (Costs) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Animals,—(1) Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export of Vehicles) (Disinfection of Tyres) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 887),
(2) Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 885), and
(3) Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 886), dated 9th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

5 Climate Change Levy,—Climate Change Levy (General) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 838), dated 9th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

6 Customs and Excise,—(1) Aircraft Operators (Accounts and Records) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 837), and
(2) Air Passenger Duty (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 836), dated 8th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

7 Education,—Financing of Maintained Schools (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 907), dated 10th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 Housing,—Housing Renewal Grants (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 739), dated 5th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

9 Immigration,—(1) Immigration (European Economic Area) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 865), (2) Immigration and Asylum Appeals (One-Stop Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 867), and (3) Immigration and Asylum Appeals (Notices) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 868), dated 8th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].


13 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Miscellaneous) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 770), dated 7th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

14 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Salford) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 894), dated 9th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


16 Social Security,—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 892), dated 9th March 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

17 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 893), dated 9th March 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

18 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Maximising the benefits of defence equipment co-operation [by Act]; to be printed [No. 300] [Clerk of the House].

19 Railways,—Report of the Rail Users’ Consultative Committee for Wales, 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

20 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:

Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 665) [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

21 Supply Estimates, 1999–2000,—Statement of the sums required to be granted in order to make good excesses on certain grants for 1999–2000 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 323] [Mr Stephen Timms].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 International Development Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bowen Wells from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Rowe.

2 Draft British Waterways Board (Limit for Borrowing) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Clwyd from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr David Winnick.

3 Draft Criminal Defence Service (Choice in Very High Cost Cases) Regulations 2001, the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Order Appeals) Regulations 2001, and the Code of Conduct for Employees of the Legal Services Commission who provide services as part of the Criminal Defence Service,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Hawkins from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and the Code of Conduct); and nominated in substitution Mr Edward Garner.

4 Draft Street Works (Charges for Unreasonably Prolonged Occupation of the Highways) (England) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Barbara Follett and Helen Southworth from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Mike Hendrick and Mr Derek Twigg.

5 Draft Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2001 and the draft Social Security Commissioners (Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tony Clarke and Mr Bob Laxton from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Alice Mahon and Mr Alan Simpson.

6 Draft Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations 2001, and the Limited Liability (Fees) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Anne Campbell from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Ivan Lewis.

7 Draft Pensions Appeals Tribunals (Additional Rights of Appeal) Regulations 2001, and the draft Pensions Appeals Tribunals (Late Appeals) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Terry Lewis from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Glenda Jackson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—(1) Eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Maintaining the Royal Palaces], 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. 77];

(2) Ninth Report from the Committee [Managing Finances in English Further Education Colleges]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 283];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Radiocommunications Agency’s Joint Venture with CMG] [No. 324-i] [Mr David Davis].

2 Science and Technology,—Fourth Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Scientific Advisory System], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 257] [Dr Michael Clark].
Tuesday 13th March 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 22nd March at Four o'clock.

2 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the Medway Council Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Thursday 22nd March at Four o'clock.

3 Deregulation Committee,—Mr Peter L. Pike reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolution:

That, in respect of the proposal for the Deregulation (Disposals of Dwelling-Houses by Local Authorities) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 31st January, the proposal should be amended before a draft Order is laid before the House.

4 Armed Forces Bill,—Rachel Squire reported from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, be recommitted to a Committee of the whole House; and be printed [Bill 62].

Committee to-morrow.


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

6 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Amess reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2001 and the draft Social Security Commissioners (Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2001.

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

7 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Edward O'Hara reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Offshore Combustion Installations (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Regulations 2001.

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

8 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill O'Brien reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Parliamentary Election (Franchise of Relevant Citizens of the Union) Regulations 2001.

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

9 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jim Cunningham reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations 2001 and the Limited Liability Partnerships (Fees) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 529).

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

10 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Additional Rights of Appeal) Regulations 2001 and the draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Late Appeals) Regulations 2001.

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


12 Recycling (Doorstep Collection),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the doorstep collection of recyclable waste from all residential properties in England and Wales; to set 20-year targets for increasing levels of recycling in accordance
with European Union requirements; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Paul Marsden, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Lembit Opik, Sir Sydney Chapman, Valerie Davey, Mr Don Foster, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Tom Brake, Joan Walley and Mr Simon Thomas do prepare and bring it in.

13 Recycling (Doorstep Collection) Bill,—Mr Paul Marsden accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the doorstep collection of recyclable waste from all residential properties in England and Wales; to set 20-year targets for increasing levels of recycling in accordance with European Union requirements; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 6th April and to be printed [Bill 61].

14 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [7th March],—

(1) 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.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (3) to (6) below, 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;

(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.

(3) Paragraph (2) above does not exclude the making of amendments with respect to value added tax—

(a) providing for refunds of the kind specified in paragraph (4) below;

(b) providing for that tax to be charged at a reduced rate of 5 per cent. on supplies of the descriptions specified in paragraph (5) below (and on equivalent acquisitions and importations); or

(c) making provision of the kind authorised by paragraph (6) below.

(4) The refunds mentioned in paragraph (3)(a) above are refunds of value added tax where—

(a) that tax is chargeable on a supply to, or an acquisition or importation by, a museum or gallery, and

(b) the supply, acquisition or importation is attributable to supplies of free rights of admission to the museum or gallery.

(5) The supplies mentioned in paragraph (3)(b) above are—

(a) supplies, in the course of a conversion of a building (or part of a building), of services related to the conversion if after the conversion the building (or part) contains living accommodation;

(b) supplies, in the course of the renovation or alteration (including the extension) of a dwelling that has been unoccupied for at least three years, of services related to the renovation or alteration;

(c) supplies of goods by a person making a supply of services within sub-paragraph (a) or (b) above if—

(i) those services include the incorporation of the goods into the building concerned (or its site), and

(ii) the goods are building materials within the meaning of Group 5 of Schedule 8 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994;

(d) supplies of children’s car seats.

(6) The provision authorised by this paragraph is provision re-enacting, without altering any person’s liability to value added tax or the amount of any such liability, provisions providing for that tax to be charged at a reduced rate of 5 per cent. on certain supplies, acquisitions and importations;

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate. And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.
The Deputy 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. Hydrocarbon oil (rates of duty)

Resolved. That—

(1) In section 6 (1A) of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979—

(a) in paragraph (a), for “£0.4782” there shall be substituted “£0.4582”; and

(b) in paragraph (c), for “£0.4882” there shall be substituted “£0.4582”.

(2) That subsection shall have effect until midnight on 14th June 2001 as if for paragraph (b) there were substituted—

“(ba) £0.5268 in the case of unleaded petrol other than ultra low sulphur petrol;

(bb) £0.5468 in the case of light oil not within paragraph (a) or (ba) above.”.

After that, paragraph (b) shall have effect as it did before.

(3) In section 8(3) of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979 for “£0.1500” there shall be substituted “£0.0900”.

(4) This Resolution shall have effect as from 6 o’clock in the evening of 7th March 2001.

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

3. Hydrocarbon oil (rebate on unleaded petrol)

Resolved. That—

(1) For section 13A of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979 there shall be substituted—

“Rebate on unleaded petrol.

13A.—(1) On unleaded petrol, other than ultra low sulphur petrol, charged with the excise duty on hydrocarbon oil and delivered for home use there shall be allowed at the time of delivery a rebate of duty at the rate of £0.0586 a litre.

(2) Rebate is not allowed under this section in a case where a rebate is allowed under section 14 below.”.

(2) In paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 2A to that Act—

(a) for paragraphs (a) and (b) there shall be substituted—

“(ab) adding lead to unleaded petrol in respect of which a rebate has been allowed under section 13A;”; and

(b) in paragraph (c)—

(i) for “paragraph (a)” there shall be substituted “paragraph (aa)”, and

(ii) for “paragraph (b)” there shall be substituted “paragraph (ab)”. 

(3) For paragraph 2A of that Schedule there shall be substituted—

“2A.—(1) A mixture which is unleaded petrol is produced in contravention of this paragraph if the mixture is produced by mixing—

(a) petrol on which duty has been paid at the rate specified in section 6(1A)(a), and

(b) petrol in respect of which a rebate has been allowed under section 13A, and the mixture produced is unleaded petrol that is not ultra low sulphur petrol.

(2) This paragraph is subject to any direction given under paragraph 3.”.

(4) In paragraph 8 of that Schedule, for sub-paragraph (3A) there shall be substituted—

“(3A) In the case of a mixture produced in contravention of paragraph 2A above, the rate is that produced by deducting from the rate in force under section 6(1A)(b) at the time the mixture is produced the rebate which at that time is in force under section 13A.”.

(5) This Resolution shall have effect as from 6 o’clock in the evening of 7th March 2001.

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. Tobacco products (rates of duty)

Resolved, That—

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

“TABLE

1. Cigarettes An amount equal to 22 per cent. of the retail price plus £92.25 per thousand cigarettes.

2. Cigars £134.69 per kilogram.

3. Hand-rolling tobacco and chewing tobacco £96.81 per kilogram.

4. Other smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco £59.21 per kilogram.”.

(2) This Resolution shall have effect as from 6 o’clock in the evening of 7th March 2001.

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. Dilution etc. of cider

Resolved, That provision may be made authorising regulations under section 62(5) of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 to make provision about adding substances to, mixing, or carrying out other operations on or in relation to, cider.

6. General betting duty

Resolved, That provision may be made about general betting duty.

7. Vehicle excise duty (general rate)

Resolved, That—

(1) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994, in sub-paragraphs (2) and (2A) for “1,200 cubic centimetres” there shall be substituted “1,549 cubic centimetres”.

This amendment shall apply to licences issued on or after 1st July 2001.

(2) Refunds shall be made by the Secretary of State, in accordance with the following provisions of this Resolution, in respect of licences—

(a) issued in the period beginning with 1st November 2000 and ending with 30th June 2001, and

(b) not surrendered before the end of that period,

where the amount of vehicle excise duty chargeable on the licence would have been less if the amendment in paragraph (1) of this Resolution had applied.

(3) The amount of the refund shall be—

(a) £55 for a 12 month licence, and

(b) £27.50 for a 6 month licence.

(4) The person entitled to the refund shall be—

(a) in the case of a licence in force on 30th June 2001, the keeper of the vehicle on that date;

(b) in the case of a licence that has ceased to be in force before that date, the keeper of the vehicle when the licence expired.

(5) For the purposes of paragraph (4) of this Resolution the keeper of the vehicle shall be taken to be—

(a) the person registered as keeper of the vehicle on the date in question, or

(b) if the Secretary of State has received notification of a change of ownership of the vehicle as a result of which another person is on that date entitled to be registered as the new keeper of the vehicle, that person.

(6) A refund shall only be made if an application is made for it in such form, and containing such particulars and supported by such documents, as the Secretary of State may require.
(7) The Secretary of State shall give notice in writing to any person appearing to him to be entitled to a refund—
   (a) informing him that he appears to be entitled to a refund,
   (b) enclosing an application form, and
   (c) specifying the particulars and supporting documents to be provided.

(8) An application for, or the making of, a refund under this Resolution in respect of a licence shall not affect the validity of the licence.

(9) For the purposes of section 19 of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 as it applies to the surrender on or after 1st July 2001 of a licence in respect of which a refund under this Resolution has been made, or applied for, the annual rate of duty chargeable on the licence shall be taken to be that which would have been chargeable if the amendment in paragraph (1) of this Resolution had applied.

(10) Section 45 of that Act shall apply to a declaration in connection with an application for a refund under this Resolution as it applies to a declaration in connection with an application for a vehicle licence.

(11) In the application of this Resolution to Northern Ireland, references to registration as the keeper of a vehicle shall be read as references to registration as the owner of the vehicle.

(12) This Resolution comes into force on 1st July 2001.

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

8. Vehicle excise duty (goods vehicles)

Resolved, That provision may be made increasing rates of duty set out in Part VIII of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994.

9. Vehicle excise duty (mobile pumping vehicles)

Resolved, That provision may be made for mobile pumping vehicles to be special vehicles to which Part IV of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 applies and for old mobile pumping vehicles not to be exempt vehicles for the purposes of that Act.

10. Vehicle excise duty (exemption of agricultural vehicles etc.)

Resolved, That—

(1) The vehicles that are exempt vehicles for the purposes of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 (“the 1994 Act”) shall include—
   (a) the vehicles that would, apart from this Resolution, be special concessionary vehicles for the purposes of Part IVA of Schedule 1 to the 1994 Act, and
   (b) motorcycles (within the meaning given by paragraph 2 of that Schedule) that are electrically propelled vehicles for the purposes of the 1994 Act.

(2) Part IVA of that Schedule shall cease to have effect.

(3) In Part II of that Schedule, paragraph 2 shall be amended as follows—
   (a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a), omit “or the motorcycle is an electrically propelled vehicle”, and
   (b) in sub-paragraph (3), in the definition of “motorcycle”, after “motortricycle” insert “but does not include an electrically propelled vehicle”.

(4) The provisions of paragraphs (1) to (3) above apply to licences issued on or after 1st April 2001.

(5) Paragraph (6) below applies where a licence—
   (a) is issued before 1st April 2001 for a relevant vehicle, and
   (b) is in force on 1st April 2001 or comes into force after 1st April 2001.

(6) The licence shall, during the period—
   (a) beginning with the later of 1st April 2001 and the day when it comes into force, and
   (b) ending with the expiry of the period for which it is issued, be deemed to be a nil licence for the purposes of the 1994 Act.
(7) A refund shall be made by the Secretary of State, in accordance with the following provisions of this Resolution, in respect of a licence for a relevant vehicle that—

(a) is issued before 1st March 2001, in force on 1st March 2001 and not surrendered before 1st April 2001,

(b) is issued before 1st March 2001, comes into force after 1st March 2001 and is not surrendered before 1st April 2001, or

(c) is issued in March 2001 and not surrendered before 1st April 2001.

(8) The amount of the refund is one-twelfth of the annual rate of duty chargeable on the licence for—

(a) in the case of a licence issued before 1st March 2001, each whole month after February 2001 that forms part of the period for which the licence was issued, and

(b) in the case of a licence issued on or after 1st March 2001, each whole month of the period for which the licence is issued.

(9) The person entitled to the refund is the person registered as the keeper of the relevant vehicle on 30th April 2001.

(10) The provisions of sections 10(2) and 19 of the 1994 Act do not apply to a licence in respect of which a person is entitled to a refund under this Resolution.

(11) In the application of this Resolution to Northern Ireland, references to registration as the keeper of a vehicle shall be read as references to registration as the owner of the vehicle.

(12) In paragraphs (5) to (9) above “relevant vehicle” means a vehicle of the description mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) or (b) of paragraph (1) above.

(13) This Resolution comes into force on 1st April 2001.

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

11. Aggregates levy

The Question being put, That provision may be made for charging a levy, to be known as aggregates levy, on aggregate subjected to commercial exploitation in the United Kingdom;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Clive Betts: 353.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Gray, Mr Keith Simpson: 160.

So the Question was agreed to.

12. Income tax (charge and rates for 2001–02)

The Question being put, That income tax shall be charged for the year 2001–02, 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 David Jamieson, Mr Clive Betts: 326.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Adrian Sanders: 41.

So the Question was agreed to.

13. Income tax (starting rate limit for 2001–02)

Resolved, That—

(1) For the year 2001–02 the amount specified in section 1(2)(aa) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall be £1,880.

(2) Accordingly, section 1(4) of that Act, so far as it relates to the amount so specified, shall not apply for that year.
(3) Nothing in this Resolution shall require any change to be made in the amounts deductible or repayable under section 203 of that Act before 18th May 2001.

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

14. Children’s tax credit

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 257AA(2) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 for “£4,420” there shall be substituted “£5,200”.

(2) This Resolution has effect for the year 2001–02.

(3) Nothing in this Resolution shall require any change to be made in the amounts deductible or repayable under section 203 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 before 18th May 2001.

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

15. Corporation tax (charge and rate for 2002)

Resolved, That, for the financial year 2002, corporation tax shall be charged at the rate of 30 per cent.

16. Corporation tax (small companies’ rate for 2001)

Resolved, That, for the financial year 2001—

(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.

17. Corporation tax (starting rate for 2001)

Resolved, That, for the financial year 2001—

(a) the corporation tax starting rate shall be 10 per cent., and

(b) the fraction mentioned in section 13AA(3) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall be one fortieth.

18. Employee share ownership plans

Resolved, That provision (including retrospective provision) may be made about employee share ownership plans.

19. Enterprise investment scheme


20. Loss relief on shares in trading companies

Resolved, That provision may be made about the circumstances in which companies that are wound up are to be treated as qualifying trading companies for the purposes of sections 573 to 576 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

21. Corporate venturing scheme

Resolved, That provision may be made amending Schedule 15 to the Finance Act 2000.

22. Capital allowances

Resolved, That provision (including retrospective provision) may be made about capital allowances.

23. Repeal of certain reliefs

Resolved, That provision may be made for the repeal of sections 534, 535, 537A and 538 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

24. Payments to employers out of pension funds

Resolved, That provision may be made as to the amount recoverable under section 601(2) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

25. Deductions for deemed manufactured payments

Resolved, That—

(1) Section 736B of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall be amended as follows.
(2) In subsection (2), after “shall apply” there shall be inserted “, subject to subsection (2A) below.”.

(3) After that subsection there shall be inserted—

“(2A) The borrower is not entitled, by virtue of anything in Schedule 23A or any provision of regulations under that Schedule, or otherwise—

(a) to any deduction in computing profits or gains for the purposes of income tax or corporation tax, or
(b) to any deduction against total income or, as the case may be, total profits, in respect of any such deemed requirement or payment as is provided for by subsection (2) above.

Where the borrower is a company, an amount may not be surrendered by way of group relief if a deduction in respect of it is prohibited by this subsection.”.

(4) This Resolution shall apply to payments treated under section 736B as made on or after 3rd October 2000.

26. Double taxation relief


27. Controlled foreign companies

Resolved, That provision may be made amending Part I of Schedule 25 to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

28. Life policies etc.

Resolved, That provision may be made about gains arising in connection with policies of life assurance, contracts for life annuities and capital redemption policies.

29. Deduction of tax (payments between companies etc.)

Resolved, That—

(1) After section 349 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 there shall be inserted—

“Exception to section 349 for payments between companies etc.

349A.—(1) The provisions specified in subsection (3) below (which require tax to be deducted on making certain payments) do not apply to a payment made by a company if, at the time the payment is made, the company reasonably believes that one of the conditions specified in section 349B is satisfied.

(2) Subsection (1) above has effect subject to any directions under section 349C.

(3) The provisions are—

section 349(1) (certain annuities and other annual payments, and royalties and other sums paid for use of UK patents),

section 349(2)(a) and (b) (UK interest),

section 349(3A) (dividend or interest on securities issued by building societies), and

section 524(3)(b) (which provides for section 349(1) to apply to proceeds of sale of UK patent rights).

(4) References in subsection (3) above to any provision of section 349 do not include that provision as applied—

(a) under section 777(9) (directions applying section 349(1) to certain payments to non-residents), or

(b) by paragraph 4(2) of Schedule 23A (manufactured overseas dividends to be treated as annual payments within section 349).

(5) References in this section to the company by which a payment is made do not include a company acting as trustee or agent for another person.

(6) For the purposes of this section, a payment by a partnership is treated as made by a company if any member of the partnership is a company.

The conditions mentioned in section 349A(1).

349B.—(1) The first of the conditions mentioned in section 349A(1) is that the person beneficially entitled to the income in respect of which the payment is made is—

(a) a company resident in the United Kingdom, or

(2) The second of those conditions is that—

(a) the person beneficially entitled to the income in respect of which the payment is made is a company not resident in the United Kingdom ("the non-resident company"),

(b) the non-resident company carries on a trade in the United Kingdom through a branch or agency, and

(c) the payment falls to be brought into account in computing the chargeable profits (within the meaning given by section 11(2)) of the non-resident company.

Directions disapplying section 349A(1).

349C.—(1) The Board may give a direction to a company directing that section 349A(1) is not to apply in relation to any payment that—

(a) is made by the company after the giving of the direction, and

(b) is specified in the direction or is of a description so specified.

(2) A direction under this section may be varied or revoked by a subsequent such direction.

(3) In this section "company" includes a partnership of which any member is a company.

Section 349A(1): consequences of reasonable but incorrect belief.

349D.—(1) Where—

(a) a payment is made by a company without an amount representing the income tax on the payment being deducted from the payment,

(b) at the time the payment is made, the company reasonably believes that one of the conditions specified in section 349B is satisfied,

(c) if the company did not so believe, tax would be deductible from the payment under section 349, and

(d) neither of the conditions specified in section 349B is satisfied at the time the payment is made,

section 350 applies as if the payment were within section 349 (and Schedule 16 applies as if tax were deductible from the payment under section 349).

(2) In this section "company" includes a partnership of which any member is a company.

(4A) If—

(a) a failure to comply with section 350(1) of, or Schedule 16 to, the principal Act arises from a person’s failure to deliver an account, or show the amount, of a payment, and

(b) the payment is within subsection (4B) below,

subsection (1) above shall have effect as if for “£300” there were substituted “£3,000” and as if for “£60” there were substituted “£600”.

(4B) A payment is within this subsection if—

(a) the payment is made by a company without an amount representing the income tax on the payment being deducted from the payment,

(b) at the time the payment is made, the company—

(i) does not believe that either of the conditions specified in section 349B of the principal Act is satisfied, or

(ii) where it believes that either of those conditions is satisfied, could not reasonably so believe,

(c) the payment is one from which tax is deductible under section 349 of the principal Act unless the company reasonably believes that one of those conditions is satisfied, and
(d) neither of those conditions is satisfied at the time the payment is made.

(4C) In subsection (4B) above “company” includes a partnership of which any member is a company”.

(3) In section 338(4) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, after paragraph (a) there shall be inserted—

“(aa) the person beneficially entitled to the income in respect of which the payment is made is a company not resident in the United Kingdom (“the non-resident company”), the non-resident company carries on a trade in the United Kingdom through a branch or agency and the payment falls to be brought into account in computing the chargeable profits (within the meaning given by section 11(2)) of the non-resident company, or”.

(4) This Resolution applies to payments made on or after 1st April 2001.

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

30. Deduction of tax (payments between group members)

Resolved, That provision may be made for repealing sections 247 and 248 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

31. Provisional repayments

Resolved, That provision may be made for section 438A of, and Schedule 19AB to, the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 to cease to apply in relation to income tax borne by deduction.

32. Payments where return amended

Resolved, That provision may be made about payments due as a result of the amendment of a return.

33. Stamp duty reserve tax (unit trust schemes)

Resolved, That—

(1) Schedule 19 to the Finance Act 1999 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph 2(4), after “6” there shall be inserted “, 6A”.

(3) In paragraph 4, at the end there shall be inserted—

“(6) If a certificate is given in accordance with paragraph 6A(1)(c) in respect of a period which includes the relevant two-week period in the case of the unit in question in sub-paragraph (1), there shall be left out of account in applying this paragraph in relation to that unit—

(a) any issue of a unit which is to be held within an individual pension account, and

(b) any surrender of a unit which, immediately before the surrender, was held within an individual pension account.

(7) “Individual pension account” has the same meaning in sub-paragraph (6) as it has in paragraph 6A.”.

(4) After paragraph 6 there shall be inserted—

“Exclusion of charge in case of individual pension accounts

6A.—(1) There is no charge to tax under this Part of this Schedule on the surrender of the unit if—

(a) immediately before the surrender, the unit is held within an individual pension account,

(b) not all the units under the unit trust scheme are so held at that time, and

(c) a certificate pursuant to sub-paragraph (2) is contained in, or provided with, the relevant monthly tax return.

(2) The certificate must be given by the persons making the relevant monthly tax return and must state—

(a) that at all times in the period to which the return relates the trustees or managers were able to identify which of the units under the scheme were held within individual pension accounts, and

(b) that at no time in that period have the trustees or managers imposed any charge on, or recovered any amount from, an IPA unit holder which included
an amount directly or indirectly attributable to tax payable by the trustees under this Part of this Schedule.

(3) In sub-paragraph (2), “IPA unit holder” means—

(a) a person acquiring, or who has acquired, a unit under the unit trust scheme, where the unit is to be held within an individual pension account,

(b) a person holding a unit under the scheme, where the unit is held within an individual pension account, or

(c) a person surrendering, or who has surrendered, a unit under the scheme, where immediately before the surrender the unit is or was held within an individual pension account.

(4) In this paragraph—

“individual pension account” has the same meaning as in regulations under section 638A of the Taxes Act 1988 (as at 6th April 2001, see regulation 4 of the Personal Pension Schemes (Restriction on Discretion to Approve) (Permitted Investments) Regulations 2001);

“the relevant monthly tax return”, in the case of any surrender, means the notice required by regulations under section 98 of the Finance Act 1986 to be given by the managers (or, failing that, the trustees) under the unit trust scheme to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue containing among other things details of all surrenders in the relevant two-week period;

“the relevant two-week period” has the meaning given by paragraph 4(2).”.

(5) The amendment made by paragraph (3) of this Resolution shall have effect where the relevant two-week period mentioned in paragraph 4(1) of Schedule 19 to the Finance Act 1999 ends after 6th April 2001.

(6) The other amendments made by this Resolution shall have effect in relation to surrenders made or effected on or after 6th April 2001.

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.

34. Stamp duty reserve tax (open-ended investment companies)

Resolved, That—

(1) Where there are two or more classes of shares in an open-ended investment company and the company’s instrument of incorporation—

(a) provides that shares of one or more of those classes (“the IPA classes”) may only be held within an individual pension account, and

(b) does not make such provision in relation to shares of at least one other class,

there is no charge to stamp duty reserve tax under Part II of Schedule 19 to the Finance Act 1999 on the surrender of a share of any of the IPA classes.

(2) References in this Resolution to provisions of Schedule 19 to the Finance Act 1999 are references to those provisions as they have effect in relation to open-ended investment companies by virtue of regulations from time to time in force under section 152 of the Finance Act 1995.

(3) In this Resolution—

“individual pension account” has the same meaning as it has in regulations from time to time in force under section 638A of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988;

“open-ended investment company” has the meaning given by paragraph 14(2) of Schedule 19 to the Finance Act 1999;

“surrender”, in relation to a share in an open-ended investment company, has the same meaning as it has in Part II of Schedule 19 to the Finance Act 1999.

(4) This Resolution shall have effect in relation to surrenders made or effected on or after 6th April 2001.

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.
Resolved, That provision may be made for the purposes of petroleum revenue tax about—

(a) the expenditure allowable under section 3 of the Oil Taxation Act 1975; and
(b) the amounts allowable as unrelievable field losses.

36. Landfill tax (rate)

The Question being put, That—

(1) In section 42(1)(a) and (2) of the Finance Act 1996, for “£11” there shall be substituted “£12”.

(2) This Resolution has effect in relation to taxable disposals made, or treated as made, on or after 1st April 2001.

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 David Jamieson, Mr Clive Betts: 359.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr James Gray: 146.

So the Question was agreed to.

37. Climate change levy

Resolved, That—

(1) In Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 2000, after paragraph 11 there shall be inserted—

“Exemption: supplies by Northern Ireland gas utilities
11A. A supply of any gas is exempt from the levy if—

(a) the supply is made by a gas utility, and

(b) the person to whom the supply is made intends to cause the gas to be burned in Northern Ireland.”.

(2) In paragraph 14(2) of that Schedule, at the end there shall be inserted “,” and

(c) uses the electricity produced otherwise than in exemption-retaining ways.”.

(3) For paragraph 14(3)(c) of that Schedule, there shall be substituted—

“(c) uses the electricity produced otherwise than in exemption-retaining ways.”.

(4) In paragraph 14 of that Schedule, after sub-paragraph (3) there shall be inserted—

“(3A) For the purposes of this paragraph, electricity is used in an “exemption-retaining” way if it is used—

(a) in making supplies that are excluded under paragraphs 8 to 10 or exempt under any of paragraphs 11, 12 and 18, or

(b) in any of the ways mentioned in sub-paragraphs (i) to (iv) of paragraph 13(b).”.

(5) In paragraph 15 of that Schedule—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1)(a), for “the commodity is to be used by that person” there shall be substituted “that person intends to cause the commodity to be used”, and

(b) in sub-paragraph (2)(b), the words “by that person” shall be omitted.

(6) This Resolution shall have effect in relation to supplies made on or after 1st April 2001.

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.

38. 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 (Remediation of Contaminated Land),—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 the making of payments in respect of the surrender of losses the amounts of
which are determined by reference to expenditure incurred in connection with the
remediation of contaminated land.

Procedure (Trading Funds: Limits on Borrowing And Public Dividend Capital),—
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 amending section 23(3) and (4) of the Government

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 children’s tax credit;
(b) provision for corporation tax to be charged for the financial year 2002;
(c) provision about mileage allowances;
(d) provision withdrawing capital allowances in respect of vehicles provided by
employees and office-holders;
(e) provision about works bus services;
(f) provision amending section 48(2)(a) of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1997;
(g) provision as to the obligations of insurers to provide information in connection
with policies of life assurance, contracts for life annuities and capital redemption
policies; and
(h) provision relating to Schedule 19A to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act
1988 as applied in relation to provisional repayments to insurance companies
and friendly societies in respect of tax credits.

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 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 the surrender of losses the amounts of which are determined by
reference to expenditure incurred in connection with the remediation of
contaminated land; and
(c) any increase in the sums—
(i) payable out of the National Loans Fund or out of money provided by
Parliament, or
(ii) payable into the National Loans Fund or the Consolidated Fund,
that is attributable to any provisions of that Act relating to limits on the borrowing and
public dividend capital of trading funds.

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 Blankett, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Byers,
Mr Secretary Malburn, Mr Andrew Smith, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Stephen Timms and
Miss Melanie Johnson do prepare and bring it in.

15 Finance Bill,—Mr Stephen Timms accordingly presented a Bill to grant certain duties, to alter
other duties, and to amend the law relating to the National Debt and the Public Revenue,
and to make further provision in connection with Finance: And the same was read the first
time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and ordered to be printed [Bill 63].

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 Business
of the House Motion in the name of Margaret Beckett, and the Motions on Sittings in
Westminster Hall and Delegated Legislation may be proceeded with, though opposed,
until any hour—(Mr David Clelland)—It was agreed to.

17 Motions to sit in private,—Mr Andrew Dismore moved, That the House sit in private.

The Deputy 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 Keith Darvill: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Lawrie Quinn, Mr John McWilliam: 364.

So the Question was negatived.

18 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr Secretary Straw);

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And the Question being put;

And the Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till this day, pursuant to Order [7th November].

19 Science and Technology.—Ordered, That Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas be discharged from the Science and Technology Committee and Mr Tony McWalter be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

(1) at the sitting on 22nd March the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on any Motion in the name of Margaret Beckett relating to Election of a Speaker not later than Four o'clock, and such Questions shall include the Questions on any amendment selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; and

(2) if proceedings on any such Motion have not been completed before Four o'clock, the Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means for consideration at that hour may be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours after it has been entered upon—(Paddy Tipping).

And the Deputy Speaker's opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till this day, pursuant to Order [7th November].

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

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

(a) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of the Act; and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided by virtue of any other Act.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

22 Sittings in Westminster Hall.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [23rd January], That, following the Order [20th November 2000], Mr Nicholas Winterton, Mr John McWilliam, Mr Barry Jones and Frank Cook be appointed to act as additional Deputy Speakers at sittings in Westminster Hall during this Session,

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

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

23 Delegated Legislation.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [28th February], That the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Straw relating to the Electoral Commission shall be treated as if they related to instruments subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation) in respect of which notice has been given that the instruments be approved;

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

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

24 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. 75) (House of Commons Paper No. 228), which was laid before this House on 8th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

25 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. 76) (House
of Commons Paper No. 233), which was laid before this House on 15th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—It was agreed to.

26 Transport.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft British Waterways Board (Limit for Borrowing) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 15th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—It was agreed to.

27 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 School Standards and Framework Act 1998 (Amendment of Schedule 18) (England) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—It was agreed to.

28 Animal by-products,—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. 12648/00, a draft Council Regulation laying down the health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption, and 12646/00, a draft Council Directive amending Council Directives 90/425/EEC and 92/118/EEC as regards health requirements for animal by-products, and supports the Government’s objective of achieving a revised Regulation to protect animal and public health whilst ensuring that controls are proportionate to the risk they are designed to address—(Mrs Anne McGuire);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till this day, pursuant to Order [7th November].

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.34 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government,—Draft Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Criminal Law,—(1) Fixed Penalty (Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 926), and

(2) Road Traffic (Owner Liability) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 925),
dated 10th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].


4 Income Tax,—Personal Equity Plan (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 923),
dated 13th March 2001 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

5 Social Security,—Social Security (Crediting and Treatment of Contributions, and National Insurance Numbers) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 769), dated 7th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

6 Fraud (Northern Ireland),—Paper, entitled Combating Electoral Fraud in Northern Ireland [by Command] [Cm. 5080] [Mr Secretary Reid]

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 International Development Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

the Purposes of Intrusive Surveillance) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr John Smith and Mr Paul Stinchcombe from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Love, Mr Paul Truswell and Mr Derek Twigg.

3 Draft Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2001 and the draft Social Security Commissioners (Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Jackie Lawrence from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Jane Griffiths.

4 Draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Additional Rights of Appeal) Regulations 2001, and the draft Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Late Appeals) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Dari Taylor from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Alan Simpson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Armed Forces Bill,—(1) Special Report from the Select Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee [No. 154]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee

[Rachel Squire].

2 Deregulation,—(1) Third Report from the Deregulation Committee [Proposal for the Deregulation (Disposals of Dwelling-Houses by Local Authorities) Order 2001]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 327]; and

(2) First Special Report from the Committee [The Handling of Regulatory Reform Orders]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 328]

[Mr Peter L. Pike].

3 Education and Employment,—(1) Fifth Report from the Education and Employment Committee [New Deal: An Evaluation], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 58] [Mr Derek Foster];

(2) Sixth Report from the Committee [Higher Education: Student Retention], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 124]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Education Sub-Committee of the Committee [Higher Education: Student Retention] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Local Authority Governance]; to printed [No. 225-ii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 Statutory Instruments,—Tenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 46-x] [Mr David Tredinnick].

6 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Telecoms Masts]; to be printed [Nos. 330-i and ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

7 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [2001 Budget]; to printed [No. 326-ii] [Mr Giles Radice].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 Sutchifte);

And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

Adjourned at 2 p.m.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Colchester Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Colchester Borough Council Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed her to report the same without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Sir David Madel reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Criminal Defence Service (Choice in Very High Cost Cases) Regulations 2001, the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Order Appeals) Regulations 2001, and the Code of Conduct for Employees of the Legal Services Commission who provide services as part of the Criminal Defence Service.

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

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Street Works (Charges for Unreasonably Prolonged Occupation of the Highways) (England) Regulations 2001.

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

4 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Part-Time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2001 and the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2001.

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

5 Bribery of Foreign Public Officials.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for combating the bribery of foreign public officials in international business transactions by implementing the OECD Convention of 1997, to amend the Prevention of Corruption Acts 1889 to 1916; to make further provision for the investigation of, and about the jurisdiction of courts in England and Wales in relation to, certain bribery offences; to amend the Criminal Justice Acts 1987 and 1993; to make provision about the powers of the Attorney General in relation to such offences; and for connected purposes—(Mr Tony Colman).

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 Tony Colman, Mr Bowen Wells, Ann Clwyd, Dr Vincent Cable, Barbara Follett, Mr Nigel Jones, Ms Oona King, Ms Tess Kingham, Mr Andrew Rowe and Mr Tony Worthington do prepare and bring in the Bill.
6 Bribery of Foreign Public Officials Bill.—Mr Tony Colman accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for combating the bribery of foreign public officials in international business transactions by implementing the OECD Convention of 1997; to amend the Prevention of Corruption Acts 1889 to 1916; to make further provision for the investigation of, and about the jurisdiction of courts in England and Wales in relation to, certain bribery offences; to amend the Criminal Justice Acts 1987 and 1993; to make provision about the powers of the Attorney General in relation to such offences, and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th July and to be printed [Bill 64].

7 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 [8th March] of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe).—It was agreed to.

8 Criminal Justice and Police Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Criminal Justice and Police Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee and pursuant to Order [12th March].

A Clause (Collective harassment)—(Mr Charles Clarke)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Exclusion of prisoners convicted of assaulting police officers, other emergency service workers and NHS staff from power to release short-term prisoners on licence)—(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 Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 183.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Don Touhig: 286.

Another Clause (Enticing a child to engage in indecent conduct: Amendment of section 1 of the Indecency with Children Act 1960)—(Miss Ann Widdecombe)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr James Gray, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 162.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr David Jamieson: 282.

Another Clause (Independent counsel to be present during searches to assess whether seized material is legally privileged)—(Mr Nick Hawkins)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being half-past Eight o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on consideration to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [29th January].

Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Amendments (Nos. 45 to 52 and 44) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

9 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of divisions which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Order of the House [7th November]:

Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—That the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved.

Ayes: 396.

Noes: 17.

So the Question was agreed to.

Business of the House.—That—

(1) at the sitting on 22nd March the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on any Motion in the name of Margaret Beckett relating to Election of a Speaker not later than Four o’clock, and such Questions shall include the Questions on any amendment selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; and
(2) if proceedings on any such Motion have not been completed before Four o’clock, the Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means for consideration at that hour may be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours after it has been entered upon.

Ayes: 341.
Noes: 122.

So the Question was agreed to.

Animal By-Products,—That this House takes note of European Union Documents Nos. 12648/00, a draft Council Regulation laying down the health rules concerning animal by-products not intended for human consumption, and 12646/00, a draft Council Directive amending Council Directives 90/425/EEC and 92/118/EEC as regards health requirements for animal by-products; and supports the Government’s objective of achieving a revised Regulation to protect animal and public health whilst ensuring that controls are proportionate to the risk they are designed to address.

Ayes: 348.
Noes: 10.

So the Question was agreed to.

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 Motion relating to Weights and Measures (Metrication Amendments) Regulations may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o’clock—(Mr Kevin Hughes):—It was agreed to.

11 Weights and Measures (S.I., 2001, No. 85).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Weights and Measures (Metrication Amendments) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 85), dated 16th January 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 17th January, be revoked—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 21st March, pursuant to Order [7th November].

12 Partnerships,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Limited Liability Partnerships Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 15th January, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts):—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 Commissioners (Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 14th February, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts):—It was agreed to.

14 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 Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 14th February, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts):—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 Pensions Appeals Tribunals (Additional Rights of Appeal) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts):—It was agreed to.

16 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 Pensions Appeals Tribunals (Late Appeals) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts):—It was agreed to.

17 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 draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Designation of Public Authorities for the Purposes of Intrusive Surveillance) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts):—It was agreed to.

18 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 draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (British Broadcasting Corporation) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts):—It was agreed to.
19 Representation of the People,—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 Parliamentary Elections (Franchise of Relevant Citizens of the Union) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts).—It was agreed to.

20 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 Offshore Combustion Installations (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts).—It was agreed to.

21 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Ordered, That—

(1) the proposals for a draft Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001 and a draft Financial Investigations (Northern Ireland) Order 2001, being legislative proposals relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Thursday 22nd March at 9.15 a.m. to consider the proposal for a draft Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001, referred to it under paragraph (1) above, and the Chairman shall interrupt proceedings at that meeting at 11.15 a.m. and

(3) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Thursday 22nd March at 2.30 p.m. to consider the proposal for a draft Financial Investigations (Northern Ireland) Order 2001, referred to it under paragraph (1) above, and the Chairman shall interrupt proceedings at that meeting at 4.30 p.m.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

22 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 at Westminster on Wednesday 28th March at half-past Ten o'clock to consider a substantive Motion for the adjournment of the Committee—(Mr Clive Betts.)—It was agreed to.

23 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Rural Lewes against the abolition of hunting with dogs was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit six minutes till 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 Affirmative Resolution:

1 Partnerships,—Limited Liability Partnerships (Fees) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 969), dated 14th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 757), dated 6th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Companies,—Companies (Disqualification Orders) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 967), dated 13th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

4 Education,—Education (Student Support) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 951), dated 13th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Legal Services Commission,—Community Legal Service (Financial) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 950), dated 9th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

6 Road Traffic,—(1) Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 937), and

(2) Vehicle Excise Duty (Immobilation, Removal and Disposal of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 936), dated 13th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992 (Modification of Section 10 (7)) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 965), dated 14th March 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

9 Taxes,—Stamp Duty and Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (Definition of Unit Trust Scheme and Open-ended Investment Company) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 964), dated 14th March 2001 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

Other Papers:

10 Employment,—Paper, entitled Towards full employment in a modern society [by Command] [Cm. 5084] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

11 London Regional Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th March 2001 in respect of temporary borrowing by London Regional Transport from HSBC Bank plc [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

12 Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th March 2001 in respect of temporary borrowing by the British Waterways Board from National Westminster Bank plc [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 High Hedges 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 Robert Ainsworth, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Andrew Dismore, Caroline Flint, Mr Don Foster, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Alan Hurst, Lynne Jones, Mr Stephen McCabe, Sir David Mule, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr John M. Taylor and Mr Dafydd Wigley.

2 Draft Weights and Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) (Amendment) Order 2001:  
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order 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 David Atkinson, Norman Baker, Mr Tony Baldry, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr David Drew, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr Nick Gibb, Mr James Gray, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Nigel Jones, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr Greg Pope and Ms Rosie Winterton.

3 Draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions) (Salary Related Contracted-out Schemes) Order 2001, the draft Social Security (Minimum Contribution to Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) Order 2001, and the draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions and Rebates) (Money Purchase Contracted-out Schemes) Order 2001:  
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders 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 Peter Atkinson, Mr Paul Burstow, Ann Coffey, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr David Kidney, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Stephen McCabe, Mr Ian Pearson, Ms Linda Perham, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Jeff Rooker, Mr John Smith and Steve Webb.

4 Draft Social Security (Inherited SERPS) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Anthony D. Wright from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Terry Davis.

5 Draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Order 2001, and the draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Consequential Modifications No. 1) Order 2001:  
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order 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.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Roger Casale, Mr Ben Chapman, Mr Harry Cohen, Tom Cox, Jim Dowd, Dr Evan Harris, Mr...
6 Remuneration and Expenses of the Electoral Commissioners, and Remuneration and Expenses of the Chairman of the Electoral Commission:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Remuneration and Expenses of the Electoral Commissioners, and the Remuneration and Expenses of the Chairman of the Electoral Commission to the Second 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.: Mr Peter Bradley, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mrs Linda Gilroy, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Tom Levitt, Mr Robert Maclean, Kali Mountford, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Mike O'Brien, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Stephen Twigg and Mr Shaun Woodward.

7 Draft Criminal Defence Service (Choice in Very High Cost Cases) Regulations 2001, the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Order Appeals) Regulations 2001, and the Code of Conduct for Employees of the Legal Services Commission who provide services as part of the Criminal Defence Service.—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 Tony Banks.

8 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 77) on 2000–01 Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (House of Commons Paper No. 315):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report 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 Richard Allan, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr Simon Hughes, Helen Jones, Lynne Jones, Mr Tom Levitt, Mr David Lidington, Chris McCafferty, Mr Alan Meale, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Paul Truswell and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

9 Salary of the Information Commissioner,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Harriet Harman from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Salary of the Information Commissioner); and nominated in substitution Mr Paul Stinchcombe.

10 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth 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.: Jackie Ballard, Mr John Bercow, Mr Harold Best, Mr John Burnett, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Geoffery Clifton-Brown, Mrs Ann Cryer, Julia Drown, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Mr Mike Hall, Mr John Horam, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr George Mudie, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Colin Pickthall and Mr Llew Smith.

11 Draft Climate Change Levy (Use as Fuel) Regulations 2001, the draft Climate Change Levy (Combined Heat and Power Stations) Prescribed Conditions and Efficiency Percentages Regulations 2001, the draft Climate Change Agreements (Energy-intensive Installations) Regulations 2001, the draft Climate Change Levy (Electricity and Gas) Regulations 2001, the draft Climate Change Levy (Solid Fuel) Regulations 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Dismore and Mr Bob Laxton from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Miller and Dr Nick Palmer.

12 Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Peter L. Pike Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Candy Atherton, Dr David Clark, Mr James Czan, Mr David Crausby, Jim Dowd, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr George Howarth, Mr Andrew Hunter, Helen Jackson, Mr Peter Kîfolye, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Lembit Opik, Ms Debra Shipley, Mr John M. Taylor and Mr William Thompson.

13 Draft Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth 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 Michael Clapham, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Michael Fallon, Mrs Llin Golding, Mrs Eileen Gordon, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Tom Levitt, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr David Lidington, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Keith Simpson, Dr Phyllis Starkey and Derek Wyatt.

14 Draft Defence Aviation Repair Agency Trading Fund Order 2001.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

15 Draft Defence Aviation Repair Agency Trading Fund Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Nick Palmer and Mrs Linda Perham from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Barbara Follett and Mr Stephen Pound.

16 Draft Open Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Seventh 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 Graham Allen, Mr John Burnett, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr Howard Flight, Mr John Healey, Stephen Hesford, Mr Michael Jack, Mr Robert Jackson, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Ernie Ross, Helen Southworth, Mrs Betty Williams, Mr Mike Wood and Mr Tony Worthington.

17 Draft Tax Credits Up-rating Order 2001.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Eighth 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 Graham Allen, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr Clive Edford, Mr Howard Flight, Mr John Healey, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr David Lammy, Mr David Lepper, Mr Peter Luff, Siobhain McDonagh, Sir Michael Spicer, Sir Teddy Taylor, Dr George Turner and Mr Brian White.

19 Draft Defence Science and Technology Laboratory Trading Fund Order 2001.—The Speaker has appointed Mr George Stevenson Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

20 Draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Mr Clive Betts, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Jeff Ennis, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Tessa Jowell, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr James Plaskitt, Mr John Randall, Mr Ted Rowlands, Christine Russell, Mr Nick St Aubyn, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Robert Symms and Mr John Townend.

21 Draft Alterations to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Frank Dobson and Mr Mike Hall from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Alterations to the Scheme); and nominated in substitution Mr Clive Betts and Mr Barry Gardiner.

22 Draft Greater London Road Traffic (Various Provisions) Order 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Sir David Maddel Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Gerald Bermingham, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Tony Colman, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Keith Hill, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Alan Keen, Mr Peter Lloyd, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Robert Symms, Ms Claire Ward and Mr Phil Woolas.

23 Draft New Opportunities Fund (Specification of Initiatives) Order 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eleventh 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.: Ms Karen Buck, Mr Christopher Chope, Jim Dowd, Ms Harriet Harman, Kate Hoey, Mr Nigel Jones, Miss Anne McIntosh, Fiona Mactaggart, Judy Mallaber, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr Owen Paterson, Bob Russell, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Dr Desmond Turner and Mr David Winnick.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Twelfth 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 Ian Bruce, Mr William Cash, Mr George Foulkes, Maria Fyfe, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Eric Joyce, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Alasdair Morgan, Ms Sandra Osborne, Mr John Robertson, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Bill Tynan and Mr Jimmy Wray.

25 European Union Document No. 13119/00, relating to a common asylum procedure and a uniform status for persons granted asylum, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

26 European Union Document No. 14174/00, relating to general principles and requirements of food law, has been referred to European Standing Committee C, to be debated with European Union Document No. 10427/00 already referred to the Committee on 18th January.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [New Covent Garden Market]; to be printed [No. 173-iii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [New Covent Garden Market]

[Mr David Curry].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Staging International Sporting Events]; to be printed [No. 286-iii][Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Higher Education: Access (follow-up)]; to be printed [No. 329][Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Environmental Audit,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Budget 2001]; to be printed [No. 333-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Renewable Energy]; to be printed [No. 334]

[Mr John Horam].

5 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—(1) Fifth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Delivering Sustainable Waste Management], with the 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. 36-I and -II]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Walking in Towns and Cities]; to be printed [No. 167-v]

[Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Opportunities and Development Prospects at Major Ports]; to be printed [No. 244-ii]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

6 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. 28-viii][Mr Jimmy Hood].

7 Joint Committee on Human Rights,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Implementation of the Human Rights Act 1998]; to be printed [No. 332-i][Jean Corston].
Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [How English Further Education Colleges can Improve Student Retention and Achievement] [No. 336-i] [Mr David Davis].

Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Wave and Tidal Energy]; to be printed [No. 291-i] [Dr Michael Clark].

Social Security,—(1) Second Report from the Social Security Committee [Integrated Child Credit], 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 [Integrated Child Credit] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 51; WH, No. 30.]

Wednesday 14th March 2001.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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.]

[No. 52.]


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 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 Thursday 22nd March.

2 International Development Bill,—Mr John Butterfill reported from Standing Committee B, that it had gone through the International Development Bill, and reported the same, without Amendment, pursuant to Order [7th November].

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 337].

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security (Inherited SERPS) Regulations 2001.

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

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Salary of the Information Commissioner.

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

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Climate Change Levy (Use as Fuel) Regulations 2001, the draft Climate Change Levy (Combined Heat and Power Stations) Prescribed Conditions and Efficiency Percentages Regulations 2001, the draft Climate Change Agreements (Energy-Intensive Installations) Regulations 2001, the draft Climate Change Levy (Electricity and Gas) Regulations 2001, and the draft Climate Change Levy (Solid Fuel) Regulations 2001.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
6 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Alterations to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme.

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


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:

Private Security Industry Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for the regulation of the private security industry; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

9 Private Security Industry Bill [Lords].—The Private Security Industry Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 67].


10 Adoption and Children Bill.—Mr Secretary Milburn, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr John Hutton and Jane Kennedy presented a Bill to restate and amend the law about adoption and amend the Children Act 1989. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 66].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Adoption and Children Bill be printed [Bill 66–EN].

11 Estimates Day [2nd allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [14th March] to consider the Estimate appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates).

Vote on Account, 2001–02.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That resources, not exceeding £410,620,000, be authorised, on account, for use during the year ending on 31st March 2002, and that a sum, not exceeding £508,690,000 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for the year ending on 31st March 2002 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office—(Mr Kevin Hughes).

And it being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates), put the Question:—It was agreed to.

12 Estimates.—The Speaker then put the Questions which he was required to put, pursuant to paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.) and Order [27th February].

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 2002 a number not exceeding 46,025 all ranks be maintained for Naval Service, a number not exceeding 17,340 for service in the Reserve Naval and Marine Forces, and a number not exceeding 250 for service as Special Members of the Reserve Naval Forces under Part V of the Reserve Forces Act 1996.

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 2002 a number not exceeding 128,195 all ranks be maintained for Army Service, a number not exceeding 84,000 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.

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 2002 a number not exceeding 57,485 all ranks be maintained for the Air Force Service, a number not exceeding 23,750 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.
Resolved, That a sum not exceeding £447,616.60 be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to make good excesses of certain grants for Civil Services for the year ended on 31st March 2000, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 323.

Supplementary Estimates, 2000–01

Resolved, That a further supplementary sum not exceeding £2,327,637,000, 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. 255 and 256.

Estimates, 2001–02 (Vote on Account)

Resolved, That further resources, not exceeding £120,516,064,000 be authorised on account, for use for Defence and Civil Services for the year ending 31st March 2002, and that a sum, not exceeding £120,348,528,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, to meet the costs of Defence and Civil Services for the year ending on 31st March 2002, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 251, 252, 253 and 254.

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.

13 Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill,—Mr Stephen Timms accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the service of the year ending on 31st March 2002 and to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on 31st March 2000, 2001 and 2002. And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 65].

14 Motor Vehicle Distribution and Servicing,—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 Document No. 13889/00, a Commission report on the evaluation of Regulation (EC) No. 1475/95 on the application of Article 85(3) of the Treaty to certain categories of motor vehicle distribution and servicing agreements; notes its conclusion that the ‘natural link’ between sales and after-sales service seems no longer to exist; notes further its conclusions that the objective of increasing the commercial independence of dealers has been achieved ‘to only a limited extent’, that independent repairers are being denied access to technical information, and that they offer services at least as good and generally cheaper than dealers; notes further that car buyers still face difficulties when they try to purchase new vehicles in another member state; and, in view of the Commission’s clear finding that the justifications advanced in 1995 for the block exemption are no longer valid, calls on the European Commission, in line with the views of the UK Competition Commission, to allow the block exemption to expire in September 2002—(Mr David Clelland).—It was agreed to.

15 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Electors of the Group of Thirteen Parishes of South Oxfordshire, against demands for the calling-in of Oxfordshire County Council’s decision to develop the town of Didcot to the west was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

16 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr David Clelland.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Seven o’clock, adjourned 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,—Draft Local Authorities (Alternative Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 78) on the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund [by Act]; To be printed [No. 335] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Education,— (1) Birmingham (Kitts Green and Shard End) Education Action Zone (Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 972), dated 7th March 2001,
   (2) Bristol Education Action Zone (Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 973), dated 7th March 2001,
   (3) Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 971), dated 13th March 2001, and
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


   [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

7 Legal Aid and Advice,— (1) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (S.R. (N.I.), 2001, No. 113),
   (2) Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (S.R. (N.I.), 2001, No. 112), and
   (3) Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (S.R. (N.I.), 2001, No. 111) dated 14th March 2001[by Act] [Mr David Lock].

8 Pensions,— (1) Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Perpetuities and Contracting-out) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 943), and
   (2) Stakeholder Pension Schemes (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 934),
   dated 13th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

9 Pensions (Northern Ireland).— Pensions Appeal Tribunals (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.R. (N.I.), 2001, No. 109), dated 14th March 2001 [by Act][Mr Secretary Blunkett]; and

   dated 13th March 2001[by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett]; and

Other Papers:

11 Chemical Weapons,— Report for 2000 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the operation of the Chemical Weapons Act 1996 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

12 Marshall Aid Commemoration,— Report of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for 1st October 1999 to 30th September 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 5069] [Mr Secretary Cook].

13 National Audit,— Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Measuring the Performance of Government Departments [by Act]; to be printed [No. 301] [Clerk of the House].

14 Public Accounts,— Treasury Minute on the Forty-fourth and the Forty-fifth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 5078] [Mr Stephen Timms].

15 United Nations,— (1) Liberia (United Nations Sanctions) (Channel Islands) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 949), and
(2) Liberia (United Nations Sanctions) (Isle of Man) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 948), dated 14th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw], and
(3) Liberia (United Nations Sanctions) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 947), and
(4) Liberia (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 946), dated 14th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 High Hedges Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Ray Michie Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

2 Salary of the Information Commissioner,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Martin Linton and Mr Alan Meale from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Salary of the Information Commissioner); and nominated in substitution Dr Ian Gibson and Mr Andrew Miller.

3 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Miss Julie Kirkbride from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Laurence Robertson.

4 Draft Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Robert Syms from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Graham Brady.

Grand Committees

5 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meetings on Thursday 22nd March.

6 Scottish Grand Committee,—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Maxton Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Wednesday 28th March.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Head Injury: Rehabilitation]; to be printed [No. 307-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [2001 Budget]; to be printed [No. 326-ii] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 52; WH, No. 31.]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment (Housing Benefit—Sixth Report of the Social Security Committee, Session 1999-2000, House of Commons Paper No. 385),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 20th March.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill,—Mr Secretary Prescott, supported by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nicholas Brown, Hilary Armstrong, Mr Michael Meacher and Ms Beverley Hughes, presented a Bill to make provision about non-domestic rating in respect of hereditaments including land or buildings which were formerly agricultural and in respect of food stores in rural settlements: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 19th March and to be printed [Bill 68].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill be printed [Bill 68–EN].

2 Christmas Day (Trading) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Christmas Day (Trading) Bill;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Win Griffiths: 37.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Edward Leigh: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

3 Transplant of Human Organs Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transplant of Human Organs Bill;

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Kenneth Clarke: 12.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr John Heppell: 0.

And it appearing on the report of the Division that fewer than forty Members had taken part in the Division, the Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided, and the business under consideration stood over until the next sitting of the House.

4 Private Dental Practitioners Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Private Dental Practitioners 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 23rd March.

5 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 30th March.

6 Rail Passenger Services Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rail Passenger Services Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 23rd March.

7 Pension Annuities (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pension Annuities (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 23rd March.

8 Vaccination of Children (Parental Choice) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Vaccination of Children (Parental Choice) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 23rd March.

9 Climate Change Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Climate Change Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 23rd March.
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr David Clelland.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 19th March.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education.—Education (Nursery Education Training Grant) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1030), dated 10th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Health and Safety.—Biocidal Products Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 880), dated 7th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 National Assistance Services.—National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1005), dated 14th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 National Health Service.—(1) National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 746),
   (2) National Health Service (Dental Charges) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 707),
   (3) National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 749), and
   (4) National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 742),
   dated 15th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 Northern Ireland.—Jobseeker’s Allowance (Members of the Forces) (Joint Claims: Consequential Amendments) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 (S.I., 2001, No. 998), dated 15th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

7 Social Security.—(1) Social Security Amendment (New Deal) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1029), dated 15th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett], and
   (2) Social Security (Hospital In-Patients) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 944), dated 13th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

8 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Statutes, dated 31st October 2000, made by the Governing Body of Oxford University, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

9 Senior Salaries.—(1) Forty-Seventh Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries: Review of the Parliamentary Pension Scheme [by Command] [Cm. 4996] [Margaret Beckett], and
   (2) Forty-Eighth Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries: Review of parliamentary pay and allowances [by Command] [Cm. 4997-I and -II] [The Prime Minister].

10 Treaty Series (No. 16, 2001).—Exchange of Notes, done at Rabat on 28th August and Nouakchott on 26th November 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Mauritania Debt Agreement No. 7 (2000)) [by Command] [Cm. 5083] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers withdrawn:

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 Weights and Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) (Amendment) Order 2001.

   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 draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Order 2001 and the draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Consequential Modifications No. 1) Order 2001.

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

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eddie O'Hara reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Defence Aviation Repair Agency Trading Fund Order 2001.

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


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

5 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill be printed [Bill 24–EN].

6 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.

7 Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Regulatory Reform 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 Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords] because it seeks to extend the use of powers intended solely for a deregulatory purpose to the creation of new burdens and to the rewriting of legislation without a specific deregulatory effect; and fails to apply sufficient consultative, scrutiny and review provisions to the exceptional powers proposed’, instead thereof.—(Mr Andrew Lansley.)

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

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr James Gray: 151.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Clive Betts: 284.

   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.

   So the Question was agreed to.

   The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
8 Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question was put, That the following provisions shall apply to the Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords]:

**Standing Committee**

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.

3. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 29th March.

**Consideration and Third Reading**

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Nine o'clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Six o'clock on that day.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Ten o'clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o'clock on that day.

6. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

**Lords messages**

7. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any motion to vary or supplement this order for the purpose of allocating time to proceedings on consideration of any messages from the Lords, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith—(Mr Graham Stringer).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Mike Hall: 265.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Gray, Mr Peter Atkinson: 143.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords]:

**Standing Committee**

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.

3. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 29th March.

**Consideration and Third Reading**

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5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Ten o'clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o'clock on that day.

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**Lords messages**

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9 Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Regulatory Reform 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
That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses incurred by a Minister of the Crown or government department in consequence of orders under the Act, and

(b) any increase attributable to orders under the Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable out of money so provided—(Mr David Clelland).—It was agreed to.

European Security and Defence Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 27th November 2000 relating to the Presidency Report to the Nice European Council on the Common European Security and Defence Policy (document 14056/3/00) and the three unnumbered Explanatory Memoranda submitted by the FCO on 22nd and 23rd January relating to the establishment of permanent CESDP bodies; welcomes the Government’s approach to a Common European Security and Defence Policy; and supports the Government’s intention to pursue this initiative in the EU and in close co-operation with NATO—(Mr Keith Vaz);

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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);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 21st March, pursuant to Order [7th November].

Data Protection and Freedom of Information.—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Data Protection and Freedom of Information;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the following provision shall be made with respect to the salary of the Information Commissioner—

(1) In respect of service from 30th January 2001 to 31st March 2001, the salary of the Information Commissioner shall be at a yearly rate of £85,000.

(2) For each year starting with 1st April, from 2001 onwards, the yearly rate shall be increased by the average percentage by which the mid-points of the Senior Civil Service pay bands having effect from 1st April of that year have increased compared with the previous 1st April.

(3) The mid-point of a Senior Civil Service pay band is the point half way between the maximum and the minimum—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

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 (Inherited SERPS) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

Highways.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Street Works (Charges for Unreasonably Prolonged Occupation of the Highways) (England) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

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 Criminal Defence Service (Choice in Very High Cost Cases) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

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 Criminal Defence Service (Representation Order Appeals) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

Climate Change Levy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Climate Change Levy (Use as Fuel) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.
17 Climate Change Levy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Climate Change Levy (Combined Heat and Power Stations) Prescribed Conditions and Efficiency Percentages Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

18 Climate Change Levy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Climate Change Agreements (Energy-intensive Installations) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

19 Climate Change Levy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Climate Change Levy (Electricity and Gas) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

20 Climate Change Levy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Climate Change Levy (Solid Fuel) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

21 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Part-Time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

22 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 2001, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

23 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Draft of Alterations to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme, which was laid before this House on 5th March, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

24 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 Code of Conduct for Employees of the Legal Services Commission who provide services as part of the Criminal Defence Service, which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

25 Financial Services and Markets,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 544) dated 26th February 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

26 Financial Services and Markets,—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 Services and Markets Act 2000 (Carrying on Regulated Activities by Way of Business) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

27 Financial Services and Markets,—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 Services and Markets Act 2000 (Exemption) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.

28 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the Kilmarnock Forum on Disability for a review of eligibility for the winter fuel payment was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 1.07 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5. Social Care,—National Care Standards Commission (Membership and Procedure) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1042), dated 18th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6. Social Security,—(1) Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 910), and
   (2) Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Dependency) (Permitted Earnings Limits) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 911), dated 12th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

7. Immigration and Asylum,—Draft Code of Practice for all employers on the avoidance of race discrimination in recruitment practice while seeking to prevent illegal working [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

8. National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ship Surveys and Inspections [by Act], to be printed [No. 338] [Clerk of the House].


10. School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the—
   (1) Corby Education Action Zone, and
   (2) North Islington Education Action Zone
   for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 343 and 342] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Draft Weights and Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) (Amendment) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr David Drew and Mr Greg Pope from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Mr Jamie Cann, Jim Dowd and Caroline Flint.

2. Draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Order 2001, and the draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Consequential Modifications No. 1) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Dowd and Ms Dари Taylor from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders), and nominated in substitution Mr Greg Pope and Dr Phyllis Starkey.

The Speaker has appointed Mr Frank Cook Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report, in place of Mr Jim Cunningham; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Barbara Roche from the Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Paul Boateng.

4 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Nigel Griffiths and Mr Colin Pickthall from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr John Grogan, Angela Smith and Mr Jon Owen Jones.

5 Draft Tax Credits Up-rating Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Miller from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Bob Laxton.

6 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2001, and the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Norman A. Godman and Ms Sandra Osborne from the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Calum Macdonald and Mr Jim Murphy.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—(1) First Report from the Health Committee [Access to NHS Dentistry], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 247];

(2) Second Report from the Committee [Public Health], 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. 30]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Public Health. Access to NHS Dentistry] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Joint Committee on Human Rights,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Implementation of the Human Rights Act 1998]; to be printed [No. 332-ii] [Jean Corston].

3 Public Accounts,—(1) Tenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Parole], 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. 349]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Access to the Victoria and Albert Museum] [No. 350-i] [Mr David Davis].

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

PRAYERS.

1 Colchester Borough Council Bill [Lords].—The Colchester Borough Council Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions) (Salary Related Contracted-out Schemes) Order 2001, the draft Social Security (Minimum Contribution to Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) Order 2001, and the draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions and Rebates) (Money Purchase Contracted-out Schemes) Order 2001. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Frank Cook reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 77) on 2000/2001 Special Grant Report for Unaccompanied Asylum-seeking Children (House of Commons Paper No. 315). Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order 2001. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Peter L. Pike reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2001. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Tax Credits Up-rating Order 2001. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001. 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:

   International Criminal Court Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to give effect to the Statute of the International Criminal Court; to provide for offences under the law of England and Wales and Northern Ireland corresponding to offences within the jurisdiction of that Court; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

9 International Criminal Court Bill [Lords].—The International Criminal Court Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 70].

   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the International Criminal Court Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 70–EN].

10 Standards and Privileges (Independent Appeals Body).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to implement the recommendations contained in the sixth report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life—(Mrs Teresa Gorman).

   And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, 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 Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr Douglas Hogg, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr David Amess, Mr Christopher Gill, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Patrick Nicholls and Sir Richard Body do prepare and bring in the Bill.

11 Standards and Privileges (Independent Appeals Body) Bill,—Mrs Teresa Gorman accordingly presented a Bill to implement the recommendations contained in the sixth report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life. And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 6th April and to be printed [Bill 69].

12 Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Special Educational Needs and Disability 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 Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill [Lords] because it does not explicitly give priority to the special educational needs of the child and contains no mechanism for safeguarding a viable choice for parents between types of school’, instead thereof.—(Mrs Theresa May.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr James Gray: 130.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 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.

13 Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill [Lords]:

Standing Committee
1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.
2. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day it meets.
3. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 5th April.

Consideration and Third Reading
4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Nine o'clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Six o'clock on that day.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Ten o'clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o'clock on that day.
6. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Lords messages
7. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any motion to vary or supplement this order for the purpose of allocating time to proceedings on consideration of any messages from the Lords, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith—(Jacqui Smith);

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 283.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Douglas Hogg: 122.

So the Question was agreed to.

14 Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Special Educational Needs and Disability 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 Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the provisions of that Act in the sums payable out of such money under any other Act—(Mr David Clelland).—It was agreed to.

15 Church of England (General Synod) (Measure).—Resolved, That the Churchwardens 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.)

16 Weights and Measures,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Weights and Measures (Intoxicating Liquor) (Amendment) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts).—It was agreed to.

17 Postal 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 Postal Services Act 2000 (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Order 2001, which
was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts) — It was agreed to.

18 Postal 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 Postal Services Act 2000 (Consequential Modifications No. 1) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts) — It was agreed to.

19 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 2001, which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts) — It was agreed to.

20 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 Schedule 5) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts) — It was agreed to.

21 Government Trading Funds,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Defence Aviation Repair Agency Trading Fund Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 17th January, be approved—(Mr Clive Betts) — It was agreed to.

22 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 seventeen minutes past Twelve o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.17 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Social Security,—Draft Social Security (Breach of Community Order) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling]

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Animals,—Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-And-Mouth Disease) (No. 4) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1080), dated 17th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown]


4 Legal Services Commission,—Community Legal Service (Funding) (Counsel in Family Proceedings) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1077), dated 15th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock]

5 National Health Service,—National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1084), dated 20th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn]

6 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1043), dated 14th March 2001, and

(2) Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1079), dated 19th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott]

7 Social Security,—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 4) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1082), dated 20th March 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo]

8 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 4) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1083), dated 20th March 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo]
Other Papers:

9 European Communities (No. 1, 2001), — Treaty of Nice, done at Nice on 26th February 2001, amending the Treaty on European Union, the Treaties establishing the European Communities and certain related Acts, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5090] [Mr Secretary Cook].

10 Injuries in War Compensation, — Injuries in War (Shore Employments) Compensation (Amendment) Scheme 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1015), dated 14th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

11 Learning Disability, — Paper, entitled Valuing People: A New Strategy for Learning Disability for the 21st Century [by Command] [Cm. 5086] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions) (Salary Related Contracted-out Schemes) Order 2001, the draft Social Security (Minimum Contribution to Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) Order 2001, and the draft Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions and Rebates) (Money Purchase Contracted-out Schemes) Order 2001, — The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Doug Henderson and Mr David Kidney from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Denzil Davies, Maria Fyfe and Mr Stephen Twigg.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 77) on 2000/2001 Special Grant Report for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (House of Commons Paper No. 313), — The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Paul Boateng from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Mrs Barbara Roche.

3 Draft Tax Credits Up-rating Order 2001, — The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Fiona Jones and Ms Dari Taylor from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Hendrick and Dr Brian Iddon.

4 Draft New Opportunities Fund (Specification of Initiatives) Order 2001, — The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Owen Paterson from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr John Greenway.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport, — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Staging International Sporting Events]; to be printed [No. 286-iv] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Environmental Audit, — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Climate Change: COP6]; to be printed [No. 357-i] [Mr John Horam].

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs, — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and the Regional Affairs Committee [Local Authority Governance]; to be printed [No. 225-iii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Foreign Affairs, — (1) Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Government Policy towards the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the wider region following the fall of Milosevic]; 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]; and

(2) Second Special Report from the Committee [Correspondence with the Foreign Secretary in relation to the Sierra Leone Report], together with an Appendix, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 353] [Mr Donald Anderson].

5 Home Affairs, — (1) Second Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Criminal Records Bureau], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 227]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Criminal Records Bureau]

[Mr Robin Corbett].

6 International Development,—Third Report from the International Development Committee [HIV/AIDS: The Impact on Social and Economic Development], 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. 354] [Mr Bowen Wells].

7 Procedure,—(1) Third Report from the Procedure Committee [Section 82 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999], together with an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 358]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Scope of the Finance Bill, Tabling Questions by E-mail; Procedure on Consideration of Draft Reports]

[Mr Nicholas Winterton].

8 Standards and Privileges,—(1) Fourth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr William Hague], with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 352]; and

(2) Fifth Report from the Committee [Proposed Amendments to the Rules relating to the Conduct of Members], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 267]

[Mr Robert Sheldon].

9 Statutory Instruments,—Eleventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 46-xi] [Mr David Tredinnick].

10 Trade and Industry,—(1) Eighth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [UK Online Reviewed: The First Annual Report of the E-Minister and E-Envoy], together with an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 66]; and

(2) Ninth Report from the Committee [Industrial and Trade Relations with Turkey], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 360]

[Mr Martin O’Neill].

11 Treasury,— (1) First Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2000-2001, on the Work of the Treasury Committee and Treasury Sub-Committee]; to be printed [No. 351]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [2001 Budget]; to be printed [No. 326-iii]

[Mr Giles Radice].

12 Welsh Affairs,—(1) First Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Wales in the World: the role of the UK Government in promoting Wales abroad], 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. 38]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Post Office closures in Wales]; to be printed [No. 359]

[Mr Martyn Jones].

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 Mike Hall);

And it being Two o'clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 High Hedges Bill.—Mrs Ray Michie reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the High Hedges Bill, and directed her to report the same, without Amendment. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 364].

2 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2001. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Amess reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 2001. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bowen Wells reported from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft New Opportunities Fund (Specification of Initiatives) Order 2001. 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 Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

6 Equal Pay (Audit).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require employers to carry out an audit of their pay structures’ compliance with the provisions of the Equal Pay Act 1970. And that Mr Vernon Coaker, Gillian Merron, Mrs Liz Blackman, Joan Ryan, Mr Derek Twigg, Ann Keen, Angela Smith, Ms Julie Morgan, Mr Chris Pond, Ms Ruth Kelly, Mr Jonathan R. Shaw and Mr John Heppell do prepare and bring it in.

7 Equal Pay (Audit) Bill.—Mr Vernon Coaker accordingly presented a Bill to require employers to carry out an audit of their pay structures’ compliance with the provisions of the Equal Pay Act 1970. And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 6th April and to be printed [Bill 71].

8 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.

Government’s Handling of Foot and Mouth Disease.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses its deep concern about the increasing extent of the outbreak of foot and mouth disease, its appreciation of the work the vets and others involved in efforts to contain the disease and reduce its effects and its sympathy for farmers and those involved in other businesses in rural areas whose livelihoods are under such severe threat; supports the Government’s objective of containing the outbreak and the measures it has announced so far; but regrets that the Government has not acted more swiftly and effectively in tackling the crisis; and urges the Government to take immediate and practical steps to help the worst affected areas of the country, including the adoption of a strengthened slaughter policy, an increased role for the army in disposing of carcasses, the deployment of more veterinary resources and a business rate exemption for affected businesses—(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 ‘expresses grave concern about the very serious effect of the current foot and mouth outbreak on farmers, the livestock industry and the wider rural economy; supports the firm and rapid action taken by the Government to control the spread of the disease, identify outbreaks and slaughter and dispose of animals that are infected or ‘at risk’; pays tribute to all those who are continuing to work around the clock to combat this devastating disease; endorses the Government’s policy of intensifying disease control measures in areas of high infectivity and working towards modifying controls in areas that have remained free of the disease; expresses deepest sympathy to those farmers whose herds and flocks have been slaughtered in order to control the disease; and welcomes the Government’s provision of financial support to farmers including £156 million in extra agrimonetary compensation and a preliminary package of measures to assist the wider rural economy including temporary business rate relief for affected businesses’, 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 Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 171.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Kevin Hughes: 305.
So the Question was negatived.

European Security and Defence Policy,—That this House takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 27th November 2000 relating to the Presidency Report to the Nice European Council on the Common European Security and Defence Policy (document 14056/3/00) and the three unnumbered Explanatory Memoranda submitted by the FCO on 22nd and 23rd January relating to the establishment of permanent CESDP bodies; welcomes the Government’s approach to a Common European Security and Defence Policy; and supports the Government’s intention to pursue this initiative in the EU and in close co-operation with NATO.

Ayes: 303.
Noes: 133.
So the Question was agreed to.

Rehabilitation of Offenders,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order

Deferred Divisions,—The Speaker announced the results of divisions which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Order of the House [7th November]:

Weights and Measures (S.I., 2001, No. 85),—That the Weights and Measures (Metrication Amendments) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 85), dated 16th January 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 17th January, be revoked.

Ayes: 182.
Noes: 263.
So the Question was negatived.

European Security and Defence Policy,—That this House takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on 27th November 2000 relating to the Presidency Report to the Nice European Council on the Common European Security and Defence Policy (document 14056/3/00) and the three unnumbered Explanatory Memoranda submitted by the FCO on 22nd and 23rd January relating to the establishment of permanent CESDP bodies; welcomes the Government’s approach to a Common European Security and Defence Policy; and supports the Government’s intention to pursue this initiative in the EU and in close co-operation with NATO.

Ayes: 303.
Noes: 133.
So the Question was agreed to.
2001, which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig)—It was agreed to.

11 Northern Ireland Equality.—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 2001, which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig)—It was agreed to.

12 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 Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions) (Salary Related Contracted-out Schemes) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig)—It was agreed to.

13 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 Social Security (Minimum Contribution to Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig)—It was agreed to.

14 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 Social Security (Reduced Rates of Class 1 Contributions, and Rebates) (Money Purchase Contracted-out Schemes) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig)—It was agreed to.

15 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 (Minimum Contribution to Appropriate Personal Pension Schemes) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig)—It was agreed to.

16 Financial Services and Markets.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Open-Ended Investment Companies Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig)—It was agreed to.

17 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 draft Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 77) on 2000/2001 Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (House of Commons Paper No. 315), which was laid before this House on 12th March, be approved—(Mr Don Touhig)—It was agreed to.

18 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 Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then thirteen minutes to Eleven o’clock, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 10.47 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Social Security.—Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 2001 (S. I., 2001, No. 1001), dated 14th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

2 Environmental Protection.—Local Enforcing Authorities Air Pollution Fees and Charges Scheme (England) 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Environment, Transport and the Regions Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Highways Agency for 1999–2000 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Police (Northern Ireland).—Policing objectives of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

5 Pollution Prevention and Control.—Local Authority Permits for Part A Installations and Mobile Plant (England and Wales) Fees and Charges Scheme 2001 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Mr Frank Cook Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien and Sir David Meldel Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Miss Anne Begg, Mr Hilary Benn, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Jeff Ennis, Mr Andrew George, Mr Win Griffiths, Dr Evan Harris, Mr John Hayes, Ms Margaret Hodge, Mr Tom Levitt, Laura Moffatt, Kati Mountford, Mr John Randall, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Nick St Aubyn, Jacqui Smith, Rachel Squire and Dr Alan Whitehead.

3 Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Clive Betts, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Andrew George, Mr Tom Levitt, Mr John Randall, Ms Jacqui Smith and Ms Rachel Squire members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

4 Christmas Day Trading Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Dr Michael Clark Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

5 Draft General Commissioners of Income Tax (Costs) Regulations 2001, and the draft Justices and Justices’ Clerks (Costs) Regulations 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Peter L. Pike Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr David Atkinson, Jackie Ballard, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr John Burnett, Mr Roger Casale, Mr Paul Clark, Ann Clwyd, Mr John Cryer, Mrs Lorna Fitzsimons, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Nick Hawkins, Jane Kennedy, Chris McCafferty, Mr John McDonnell, Mrs Anne McGuire and Mr Owen Paterson.

6 Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order 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.: Mr Graham Allen, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Ian Bruce, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr Howard Flight, Mr John Healey, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Kevin McNamara, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Chris Ruane and Ms Claire Ward.

7 Remuneration and Expenses of the Electoral Commissioners, and the Remuneration and Expenses of the Chairman of the Electoral Commission,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter Bradley, Dr Doug Naysmith and Mr Stephen Twigg from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Remuneration and Expenses of the Electoral Commissioners, and the Remuneration and Expenses of the Chairman of the Electoral Commission); and nominated in substitution Mr David Drew, Ms Harriet Harman and Mr Fraser Kemp.

8 Limited Liability Partnerships (Fees) (No. 2) Regulations (S.I., 2001, No. 969):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations 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 Adrian Bailey, Mr Tony Banks, Ms Karen Buck, Mrs Anne Campbell, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Keith Darvill, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Nick Gibb, Mr James Gray, Dr Kim Howells, Mr David Lepper, Mr Mark Oaten and Mr Greg Pope.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations and Report to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Hilary Armstrong, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr David Curry, Mr Jim Dobbin, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr Don Foster, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Kevin Hughes, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Tim Loughton, Judy Mallaber, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Adrian Sanders and Mr Nigel Waterson.
10 Draft Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Llin Golding and Dr Phyllis Starkey from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Roger Berry and Mr David Chaytor.


12 Draft Defence Science and Technology Laboratory Trading Fund Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jamie Cann and Mr Paul Truswell from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Kevin Barron and Mr Hilton Dawson.

13 Draft Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Tessa Jowell and Mr Jon Owen Jones from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mrs Ann Cryer, Rosemary McKenna and Ms Debra Shipley.

European Standing Committees

16 The Speaker has appointed Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 9431/00, Special Report No. 11/2000 of the Court of Auditors on the support scheme for olive oil.

17 The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document No. 10802/00, draft directives on waste electrical and electronic equipment and on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee [Foot and Mouth Disease]; to be printed [No. 363-i]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [New Covent Garden Market] [Mr David Curry].

2 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Staging International Sporting Events]; to be printed [No. 286-v] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Education and Employment.—(1) Seventh Report from the Education and Employment Committee [Age Discrimination in Employment], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 259] [Mr Derek Foster];
   (2) Fourth Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2000–01, Early Years]; to be printed [No. 361]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Committee [HMCI Annual Report 1999–2000], together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 362] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—(1) Sixth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Rail Investment: Renewal, Maintenance and Development of the National Rail Network], with the 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. 18-I and II];
(2) Seventh Report from the Committee [Transport-related Executive Agencies of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions], with the 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. 122-I and II];

(3) Eighth Report from the Committee [Cemeteries], with the 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. 91-I and II] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Opportunities and Development Prospects at Major Ports]; to be printed [No. 244-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

5 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. 28-ix] [Mr Jim Dobbin].

6 Public Accounts,—(1) Eleventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Housing Corporation: Overseeing Focus Housing Association]; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 365];

(2) Twelfth Report from the Committee [English Heritage: Access to Properties]; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 265]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Medical Assessment of Disability Benefits], to be printed [No. 366-i] [Mr David Davis].

7 Public Administration,—Fifth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [Mapping the Quango State]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 367] [Tony Wright].

8 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Wave and Tidal Energy]; to be printed [No. 291-ii] [Dr Michael Clark].

9 Scottish Affairs,—Memoranda laid before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Drinks Industry in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 114-v] [Mr David Marshall].
3 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr George Stevens reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory Trading Fund Order 2001.

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


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5 Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir David Madel reported from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Greater London Road Traffic (Various Provisions) Order 2001.

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

6 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, That it had considered the proposal for a draft Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001 and the proposal for a draft Financial Investigations Order (Northern Ireland) 2001, referred to it on 14th March 2001.

7 Royal Assent,—The Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:

- Consolidated Fund Act 2001
- Capital Allowances Act 2001
- Alliance and Leicester Group Treasury plc (Transfer) Act 2001

8 Election of a Speaker,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That—

(1) This House approves the recommendations contained in the Second Report of the Procedure Committee, Session 2000—01, Election of a Speaker (House of Commons Paper No. 40) relating to the election of a Speaker.

(2) Standing Order No. 1 (Election of the Speaker) be amended by leaving out paragraph (4); and the title of the Standing Order shall be 'Election of the Speaker: Member presiding'; and

(3) The following new Standing Orders No. 1A (Re-election of former Speaker) and No. 1B (Election of Speaker by secret ballot) be made:

Re-election of former Speaker

1A. (1) If at the commencement of a Parliament the Member who was Speaker at the dissolution of the previous Parliament is returned to the House, the Member presiding in accordance with Standing Order No. 1 (Election of the Speaker: Member presiding) shall, when the House meets to proceed with the choice of a Speaker, ascertain whether the former Speaker is willing to be chosen as Speaker, and, the former Speaker having submitted himself to the House, shall call upon a Member to move that he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker; and the question thereon shall be put forthwith.

(2) If the question is agreed to, the former Speaker shall thereupon take the Chair as Speaker-elect.

(3) If the question is negatived, the Member presiding shall forthwith adjourn the House to the following day at half-past Two o’clock, and the House shall proceed in accordance with Standing Order No. 1B (Election of Speaker by secret ballot).

Election of Speaker by secret ballot

1B. (1) If the question put in accordance with Standing Order No. 1A (Re-election of former Speaker) has been negatived, and on any other occasion when it is necessary to proceed with the choice of a new Speaker, the election shall be by secret ballot.

(2) Preparatory arrangements for a ballot shall be made under the supervision of the Clerk of the House.

(3) (a) Nominations of candidates shall be in writing and shall be received by the Clerk of the House between half-past Nine o’clock and half-past Ten o’clock in the morning on the day on which the House is to elect a Speaker.

(b) Each nomination shall consist of a signed statement made by the candidate declaring his willingness to stand for election accompanied by the signatures of not fewer than twelve nor more than fifteen Members, of whom not fewer than three shall be
Members elected to the House as members of any party other than that to which the candidate belongs or members of no party. No Member shall sign more than one such statement and if any Member does so, his signature shall no longer be valid.

(c) As soon as practicable following the close of nominations, lists of the candidates shall be placed in the Members’ lobby and published.

(d) If only one Member is nominated in accordance with paragraph (3) above, the Member presiding shall, when the House meets to elect a Speaker, invite the Member so nominated to submit himself to the House, and shall then put forthwith the question that that Member do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

(5) Paragraphs (6) to (13) of this Order shall apply if two or more Members are nominated in accordance with paragraph (3) above.

(6) When the House meets, the order in which candidates may address the House shall be determined by lot; the Member presiding shall then invite each candidate to address the House; and after all candidates have been given an opportunity to speak, the Member presiding shall direct the House to proceed to a ballot.

(7) The Member presiding may not vote in any ballot.

(8) (a) A ballot shall take place in the lobbies unless the Member presiding directs otherwise.

(b) Each Member intending to vote shall be provided with a ballot paper bearing the names of the candidates listed in alphabetical order.

(c) Each such Member may vote for only one candidate on the ballot paper.

(d) A ballot shall be declared closed after the expiration of half an hour and counting shall take place under arrangements made by the Clerk of the House.

(e) The Member presiding shall have discretion to vary the timings given in this Order and power to give final directions on any matter of doubt arising from the conduct of a ballot or from an individual ballot paper.

(9) As soon as practicable after the votes have been counted the Member presiding shall announce to the House the numbers of votes cast for each candidate.

(10) If a candidate has received more than half the votes cast in a ballot, the Member presiding shall forthwith put the question that that Member do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

(11) If no candidate has received more than half the votes cast in a ballot the Member presiding shall direct the House to proceed forthwith to a further ballot to which paragraph (12) below shall apply.

(12) In any further ballot no new nominations may be received and the names of—

(a) the candidate who received the fewest votes in the previous ballot;

(b) any candidate who received less than five per cent. of the votes cast in the previous ballot; and

(c) any candidate who, within ten minutes of the announcement in the House of the result of the previous ballot, shall have notified the Member presiding of his intention to withdraw,

shall be removed from the ballot paper, except that where two or more candidates received the same number of votes, their names shall remain on the ballot paper unless paragraph (b) applies.

(13) If the effect of paragraph (12) above is to remove from the ballot paper the name of every candidate except one, the Member presiding shall forthwith put the question that that Member do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

(14) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Orders Nos. 10 (Wednesday sittings) and 11 (Friday sittings), on any day on which the House meets to elect a Speaker, it shall meet at half-past Two o’clock.

(b) No amendment may be offered to the question that a Member do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

(c) If that question is agreed to, that Member shall thereupon take the Chair as Speaker-elect.

(d) If that question is negatived, the Member presiding shall forthwith adjourn the House to the following day at half-past Two o’clock, and the provisions of paragraph (3) above shall apply in respect of a fresh ballot—(Margaret Beckett);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 23, to leave out the word ‘secret’—(Mr David Winnick);

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;
And it being Four o’clock, the Speaker put the Questions which he was required to put at that hour, pursuant to Order [13th March].

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr David Winnick: 82.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Andrew Stunell: 84.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Ordered, That—

(1) This House approves the recommendations contained in the Second Report of the Procedure Committee, Session 2000–01, Election of a Speaker (House of Commons Paper No. 40) relating to the election of a Speaker.

(2) Standing Order No. 1 (Election of the Speaker) be amended by leaving out paragraph (4); and the title of the Standing Order shall be ‘Election of the Speaker: Member presiding’; and

(3) The following new Standing Orders No. 1A (Re-election of former Speaker) and No. 1B (Election of Speaker by secret ballot) be made:

Re-election of former Speaker

1A. (1) If at the commencement of a Parliament the Member who was Speaker at the dissolution of the previous Parliament is returned to the House, the Member presiding in accordance with Standing Order No. 1 (Election of the Speaker: Member presiding) shall, when the House meets to proceed with the choice of a Speaker, ascertain whether the former Speaker is willing to be chosen as Speaker; and, the former Speaker having submitted himself to the House, shall call upon a Member to move that he do take the Chair of this House as Speaker; and the question thereon shall be put forthwith.

(2) If the question is agreed to, the former Speaker shall thereupon take the Chair as Speaker-elect.

(3) If the question is negatived, the Member presiding shall forthwith adjourn the House to the following day at half-past Two o’clock, and the House shall proceed in accordance with Standing Order No. 1B (Election of Speaker by secret ballot).

Election of Speaker by secret ballot

1B. (1) If the question put in accordance with Standing Order No. 1A (Re-election of former Speaker) has been negatived, and on any other occasion when it is necessary to proceed with the choice of a new Speaker, the election shall be by secret ballot.

(2) Preparatory arrangements for a ballot shall be made under the supervision of the Clerk of the House.

(a) Nomination of candidates shall be in writing and shall be received by the Clerk of the House between half-past Nine o’clock and half-past Ten o’clock in the morning on the day on which the House is to elect a Speaker.

(b) Each nomination shall consist of a signed statement made by the candidate declaring his willingness to stand for election accompanied by the signatures of not fewer than twelve nor more than fifteen Members, of whom not fewer than three shall be Members elected to the House as members of any party other than that to which the candidate belongs or members of no party. No Member shall sign more than one such statement and if any Member does so, his signature shall no longer be valid.

(c) As soon as practicable following the close of nominations, lists of the candidates shall be placed in the Members’ lobby and published.

(4) If only one Member is nominated in accordance with paragraph (3) above, the Member presiding shall, when the House meets to elect a Speaker, invite the Member so nominated to submit himself to the House, and shall then put forthwith the question that that Member do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

(5) Paragraphs (6) to (13) of this Order shall apply if two or more Members are nominated in accordance with paragraph (3) above.

(6) When the House meets, the order in which candidates may address the House shall be determined by lot; the Member presiding shall then invite each candidate to address the House; and after all candidates have been given an opportunity to speak, the Member presiding shall direct the House to proceed to a ballot.

(7) The Member presiding may not vote in any ballot.

(8) (a) A ballot shall take place in the lobbies unless the Member presiding directs otherwise.
(b) Each Member intending to vote shall be provided with a ballot paper bearing the names of the candidates listed in alphabetical order.

c) Each such Member may vote for only one candidate on the ballot paper.

d) A ballot shall be declared closed after the expiration of half an hour and counting shall take place under arrangements made by the Clerk of the House.

e) The Member presiding shall have discretion to vary the timings given in this Order and power to give final directions on any matter of doubt arising from the conduct of a ballot or from an individual ballot paper.

(9) As soon as practicable after the votes have been counted the Member presiding shall announce to the House the numbers of votes cast for each candidate.

(10) If a candidate has received more than half the votes cast in a ballot, the Member presiding shall forthwith put the question that that Member do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

(11) If no candidate has received more than half the votes cast in a ballot the Member presiding shall direct the House to proceed forthwith to a further ballot to which paragraph (12) below shall apply.

(12) In any further ballot no new nominations may be received and the names of—

(a) the candidate who received the fewest votes in the previous ballot;
(b) any candidate who received less than five per cent. of the votes cast in the previous ballot; and
(c) any candidate who, within ten minutes of the announcement in the House of the result of the previous ballot, shall have notified the Member presiding of his intention to withdraw,

shall be removed from the ballot paper, except that where two or more candidates received the same number of votes, their names shall remain on the ballot paper unless paragraph (b) applies.

(13) If the effect of paragraph (12) above is to remove from the ballot paper the name of every candidate except one, the Member presiding shall forthwith put the question that that Member do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

(14) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Orders Nos. 10 (Wednesday sittings) and 11 (Friday sittings), on any day on which the House meets to elect a Speaker, it shall meet at half-past Two o’clock.

(b) No amendment may be offered to the question that a Member do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

(c) If that question is agreed to, that Member shall thereupon take the Chair as Speaker-elect.

(d) If that question is negatived, the Member presiding shall forthwith adjourn the House to the following day at half-past Two o’clock, and the provisions of paragraph (3) above shall apply in respect of a fresh ballot.

9 Kent County Council Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Kent County Council Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means. Amendments (Nos. 15, 18, 16, 1, 25 and 26) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 26, to leave out ’(7)’ and to insert ’(8)’, instead thereof.—(Mr Paul Clark.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division.

Mr Paul Clark and Mr Chris Pond were appointed Tellers for the Ayes; but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes the Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

Another Amendment (No. 2) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 27) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 29, to leave out from the word ‘business’ to the word ‘enter’ in line 30.—(Derek Wyatt.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 6 to 14, 3, 41 and 45 to 47) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 53) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 41, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 4 on page 13.—(Derek Wyatt.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

10 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Medway Council Bill [Lords], as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Amendments (Nos. 16, 19, 17, 1, 26, 27, 15, 3, 28, 6 to 14, 4, and 46 to 48) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 54) was proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 10, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 16.—(Derek Wyatt.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House proceeded to a Division; but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Ayes, the Deputy Speaker declared that the Noes had it.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

11 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) Carol and Mick Frewing against the sale of all Whitbread pubs to a sole bidder, and for the right of individual licensees to buy their own pubs; and

(2) residents of South Wales for expedited settlement of the personal injury compensation claims of miners suffering from respiratory disease were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

12 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Mr David J. Price and residents of the county of Kent and residents of Medway and others calling for the rejection of the Kent County Council Bill [Lords] and the Medway Council Bill [Lords] was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 6.23 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law.—Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture.—Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1113), dated 21st March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].


4 Local Government.—Local Authorities (Changing Executive Arrangements and Alternative Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1003), dated 15th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 National Assistance Services.—National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) (No. 3) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1124), dated 21st March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


7 Police.—Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve (Full-time) (Appointment and Conditions of Service) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.R. (N.I.), 2001, No. 80), dated 19th February 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

8 Sea Fisheries.—Fisheries and Aquaculture Structures (Grants) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1117), dated 22nd March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].
9 Social Security.—Social Security Amendment (Capital Disregards and Recovery of Benefits) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1118), dated 21st March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

10 Environment, Transport and the Regions.—(1) Government Response to the Third Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 2000-01, on Developments at National Air Traffic Services, and
(2) Government Response to the Twentieth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 1999-2000, on UK Biodiversity [by Command] [Cm. 5085 and 5072] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

11 Miscellaneous (No. 4, 2001).—Amendments, approved by the Twenty-fifth Intelsat Assembly of Parties at Washington on 13th to 17th November 2000, to the Agreement and the Operating Agreement relating to the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (INTELSAT), with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5092] [Mr Secretary Cook].

12 National Health Service.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 20 March 2001 on loans proposed to be raised by—
(1) East Anglian Ambulance National Health Service Trust,
(2) East Gloucestershire National Health Service Trust,
(3) Epsom & St Helier National Health Service Trust,
(4) Gloucestershire Royal National Health Service Trust,
(5) Isle of Wight Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
(6) Norfolk and Norwich Health Care National Health Service Trust,
(7) Norfolk Mental Health Care National Health Service Trust,
(8) North Hampshire Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(9) Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre National Health Service Trust,
(10) Southampton Community Health Services National Health Service Trust,
(11) Southampton University Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
(12) South Buckinghamshire National Health Service Trust,
(13) University Hospitals of Leicester National Health Service Trust,
(14) Weston Area Health National Health Service Trust, and
(15) Whittington Hospital National Health Service Trust
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn]

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords]:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Mr Frank Cook Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mrs Helen Brinton, Mr Russell Brown, Mr Ian Bruce, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Brian Cotter, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr James Gray, Mr Andrew Lansley, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Christopher Leslie, Ms Margaret Moran, Mr Richard Page, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Ian Stewart, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Derek Twigg and Mr Brian White.

2 Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Brian Cotter, Mr James Gray, Ms Margaret Moran, Mr Richard Page, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Ian Stewart and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Employment.—Memoranda laid before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Age Discrimination in Employment] [Mr Derek Foster].
2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The provision of information by the Government relating to the safety of breast implants]; to be printed [No. 308-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

3 International Development,—Fourth Report from the International Development Committee [Corruption], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 39] [Mr Bowen Wells].

4 Treasury,—(1) Sixth Report from the Treasury Committee [HM Customs and Excise: Collection of Excise Duties]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 237];
(2) Seventh Report from the Committee [Government Actuary’s Department], 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. 236];
(3) Eighth Report from the Committee [Royal Mint], 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. 239]; and
(4) Ninth Report from the Committee [The Monetary Policy Committee—An End of Term 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. 42] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 57; WH, No. 34.]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment (Poverty in Scotland),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Clelland.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 27th March.

[Adjourned at 5.57 p.m.]

[No. 58.]

Friday 23rd March 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 National Lottery (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Lottery (Amendment) Bill;

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

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

And the Question being again proposed;

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

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

2 Railways Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Railways Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

Bill withdrawn.

3 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill,—The Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.
4 Register of Drug Trafficking Offenders Bill.—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That the Register of Drug Trafficking Offenders 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 30th March.

5 Siting of Telecommunications Masts Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Siting of Telecommunications Masts Bill; *Ordered,* That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 6th April.

6 Education (Student Loans) (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Student Loans) (Amendment) Bill; *Ordered,* That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 30th March.

7 Copyright, etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 9th March, That the Copyright, etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill be now read a second time; *Ordered,* That the Debate be resumed on Friday 30th March.

8 Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd February, That the Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill be now read a second time; *Ordered,* That the Debate be resumed on Friday 6th April.

9 Private Dental Practitioners Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 16th March, That the Private Dental Practitioners Bill be now read a second time; *Ordered,* That the Debate be resumed on Friday 30th March.

10 Rail Passenger Services Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rail Passenger Services Bill; *Ordered,* That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 30th March.

11 Pension Annuities (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pension Annuities (Amendment) Bill; *Ordered,* That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 30th March.

12 Climate Change Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Climate Change Bill; *Ordered,* That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 30th March.

13 High Hedges Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the High Hedges Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee; *Ordered,* That the Bill be considered on Friday 27th April.

14 Adjournment,—*Resolved,* That this House do now adjourn. — (Jim Dowd.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 26th March.  

[Adjourned at 2.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

*Papers subject to Negative Resolution:*

1 Health and Safety,—Notification of New Substances (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1055), dated 16th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Authorised Weight) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1125), dated 21st March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

*Other Papers:*

3 Major Transport Accidents,—Paper, entitled Public Inquiry into the Identification of Victims following Major Transport Accidents: Report by Lord Justice Clarke (Volumes 1 and 2) [by Command] [Cm. 5012] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
4 National Health Service.—Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 20th March 2001 loans proposed to be raised by—
   (1) Dewsbury Health Care National Health Service Trust,
   (2) Gateshead Health National Health Service Trust,
   (3) Harrogate Health Care National Health Service Trust,
   (4) Lincolnshire Ambulance & Health Transport Service National Health Service Trust,
   (5) Nottingham City Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (6) Queens Medical Centre Nottingham University Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (7) Rotherham General Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (8) Sheffield Teaching Hospitals National Health Service Trust, and
   (9) United Lincolnshire Hospitals National Health Service Trust
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn]

5 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 Instruments came into operation:
[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Christmas Day (Trading) Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee C, and has appointed Dr Michael Clark Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Ben Chapman, Ann Coffey, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mrs Llin Golding, Mr Win Griffiths, Helen Jones, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Shona McIsaac, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Lembit Öpik, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Nicholas Soames and Mr Desmond Swayne.

2 Limited Liability Partnerships (Fees) (No. 2) Regulations (S.I., 2001, No. 969).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Anne Campbell from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Ivan Lewis.

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[No. 59.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter L. Pike reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft General Commissioners of Income Tax (Costs) Regulations 2001, and the draft Justices and Justices’ Clerks (Costs) Regulations 2001.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Butterfill reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2001.

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

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Maxton reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Limited Liability Partnerships (Fees) (No. 2) Regulations 2001.

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

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2001, the draft Local Government (Alternative Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2001 and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 78) on the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (House of Commons Paper No. 335).

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

5 Adoption and Children Bill,—The Adoption and Children Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

6 Adoption and Children Bill (Programme).—Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Adoption and Children Bill:

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1. The Bill shall be committed to a Select Committee.

2. The Select Committee shall report the Bill to the House on or before Tuesday 12th June.—(Mr John Hutton.)

7 Adoption and Children Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Adoption and Children 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 Adoption and Children 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; and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.

8 Channel Tunnel,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson):—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 Jobseeker’s Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.

10 National Lottery,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft New Opportunities Fund (Specification of Initiatives) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 1st March, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.
Electoral Commission.—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Electoral Commission;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [13th March] and Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation),

That the following provision shall be made with respect to the remuneration and expenses of the Electoral Commissioners (“a relevant Commissioner”) other than the Chairman of the Electoral Commission:

(1) In respect of remuneration a relevant Commissioner shall be paid £275 for each day on which he performs functions as such.

(2) A relevant Commissioner shall be paid the actual amount of his expenses incurred in connection with the discharge of his functions as such on travel, accommodation and subsistence.

(3) This resolution shall take effect from 19th January 2001—(Mr David Jamieson):—

It was agreed to.

Electoral Commission.—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Electoral Commission;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [13th March] and Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation),

That the following provision shall be made with respect to the remuneration and expenses of the Chairman of the Electoral Commission (“the Chairman”):

(1) In respect of remuneration for service between 19th January 2001 and 18th January 2002, the Chairman shall be paid £116,000.

(2) In respect of the period starting with 19th January 2002, the first anniversary of his appointment, and ending immediately before the second anniversary, the Chairman shall be paid as remuneration for that period the sum of £120,000 increased (where applicable) by the same percentage of that sum as the percentage (if any) or total of the percentages (if more than one) used to increase the salary of a High Court judge during the period of one year immediately preceding that first anniversary of the Chairman’s appointment.

(3) In respect of the period starting with the second and any subsequent anniversary of his appointment and ending immediately before the next such anniversary, the Chairman shall be paid as remuneration for that period the sum payable during the immediately preceding period of one year increased (where applicable) by the same percentage of that sum as the percentage (if any) or total of the percentages (if more than one) used to increase the salary of a High Court Judge during the period of one year immediately preceding the anniversary at the beginning of the period in question.

(4) Where during any of the periods referred to above the Chairman ceases to hold that office, the sum to be paid to him in respect of that period shall be such proportion of the entire sum as reflects the portion of that period that he held the office of Chairman.

(5) The Chairman shall be paid the actual amount of his expenses incurred in connection with the discharge of his duties as Chairman on travel, accommodation and subsistence.

(6) The pension of the Chairman shall be broadly by analogy with the pension scheme of the staff of the Commission, thereby delivering a pension based on the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme which provides for a pension accruing at a rate of one-eighth of salary per year of service, with a lump sum of three times the annual pension and provision for death benefits and dependants’ pensions.

(7) This resolution shall take effect from 19th January 2001—(Mr David Jamieson):—

It was agreed to.

Government Trading Funds.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation),

That the draft The Defence Science and Technology Laboratory Trading Fund Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 17th January, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.

Financial Services and Markets.—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 Services and Markets Act 2000 (Professions) (Non-Exempt Activities) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.

Financial Services and Markets.—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 Services and Markets Act 2000 (Designated Professional Bodies) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.
16 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 Road Traffic (Various Provisions) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr David Jamieson).—It was agreed to.

17 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Guisborough Amateur Swimming Club and others for the improvement of facilities for swimming in Guisborough was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.56 p.m.

**APPENDIX I**

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to **Affirmative Resolution**:

1 Local Government.—Draft Relevant Authorities (General Principles) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Local Government Finance.—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 79) on School Standards, Support of Educational Budgets and Costs of Transitional Funding [by Act]; to be printed [No. 355] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Rating and Valuation.—Draft Non-Domestic Rating (Public Houses and Petrol Filling Stations) (England) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to **Negative Resolution**:


   (3) Drug Trafficking Act 1994 (Designated Countries and Territories) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 956), and


5 European Communities.—European Communities (Designation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 961), dated 14th March 2001 [by Act] [Marjorie Mowlam].

6 Extradition.—European Convention on Extradition Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 962), dated 14th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 Income Tax.—(1) Double Taxation Relief (Surrender of Relievable Tax Within a Group) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1163), dated 23rd March 2001, and

   (2) Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Underlying Tax on Dividends and Dual Resident Companies) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1156), dated 26th March 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

8 Legal Services Commission.—(1) Criminal Defence Service (Funding) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1143), dated 23rd March 2001, and

   (2) Criminal Defence Service (General) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1144), dated 22nd March 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

9 Prisons.—Prison Service (Pay Review Body) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1161), dated 22nd March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

10 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—(1) Statute, dated 20th December 2000, made by the Governing Body of Churchill College, Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the College, and
Other Papers:

11 Broadcasting,—Report and Accounts of the Independent Television Commission for 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].


13 Deregulation,—Proposals under the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 by the Minister for the Cabinet Office for—
   (1) the Deregulation (Bingo and Other Gaming) Order 2001,
   (2) the Deregulation (Correction of Birth and Death Entries in Registers or Other Records) Order 2001, and
   (3) the Deregulation (Restaurant Licensing Hours) Order 2001 with Explanatory Memoranda [by Act] [Marjorie Mowlam].


15 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission for 2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 281] [Mr David Lock].

16 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the Wallace Collection for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 369] [Clerk of the House].

17 National Audit,—(1) Financial Auditing and Reporting: General Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 25-XIX] [Mr Stephen Timms], and
   (2) Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Channel Tunnel Rail Link [by Act]; to be printed [No. 302] [Clerk of the House].

18 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 20 March 2001 on loans proposed to be raised by—
   (1) Leeds Community and Mental Health Services Teaching National Health Service Trust,
   (2) Leeds Teaching Hospitals National Health Service Trust, and
   (3) Newcastle-upon-Tyne National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft General Commissioners of Income Tax (Costs) Regulations 2001, and the draft Justices and Justices’ Clerks (Costs) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Roger Casale, Mrs Lorna Fitzsimons and Dr Norman A. Godman from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Harry Barnes, Miss Anne Begg and Mr Malcolm Savidge.

2 Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Chris Ruane from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Kerry Pollard.

3 Limited Liability Partnerships (Fees) (No. 2) Regulations 2001,—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Maxton Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations, in place of Mrs Irene Adams.

discharged Mr Frank Dobson and Mr Doug Henderson from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Instruments) and nominated in substitution Valerie Davey and Ms Oona King.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Joint Committee on Human Rights,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Implementation of the Human Rights Act 1998], to be printed [No. 332-iii] [Jean Corston].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Thirteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Refinancing of the Fazakerley PFI Prison Contract], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 372]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Inland Flood Defence]; to be printed [No. 371-i]

[Mr Alan Williams].

3 Public Administration,—(1) Sixth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Participation: Issues and Innovations], 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) Second Special Report from the Committee [Response to the First Report from the Committee, on the Annual Report of the Health Service Ombudsman for 1998–99]; to be printed [No. 374]

[Tony Wright].

4 Science and Technology,—Fifth Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Genetics and Insurance], 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. 174] [Dr Michael Clark].

[No. 60.]

Tuesday 27th March 2001.

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 Vehicles (Crime) Bill, without Amendment.

2 Local Elections (Free Delivery of Election Addresses) Bill,—Mr Andrew Mackinlay, supported by Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Dennis Skinner and Mr Eric Illsley, presented a Bill to provide for the free delivery of one election address to each household from each candidate in the local government elections to be held in May 2001: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 30th March and to be printed [Bill 72].

3 Representation of Gibraltar at Westminster and in the European Union Bill,—Mr Andrew Mackinlay, supported by Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Eric Illsley and Mr Lindsay Hoyle, presented a Bill to provide for representation of Gibraltar by a Member of Parliament, subject to limitations, in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; for the inclusion of Gibraltar in a European parliamentary constituency, for the right of the chief minister to petition the House of Commons at the bar of the House; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th July and to be printed [Bill 73].

4 Pardon for Soldiers of the Great War Bill,—Mr Andrew Mackinlay, supported by Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Tony Benn and Mr Eric Illsley, 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 20th July and to be printed [Bill 74].
5 European Union (Implications of Withdrawal) (No. 2),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a Committee of Inquiry into the implications of a withdrawal by the United Kingdom from the European Union: And that Mr Christopher Gill, Sir Richard Body, Mr Christopher Chope, Mrs Teresa Gorman, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr William Ross, Mr Richard Shepherd, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr William Thompson, Mr John Townend and Mr Charles Wardle do prepare and bring it in.

6 European Union (Implications of Withdrawal) (No. 2) Bill,—Mr Christopher Gill accordingly presented a Bill to establish a Committee of Inquiry into the implications of a withdrawal by the United Kingdom from the European Union: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 27th April and to be printed [Bill 75].

7 Social Security Fraud Bill [Lords],—The Social Security Fraud Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

8 Social Security Fraud Bill [Lords] (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the following provisions shall apply to the Social Security Fraud Bill [Lords].

Standing Committee

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.

3. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 12th April 2001.

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at nine o'clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at six o'clock on that day.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at ten o'clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at seven o'clock on that day.

6. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Lords Messages

7. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any motion to vary or supplement this order for the purpose of allocating time to proceedings on consideration of any messages from the Lords, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith—(Mr Jeff Rooker);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr David Jamieson: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr John Randall: 149.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Social Security Fraud Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Social Security Fraud Bill [Lords] 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 Social Security Fraud 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 for or in connection with the carrying out of his functions under that Act; and

(b) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums which are payable out of money so provided under any other Act—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

10 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 draft General Commissioners of Income Tax (Costs) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 12th March, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.
11 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 Justices and Justices’ Clerks (Costa) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 12th March, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall).—It was agreed to.

12 Financial Services and Markets.—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 Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 16th March, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall)—It was agreed to.

13 Partnerships.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Limited Liability Partnerships (Fees) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 which were laid before this House on 14th March, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall).—It was agreed to.

14 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 Local Authorities (Alternative Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 15th March, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall); And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [7th November].

15 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 Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 13th March, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall).—It was agreed to.

17 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Torridge and West Devon 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.

18 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Mike Hall.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes to Twelve o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.31 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law.—Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

2 Local Government Finance.—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 78), on the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (House of Commons Paper No. 335), which was laid before this House on 15th March, be approved—(Mr Mike Hall).—It was agreed to.

3 Northern Ireland.—Draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Competition.—Merger (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1199), dated 27th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 Consumer Protection.—Unfair Terms in Consumer Contracts (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1186), dated 25th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].
6 Employment Tribunals,—(1) Employment Appeal Tribunal (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1128), dated 22nd March 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock]; and


7 Electricity,—Fossil Fuel Levy (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1200), dated 27th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

8 Employment Tribunals (Scotland),—Employment Tribunals (Constitution and Rules of Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1170), dated 23rd March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

9 National Health Service,—National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1178), dated 26th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


11 Social Security,—(1) Council Tax Benefit (Permitted Totals) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1130), and

(2) Housing Benefit (Permitted Totals) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1129) dated 22nd March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

12 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—(1) ACAS Arbitration Scheme (England and Wales) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1185), and

(2) Employment Protection (Continuity of Employment) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1188) dated 23rd March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

13 Air Force (Constitution),—Amendment List No. 2 to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

14 Constitutional Law,—(1) Accounts of the Scottish Consolidated Fund, and

(2) Scotland’s Appropriation Accounts

for the period 1st April to 30th June 1999, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 370 and 331] [Clerk of the House].

15 Environmental Audit,—Government Response to the First Report of the Environmental Audit Committee, Session 2000–01, on Environmental Audit: The First Parliament [by Command] [Cm. 3098] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

16 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Complementary and Alternative Medicine [by Command] [Cm. 5124] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Papers withdrawn:

17 Constitutional Law,—Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2001 [laid 22nd March].
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Home Affairs,—Fourth Special Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Government Reply to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2000–01, on Border Controls]; to be printed [No. 375] [Mr Robin Corbett].

2 Social Security,—(1) Third Report from the Social Security Committee [The Social 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. 232]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Social Fund: Medical Services] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

3 Statutory Instruments,—Twelfth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 46-xii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

4 Trade and Industry,—Tenth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Mobile Phone Masts], 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. 330] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

5 Treasury,—(1) Tenth Report from the Treasury Committee [Equitable Life and Life Assurance Industry: An Interim Report], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 272]; and

(2) Second Special Report from the Committee [National Statistics: Responses from the Government and the Statistics Commission to the Second Report from the Committee]; to be printed [No. 376] [Mr Giles Radice].

6 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Second Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000, on Social Exclusion in Wales]; to be printed [No. 378]; and

(2) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 20th March [Post Office Closures in Wales]; to be printed [No. 359] [Mr Martyn Jones].

EXAMINERS OF PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

In pursuance of Standing Order 69 relating to Private Business (Appointment of Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills), the Speaker appointed Frank Arthur Cranmer, Esquire, to be an Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills with effect from 6th April 2001.

[No. 60; WH, No. 35.]

Tuesday 27th March 2001.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 Jamieson);

And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to- morrow.

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

PRAYERS.

1 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 9431/00, Special Report No. 11/2000 of the Court of Auditors on the support scheme for olive oil; and supports the government’s aim of pressing for further reform of the regime to reduce its costs, complexity and opportunities for fraud.

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

2 European Standing Committee C,—Mr David Amess reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 10802/00, draft directives on waste electrical and electronic equipment and on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment; notes the Government’s current negotiating line on the Document; and supports the Government’s actions.

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

3 Electricity Act 1989 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Simon Thomas, supported by Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr Dai Ieuan Wyn Jones, presented a Bill to amend the Electricity Act 1989 to transfer from the Secretary of State to the National Assembly for Wales certain functions relating to the granting of consent for the construction of generating stations in Wales: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 6th April and to be printed [Bill 76].

4 Bus Services (Provision of Information),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require operators of bus services to record, compile and publish certain information on the quality of their services; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Bill Rammell, Ms Hazel Blears, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Jeff Ennis, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Alan Hurst, Bob Russell, Angela Smith, Mr Ian Stewart, Mr Brian White and Mr Anthony D. Wright do prepare and bring in.

5 Bus Services (Provision of Information) Bill,—Mr Bill Rammell accordingly presented a Bill to require operators of bus services to record, compile and publish certain information on the quality of their services; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th June and to be printed [Bill 77].

6 Election Publications Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That—

(1) at the sitting on Thursday 29th March, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Message from the Lords relating to the Election Publications Bill [Lords] shall have been received; and

(2) notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules in respect of the Bill may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time.—

(Jim Dowd.)

7 Private Security Industry Bill [Lords].—The Private Security Industry Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

8 Deferred Divisions,—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Order of the House [7th November]:

Local Government,—That the draft Local Authorities (Alternative Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 15th March, be approved.

Ayes: 362.

Noes: 134.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Private Security Industry Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the Private Security Industry Bill [Lords]:
Standing Committee

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.

3. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 1st May 2001.

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at nine o’clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at six o’clock on that day.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at ten o’clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at seven o’clock on that day.

6. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Lords Messages

7. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any motion to vary or supplement this order for the purpose of allocating time to proceedings on consideration of any messages from the Lords, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith—(Mr Charles Clarke);

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Jim Dowd: 259.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 139.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Private Security Industry Bill [Lords]:

Standing Committee

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.

3. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 1st May 2001.

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at nine o’clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at six o’clock on that day.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at ten o’clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at seven o’clock on that day.

6. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Lords Messages

7. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any motion to vary or supplement this order for the purpose of allocating time to proceedings on consideration of any messages from the Lords, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith.

10 Private Security Industry Bill [Lords][Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Private Security Industry Bill [Lords] Bill [Money];
bills). That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Private Security Industry Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

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

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Mike Hall).—It was agreed to.

11 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from people of Shrewsbury and others in support of a planning application for Shrewsbury Town Football Club 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-one minutes past Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.21 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals,—(1) Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export of Vehicles) (Disinfection of Tyres) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1196), and

(2) Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 4) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1191),
dated 27th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

2 Criminal Law,—Road Traffic (Owner Liability) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1222), dated 27th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].


(2) Further Education Teachers’ Qualifications (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1209), and

dated 26th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


5 Human Rights,—Human Rights Act (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1216), dated 27th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1182),

(2) Legal Advice and Assistance at Police Stations (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1181), and

(3) Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1180),
dated 27th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].


8 Weights and Measures,—(1) Measuring Equipment (Cold-water Meters) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1229), and

(2) Weighing Equipment (Beltweighers) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1208),
dated 27th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

9 Access to Justice,—Legal Services Commission Corporate Plan for 2001–02 to 2003–04 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].
Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Military Survey Defence Agency for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 341] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Departmental Reports 2001—(1) The Government’s Expenditure Plans for 2001–02 to 2003–04 and Main Estimates for 2001–02 for the Department for Education and Employment and Office for Standards in Education [by Command] [Cm. 5102] [Mr Secretary Blunkett]; and 
(2) The Government’s Expenditure Plans for 2001–04 for Inland Revenue [by Command] [Cm. 5118] [Dawn Primarolo].

Government Trading Funds,—Treasury Minute, dated 28th March 2001, concerning the establishment of a trading fund for the Defence Aviation Repair Agency [by Act] [Mr Andrew Smith].

Intelligence Services,—Interim Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee for 2000–01 [by Command] [Cm. 5126] [The Prime Minister].

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the Petition [15th February] from residents of St Albans calling for the return of the rail network to public ownership [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Reserve Forces,—(1) Change 1 to the Regulations for the Royal Marines Reserve (BR 63), 
(2) Change 2 to the Regulations for the Royal Fleet Reserve and Recall Reserve (Naval and Marine) (BR 61), and 
(3) 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].

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 Instruments came into operation: 
Fossil Fuel Levy (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1200) [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

Treaty Series (No. 17, 2001),—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 [by Command] [Cm. 5087] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Social Security Fraud Bill [Lords]:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Mr John Maxton Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Ian Davidson, Angela Eagle, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mrs Joan Humble, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Kali Mountford, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Jeff Rooker, Mr Dave Watts, Steve Webb and Mr David Wilshire.

2 Christmas Day Trading Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft Social Security (Breach of Community Order) Regulations 2001:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bill O’Herlihy Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Tony Clarke, Ann Colley, Angela Eagle, Mr Andrew George, Mr Patrick Hall, Mr Doug Henderson, Ms Fiona Jones, Mrs Diana Organ, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr David Ruffley, Mr John Townend, Steve Webb and Mr Mike Wood.

4 Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2001:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order 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 Douglas Alexander, Mr Peter Atkinson, Dr Lynda Clark, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr George Galloway, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Robert Maclean, Mr Alasdair Morgan, Ms Sandra Osborne, Mr Frank Roy, Mr David Stewart, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr David Tredinnick and Mr David Wilshire.

5 Draft Relevant Authorities (General Principles) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third 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.: Hilary Armstrong, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Michael Fabricant, Mr Don Foster, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Kevin Hughes, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Andy King, Chris McCafferty, Dr Doug Naymith, Mr Ivan Sanders, Miss Geraldine Smith, Ms Dari Taylor, Dr George Turner and Mr Nigel Waterson.

6 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 79) on School Standards, Support of Educational Budgets and Costs of Transitional Funding (House of Commons Paper No. 355):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr John Hayes, Ms Tess Kington, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Ms Julie Morgan, Estelle Morris, Mr John Randall, Sir Michael Spicer, Rachel Squire, Dr Desmond Turner, Ms Claire Ward, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Mr Phil Willis.

7 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 80) on 2001–02 Special Grant for Rate Relief in Respect of Hardship caused by Foot and Mouth Disease (House of Commons Paper No. 368), and the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Public Houses and Filling Stations) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Fifth 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.: Hilary Armstrong, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Desmond Browne, Mr Ian Casssey, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Damian Green, Mr John Heppell, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Edward Leigh, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Dave Watts and Ms Rosie Winterton.

**European Standing Committees**

8 The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document No. 10544/00 concerning postal services.

**APPENDIX III**

**Reports from Select Committees**

1 Agriculture.—(1) Seventh Report from the Agriculture Committee [The Implementation of IACS in the European Union], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 150];

(2) Eighth Report from the Committee [New Covent Garden Market], 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. 173];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Foot and Mouth Disease]; to be printed [No. 363-ii]; and

(4) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Government Research into Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies and Intensive Farming]; to be printed [No. 388] [Mr David Curry].

2 Culture, Media and Sport.—(1) Third Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Staging International Sporting Events], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 266]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Staging International Sporting Events] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].
3 Defence.—(1) Third Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Observations on the First Report of the Committee, on The Six Nation Framework Agreement]; to be printed [No. 389]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [European Security and Defence]; to be printed [No. 390-i]
[Mr Bruce George].

4 Education and Employment.—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Education and Employment Committee [Government’s Response to the Third Report from the Committee, on Recruiting Unemployed People]; to be printed [No. 383]; and
(2) Sixth Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, on Higher Education: Access]; to be printed [No. 384]
[Mr Barry Sheerman].

5 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—(1) Ninth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Draft Water Bill], with the 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. 145-i];
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Alleged misconduct affecting a witness before the Environment Sub-Committee]; to be printed [No. 380-i]
[Mr Andrew F. Bennett]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Opportunities and Development Prospects at Major Ports]; to be printed [No. 244-v];
(4) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee [Opportunities and Development Prospects at Major Ports]; to be printed [No. 244-v]; and
(5) Memoranda laid before the Transport Sub-Committee [Maintenance of Motorways, Trunk Roads and Local Authority Principal Roads]; to be printed [No. 381]
[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

6 European Scrutiny.—Tenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 28-x] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

7 Health.—(1) Third Report from the Health Committee [Head Injury: Rehabilitation], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 307];
(2) Fourth Report from the Committee [The provision of information by the Government relating to the safety of breast implants], 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. 308]; and
(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Head Injury: Rehabilitation; The provision of information by the Government relating to the safety of breast implants]
[Mr David Hinchliffe].

8 Northern Ireland Affairs.—(1) Second Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Parades Commission], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 120];
(2) Third Report from the Committee [Relocation following paramilitary intimidation], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 59]; and
(3) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 14th February [The Parades Commission]; to be printed [No. 120-vi]
[Mr Peter Brooke].

9 Public Accounts.—(1) Fourteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence. Managing reductions in the number of vacant family quarters], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 391];
(2) Fifteenth Report from the Committee [Strategic Rail Authority: Action to improve passenger rail services], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 392]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Maximising the benefits of defence equipment cooperation]; to be printed [No. 393]

[Mr David Davis].

10 Public Administration.—(1) Seventh Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [Making Government Work: the Emerging Issues]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 94];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Annual Report of the Health Service Ombudsman]; to be printed [No. 63-ii]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Timetable for Publication of Guidance on Special Advisers and Access to the Knowledge Network]

[Tony Wright].

11 Science and Technology.—(1) Sixth Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Are We Realising Our Potential?], 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-I and -II];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Wave and Tidal Energy]; to be printed [No. 291-iii]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Genetics and Insurance; Are We Realising Our Potential?]

[Dr Michael Clark].

12 Standards and Privileges.—Sixth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaints against Mr Roy Beggs], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 377][Mr Robert Sheldon].

[No. 61; WH, No. 36.]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 1.59 p.m.]
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[No. 62.]


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 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 Thursday 5th April.

2 Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords],—Mr Frank Cook reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords], and directed him to report the same, with an Amendment.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 394].

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow.

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Ray Michie reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report No. 80 on 2001/02 Special Grant in respect of Hardship caused by Foot and Mouth Disease (House of Commons Paper No. 368) and the draft Non-Domestic Rating (Public Houses and Petrol Filling Stations) (England) Order 2001.

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

4 Register of Drug Trafficking Offenders Bill,—The Order for resuming to-morrow the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 23rd March, That the Register of Drug Trafficking Offenders Bill be now read as second time, was read and discharged.

Debate to be resumed on Friday 27th April.

5 Adjournment (Intelligence Agencies),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);

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

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

Parliament Acts (Amendment) Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to confirm the Parliament Act 1949 and other Acts; and to amend the Parliament Act 1911; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Election Publications Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for postponing the operation of certain enactments relating to election publications; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Kent County Council Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Medway Council Bill [Lords], without Amendment, and they have disagreed to the remaining Amendment made by this House, for which disagreement they assign their Reasons.

7 Election Publications Bill [Lords],—The Election Publications Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 78].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Election Publications Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 78–EN].

8 Liaison Committee (Sub-Committee),—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee) be amended as follows:

Line 31, at end add—

‘( ) The committee shall have power to appoint a sub-committee, which shall have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, and to report to the committee from time to time.

( ) The committee shall have power to report from time to time the minutes of evidence taken before the sub-committee.

( ) The quorum of the sub-committee shall be three.’.—(Mr Mike Hall)
9 Science and Technology.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 31st January, That the Select Committee on Science and Technology shall have leave to meet concurrently with any committee of the Lords on science and technology or any sub-committee thereof, for the purpose of deliberating or taking evidence, and to communicate to any such committee its evidence or any other documents relating to matters of common interest;

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

Ordered, That the Select Committee on Science and Technology shall have leave to meet concurrently with any committee of the Lords on science and technology or any sub-committee thereof, for the purpose of deliberating or taking evidence, and to communicate to any such committee its evidence or any other documents relating to matters of common interest.

10 Select Committees (Joint Meetings),—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments) be amended as follows:

Line 40, before the word ‘European’ insert the words ‘Environmental Audit Committee or with the’.

Line 50, before the word ‘European’ insert the words ‘Environmental Audit Committee or with the’.

Line 52, 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 Mike Hall.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 6.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Children and Young Persons,—Adoption of Children from Overseas Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1251), dated 29th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

2 Education,—Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) (No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1254), dated 28th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Legal Services Commission,—Criminal Defence Service (Funding) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1256), dated 28th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

Other Papers:

4 Access to Justice,—Amendment (No. 2) to the Funding Code, presented pursuant to sections 9(2) and 9(5) of the Access to Justice Act 1999 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

5 Animal Health,—Return of Expenditure Incurred and Prosecutions taken under the Animal Health Act 1981, and Incidences of Disease in Imported Animals for the year 2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].


7 Export Controls,—Paper, entitled Consultation on draft legislation: The Export Control and Non-Proliferation Bill [by Command] [Cm. 5091] [Mr Secretary Byers].

8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on—

(1) the Petition [9th March] from railworkers and rail users of Great Britain for the return of Railtrack to public ownership and accountability, and

(2) the Petition [1st February] from residents of the Derby North constituency against the unnecessary importation of parrots [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Social Security Fraud Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Richard Burden, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Jeff Rooker, Mr Dave Watts, and Steve Webb members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 International Development,—(1) Fifth Report from the International Development Committee [ECGD, Developmental Issues and the Ilisu Dam: Further Report]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 395]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Regional Development Banks] [Mr Bowen Wells].

2 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—First Report from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [Programming of Legislation], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 382] [Margaret Beckett].


4 Treasury,—Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [2001 Budget]; to be printed [No. 326-iv] [Mr Giles Radice].

[No. 62; WH, No. 37.]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment (Electoral Malpractice in Northern Ireland: Second Report of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, Session 1997–98 (HC 316)).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 3rd April.

[Adjourned at 4.27 p.m.]
Friday 30th March 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Adoption Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Adoption Bill;
   A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr James Paice: 14.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Andy King: 0.
   And it appearing on the report of the Division that fewer than forty Members had taken part in the Division, the Deputy Speaker declared that the Question was not decided, and the business under consideration stood over until the next sitting of the House.

2 Secret Societies (Registration of Membership) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Secret Societies (Registration of Membership) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 6th April.

3 Patient Consent Form Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patient Consent Form Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 6th April.

4 Adoption of Sewers Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Adoption of Sewers Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th April.

5 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 6th April.

6 Education (Student Loans) (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education (Student Loans) (Amendment) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 6th April.

7 Rail Passenger Services Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rail Passenger Services Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 6th April.

8 Climate Change Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Climate Change Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 6th April.

9 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 2nd April.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

   (2) Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) (No. 3) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1284), dated 29th March 2001,
(6) General Teaching Council for England (Registration of Teachers) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1267), dated 28th March 2001, and
[by Act ] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


3 Legal Aid and Advice.—Legal Aid in Family Proceedings (Remuneration) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1255), dated 29th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

4 Rating and Valuation.—Non-Domestic Rating (Alteration of Lists and Appeals) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1271), dated 29th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

5 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.—Resource Accounts of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5057] [Mr Stephen Timms].

6 Appropriations in Aid.—Treasury Minute, dated 30th March 2001, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

7 British Library.—Statement of appointment of Simon Olswang to the Board of the British Library [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

8 Cabinet Office.—Resource Accounts of the Cabinet Office for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5053] [Mr Stephen Timms].

9 Criminal Injuries Compensation.—(1) Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and
[by Command] [Cms. 5081 and 5051] [Mr Secretary Straw] and
(3) Account of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel, and
(4) Annual Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 387 and 356] [Clerk of the House].

10 Customs and Excise.—Report and Financial Statements of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5064] [Dawn Primarolo].

11 Disabled Persons.—Report on Development of Services for People with Learning Disabilities (Mental Handicap) or Mental Illness in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 339] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


(1) the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Intervention Board and the Forestry Commission [by Command] [Cm. 5113] [Mr Nicholas Brown];
(2) British Trade International [by Command] [Cm. 5123] [Mr Secretary Byers];
(3) the Department of Culture, Media and Sport [by Command] [Cm. 5114] [Mr Secretary Smith];
(4) the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, the Office of the Rail Regulator, the Office of Water Services and Ordnance Survey [by Command] [Cm. 5105] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
(5) the Food Standards Agency [by Command] [Cm. 5104] [Mr Secretary Milburn];
(6) the Home Office and the Charity Commission [by Command] [Cm. 5106] [Mr Secretary Straw];
(7) The Law Officers’ Departments [by Command] [Cm. 5108] [Mr Solicitor General];
(8) The Lord Chancellor’s Departments [by Command] [Cm. 5107] [Mr David Lock];
(9) the Scotland Office [by Command] [Cm. 5120] [Mrs Secretary Liddell];
(10) the Department of Social Security [by Command] [Cm. 5115] [Mr Secretary Darling];
(11) the Department of Trade and Industry, the Export Credits Guarantee Department, the Office of Fair Trading, the Office of Telecommunications, the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets and the Postal Services Commission [by Command] [Cm. 5112] [Mr Secretary Byers]; and
(12) the Wales Office (Office of the Secretary of State for Wales) [by Command] [Cm. 5121] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

15 Home Office,—Consolidated Resource Accounts for the Home Office for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5055] [Mr Stephen Timms].
16 Lord Chancellor’s Department,—Resource Accounts of the Lord Chancellor’s Department for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5056] [Mr Stephen Timms].
17 Miscellaneous (No. 5, 2001),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 20th December 2000 and Edinburgh on 4th January 2001, amending the Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5093] [Mr Secretary Cook].
18 Miscellaneous (No. 6, 2001),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 20th December 2000 and Brussels on 12th January 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Board of Governors of the European School further amending the Agreement concerning the European School at Culham signed at Brussels on 18th October 1988, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5094] [Mr Secretary Cook].
19 Northern Ireland,—Resource Accounts of the Northern Ireland Office for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5058] [Mr Stephen Timms].
20 Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme,—Resource Accounts of the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5061] [Mr Stephen Timms].
(1) the Electoral Commission [by Command]; to be printed [No. 347] [The Speaker]
(2) House of Commons Administration [by Command]; to be printed [No. 345] [The Speaker]; and
(3) National Audit Office [by Command]; to be printed [No. 346] [Mr Robert Sheldon].
22 Treasury,—Resource Accounts of HM Treasury for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5062] [Mr Stephen Timms].
23 Treasury Solicitors,—Resource Accounts of the Treasury Solicitors for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5060] [Mr Stephen Timms].
24 Treaty Series (No. 18, 2001),—Exchange of Notes, done at Baku on 20th June and 23rd December 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Azerbaijan Republic amending the Air Services Agreement done at London on 23rd February 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 5095] [Mr Secretary Cook].
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 Social Security (Breach of Community Order) Regulations 2001.

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 draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2001.

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

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Relevant Authorities (General Principles) Order 2001.

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

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 79) on School Standards, Support of Education Budgets and Costs of Transitional Funding.

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

5 Wheel Clamping (Restrictions) Bill,—Ms Oona King, supported by Tom Cox, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Geraint Davies, Mr Keith Darvill, Joan Ruddock, Mr Neil Gerrard, Ms Karen Buck, Ms Linda Perham, Ms Ruth Kelly and Ms Sally Keeble presented a Bill to provide for the maximum fee payable for the release of a wheel clamp and for the minimum time which must elapse before a vehicle may be clamped. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 27th April and to be printed [Bill 79].

6 Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 15, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(3) No regulations under subsection (1) of section 13 shall be made unless a draft of them has been laid before Parliament and approved by a resolution of each House.’.—(Mr Eric Forth.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

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

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Armed Forces Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the expenditure of the Secretary of State in respect of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Constabulary.—(Dr Lewis Moonie.)

8 Armed Forces Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the Armed Forces Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 9th January:

Completion of remaining stages

1. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House and on consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting.

Committee of the whole House

2. The Bill, as amended in the Select Committee, shall be considered in Committee of the whole House in the following order, namely, Clauses 1 to 17; Schedule 1; Clauses 18 and 19; Schedule 2; Clauses 20 to 22; Schedule 3; Clauses 23 to 29; Schedule 4; Clauses
30 to 32, Schedule 5; Clauses 33 and 34; Schedule 6; Clauses 35 and 36; Schedule 7; Clauses 37 to 40; Schedule 8; Clause 41; new Clauses; new Schedules.

3. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at half past Nine o’clock.

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Any proceedings on consideration, and proceedings on Third Reading, shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at half past Ten o’clock.

Programming Committees

5. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House or on consideration and Third Reading.

Consideration of Lords Amendments and further messages from the Lords

6. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any motion to vary or supplement this order for the purpose of allocating time to proceedings on consideration of any Lords amendments, or on any further messages from the Lords, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith—(Dr Lewis Moonie);

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Kevin Hughes: 282.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Owen Paterson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 134.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Armed Forces Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 9th January:

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9 Armed Forces Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Armed Forces Bill, as amended in the Select Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 to 17 agreed to.
Schedule No. 1 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 18 and 19 agreed to.
Schedule No. 2 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 20 to 22 agreed to.
Schedule No. 3 agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 23 to 29 agreed to.
Schedule No. 4 agreed to.
Clause No. 30 agreed to.
Clause No. 31 (Extension of jurisdiction)

Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 32, line 11, after the word ‘operation’, to insert
the words ‘except in matters relating to a serious crime or police raid’.—(Mr Robert Key.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 32, line 13, after the word ‘privileges’,
to insert the words ‘, and be subject to the code of conduct and disciplinary
procedures.’.—(Mr Quentin Davies.)

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

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

It being half-past Nine o'clock, the Chairman put the Question already proposed from
the Chair, pursuant to Order [7th November 2000 and this day].

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Ian Pearson: 308.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Gray, Mr Owen Paterson: 128.

Clause agreed to.

The Chairman proceeded to put the remaining questions necessary to bring
proceedings in Committee to a conclusion.

Clause No. 32 agreed to.

Schedule No. 5 (Amendments relating to Ministry of Defence Police)

Amendment (No. 8) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 33 and 34, Schedule No. 6, Clauses Nos. 35 and 36, Schedule No. 7,
Clauses Nos. 37 to 40, Schedule No. 8 and Clause No. 41 agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

The House, according to Order [this day], proceeded to consider the Bill, as amended
in the Committee.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;
And it being half-past Ten o'clock, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order
[7th November and this day].

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

10 Election Publications Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading
of the Election Publications Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time to-morrow.

11 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Northern
Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 ( Amnesty Period) Order 2001, which was laid
before this House on 27th March, be approved.—(Mr Adam Ingram).

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged,
the Division was deferred till Wednesday 4th April, pursuant to Order [7th November].

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 (Public Houses and Petrol Filling Stations) (England) Order
2001, which was laid before this House on 26th March, be approved.—(Mr Kevin
Hughes):—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. 80) on 2001–02 Special Grant for Rate Relief in respect of Hardship Caused by Foot and Mouth Disease (House of Commons Paper No. 361), which was laid before this House on 27th March, be approved—(Mr Kevin Hughes)—It was agreed to.

14 Olive Oil,—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 the European Union Document No. 9431/00, Special Report No. 11/2000 of the Court of Auditors on the support scheme for olive oil, and supports the Government’s aim of pressing for further reform of the regime to reduce its costs, complexity and opportunities for fraud—(Mr Kevin Hughes)—It was agreed to.

15 Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment,—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. 10802/00, draft directives on waste electrical and electronic equipment and on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment, notes the Government’s current negotiating line on the Document; and supports the Government’s actions—(Mr Kevin Hughes).

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 4th April, pursuant to Order [7th November].

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16 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Kevin Hughes.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.28 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Police,—Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Registration) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1194), dated 23rd March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

4 Representation of the People,—Elections (Welsh Forms) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1204), dated 27th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Road Traffic,—Community Drivers’ Hours (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1293), dated 30th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 Social Security,—(1) Housing Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1190), and (2) Social Security (Claims and Information and Work-focused Interviews for Lone Parents) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1189) dated 26th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

7 Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 2nd April 2001, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].
   (1) the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s Departments [by Command] [Cm. 5116] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer],
   (2) the Ministry of Defence [by Command] [Cm. 5109] [Mr Secretary Hoon],
   (3) the Foreign and Commonwealth Office [by Command] [Cm. 5110] [Mr Secretary Cook], and
   (4) HM Customs and Excise [by Command] [Cm. 5117] [Dawn Primarolo].

9 Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance,—Account of the Legal Aid Fund (Northern Ireland) for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 396] [Clerk of the House].

10 Public Expenditure,—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure: Statistical Analyses 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5101] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

11 School Standards and Framework,—Account of the Ashington Education Action Zone for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 397] [Clerk of the House].

12 Supply Estimates, 2001–02,—Main Supply Estimates and Summary Request for Supply for Central Government for 2001–02 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 348] [Mr Stephen Timms].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Social Security (Breach of Community Order) Regulations 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr George Stevenson an additional Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Candy Atherton and Mr Doug Henderson from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Jane Griffiths and Joan Walley.

2 Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr David Stewart and Dr Gavin Strang from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Eric Joyce, Mr Jim Murphy and Mr Don Touhig.

3 Draft Relevant Authorities (General Principles) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fabian Hamilton, Dr Doug Naysmith and Dr George Turner from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Martin Linton, Mr Syd Rapson and Mr Neil Turner.

4 Local Government Finance Report (No. 79) on School Standards, Support of Educational Budgets and Costs of Transitional Funding,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Julie Morgan, Dr Desmond Turner and Ms Claire Ward from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Mr Iain Coleman, Mr Martin Caton and Mr Lawrie Quinn.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Ships, Surveys and Inspections]; to be printed [No. 398-i] [Mr David Davis].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Medway Council Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Reason for disagreeing to the Commons Amendment to the Medway Council Bill [Lords], in page 4, line 23, to leave out from ‘business’ to ‘enter’ in line 24.

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendment to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Mr Paul Clark.)

2 Elections Bill.—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Secretary Reid and Mr Mike O’Brien, presented a Bill to postpone local elections in England and Wales and Northern Ireland, to require polls for different elections in Northern Ireland to be taken together if they are to be taken on the same day, and to make consequential provision: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 80].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Elections Bill be printed [Bill 80–EN].

3 Graffiti (Control).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the sale of spray paint to minors; to authorise local authorities to require people subject to community service orders to undertake the removal of graffiti; and for connected purposes: And that Dr Jenny Tonge, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Paul Burstow and Mr Tom Brake do prepare and bring it in.

4 Graffiti (Control) Bill.—Dr Jenny Tonge accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the sale of spray paint to minors; to authorise local authorities to require people subject to community service orders to undertake the removal of graffiti; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th July and to be printed [Bill 81].

5 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in respect of the Elections 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 Charles Clarke);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Greg Pope: 325.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Crispin Blunt: 11.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That, in respect of the Elections 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.

6 International Criminal Court Bill [Lords].—The International Criminal Court Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

7 International Criminal Court Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the International Criminal Court Bill [Lords]:

Standing Committee

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.

3. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 3rd May.

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Nine o’clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Six o’clock on that day.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Ten o’clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o’clock on that day.

6. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Lords Messages

7. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any motion to vary or supplement this order for the purpose of allocating time to proceedings on consideration of any messages from the Lords, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith—(Mr John Battle).

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Clive Betts: 310.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Owen Paterson: 137.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 International Criminal Court Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to International Criminal Court 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 International Criminal Court Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

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

(b) the payment out of such money or the Consolidated Fund of sums in respect of contributions or benefits in respect of judicial pensions arising in connection with the appointment of the holder of a United Kingdom judicial office as a judge of the International Criminal Court;

(c) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act—(Mr David Jamieson)—It was agreed to.

9 Christmas Day (Trading) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Christmas Day (Trading) Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Christmas Day (Trading) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums so payable under any other Act—(Mr Mike O’Brien);

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, 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.

10 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 Relevant Authorities (General Principles) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 26th March, be approved—(Mr David Clelland)—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. 79) on School Standards, Support of Educational Budgets and Costs of Transitional Funding (House of Commons Paper No. 355), which was laid before this House on 26th March, be approved—(Mr David Clelland)—It was agreed to.

12 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 Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 27th March, be approved—(Mr David Clelland)—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 (Breach of Community Order) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 20th March, be approved—(Mr David Clelland),

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [7th November].

14 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 Tuesday 10th April, do adjourn till Monday 23rd April—(Mr David Clelland).—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.15 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Broadcasting.—Draft Broadcasting (Subtitling) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Family Law (Scotland).—Child Support (Civil Imprisonment) (Scotland) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1236), dated 27th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 Housing.—Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1325), dated 2nd April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

4 Housing (Scotland).—Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Scotland) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1326), dated 2nd April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Police.—Police (Recruitment) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 (S.R. (N.I.), 2001, No. 140), dated 3rd April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

6 Social Security.—(1) Housing Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1324), dated 2nd April 2001,

(2) Social Security Pensions (Home Responsibilities) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1265), dated 29th March 2001, and

(3) Social Security (Widow’s Benefit and Retirement Pensions) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1235), dated 28th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling]; and

(4) Tax Credits (New Deal Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1334), dated 3rd April 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

7 Social Security (Northern Ireland).—Tax Credits (New Deal Consequential Amendments) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1333), dated 3rd April 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

8 Financial Reporting to Parliament.—Departmental Report 2001: The Government’s Expenditure Plans for 2001–02 to 2003–04 and Main Estimates for 2001–02 for the Northern Ireland Office [by Command] [Cm. 5122] [Mr Secretary Reid].
9 National Health Service,—(1) Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 20th March 2001 on loans proposed to be raised by—
   (i) Northallerton Health Services National Health Service Trust,
   (ii) North Tees and Hartlepool National Health Service Trust,
   (iii) Pinderfields and Pontefract Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (iv) Priority Healthcare Wearside National Health Service Trust,
   (v) South Tees Acute Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (vi) Tees and North East Yorkshire National Health Service Trust, and
   (vii) Wakefield and Pontefract Community National Health Service Trust
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn];
   (2) Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 26th March 2001 on loans proposed to be raised by—
   (i) Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (ii) Northampton General Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (iii) Portsmouth HealthCare National Health Service Trust,
   (iv) Severn National Health Service Trust, and
   (v) United Bristol Healthcare National Health Service Trust
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn]; and
   (3) Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 30th March 2001 on loans proposed to be raised by—
   (i) Huddersfield Health Care Services National Health Service Trust,
   (ii) Oxfordshire Mental Healthcare National Health Service Trust, and
   (iii) Poole Hospital National Health Service Trust
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

10 National Lottery,—Accounts of the Film Council Lottery Distribution for the period 22nd July 1999 to 31st March 2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 406] [Clerk of the House].

11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [24th May, in the last session of Parliament] from post office users in North-West Leicestershire against closures of sub-post offices [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

12 Regulatory Impact Assessments,—List of Regulatory Impact Assessments for 1st July to 31st December 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 5125] [Marjorie Mowlam].

13 School Standards and Framework,—Account of the Clacton and Harwich Education Action Zone for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 405] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Tenth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Alleged misconduct affecting a witness before the Environment Sub-Committee]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 380] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

2 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Fifth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [European Union Enlargement and Nice Follow-up], 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], and
   (2) Sixth Report from the Committee [Gibraltar], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 319]
   [Mr Donald Anderson].

3 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Parades Commission]; to be printed [No. 120];
   (2) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Relocation following paramilitary intimidation]; to be printed [No. 59]; and
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(3) Papers laid before the Committee [The Parades Commission; Relocation following paramilitary intimidation]

[Mr Peter Brooke].

4 Statutory Instruments,—Thirteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 46-xiii] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 Trade and Industry,—Third Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government’s Response to the First and Second Reports from the Committee, Session 2000–01, on the Work of the Committee in the 1997 Parliament and the Department of Trade and Industry: Role, Objectives and Targets]; to be printed [No. 407] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 65; WH, No. 38.]

Tuesday 3rd April 2001.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 1.58 p.m.]

[No. 66.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Christmas Day (Trading) Bill,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Christmas Day (Trading) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 11th May; and to be printed [Bill 83]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 408].

2 European Standing Committee C,—Mr David Amess reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 10544/00, and welcomes it as a useful framework for the future liberalisation of the postal services sector in the European Union provided appropriate safeguards are in place to maintain the universal postal service at a uniform tariff.

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

3 Street Works,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law in relation to cable companies and other undertakers of street works: And that Julia Drown, Valerie Davey, Mr David Drew, Dr Jenny Tonge, Mr Andrew George, Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Martin Salter, Ms Tess Kingham, Mr Simon Thomas, Jane Griffiths, Mr Jonathan R. Shaw and Mr Tom Brake do prepare and bring it in.

4 Street Works Bill,—Julia Drown accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law in relation to cable companies and other undertakers of street works: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 27th April and to be printed [Bill 82].

5 Elections Bill and Election Publications Bill [Lords] (Allocation of Time),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Elections Bill and the Election Publications Bill [Lords]—

Timing of proceedings on the Elections Bill

1.—(1) On the Elections Bill, proceedings on Second Reading, in Committee and on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting.

(2) Proceedings on Second Reading and in Committee shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at nine o’clock.
(3) Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at ten o’clock.

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.

3.—(1) On the Election Publications Bill [Lords], proceedings on Second Reading, in Committee and on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at eleven o’clock.

(2) 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; and

(b) the Speaker shall leave the Chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

(3) 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

4.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings on either Bill to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1 or 3.

(2) 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 new Schedule, the Chairman or 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 (2)(c) on amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown, or under sub-paragraph (2)(d) in relation to successive provisions of the Bill, the Chairman or Speaker shall instead put a single Question in relation to those amendments, Motions or provisions.

Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Elections Bill

5.—(1) Any Lords Amendments to the Elections 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.

6.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 5.

(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) 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 to the Lords Amendment or (as the case may be) to the Lords 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 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 single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown and relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent stages of the Elections Bill

7.—(1) Any further Message from the Lords on the Elections 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.

8.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 7.

(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 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 for the Elections Bill

9.—(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 in relation to the Elections Bill 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.

(3) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.

(4) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-paragraph (3) the Chairman shall—

(a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair but 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.

(5) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question being put.

Subsequent stages of the Election Publications Bill [Lords]

10.—(1) Any Message (or further Message) from the Lords on the Election Publications Bill [Lords] shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(2) Proceedings on any Message (or further Message) from the Lords shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.
11.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 10.

(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 for the Election Publications Bill [Lords]

12.—(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 in relation to the Election Publications Bill [Lords] 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.

(3) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.

(4) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-paragraph (3) the Chairman shall—

(a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair but 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.

(5) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question being put.

Miscellaneous

13.—(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.

14.—(1) No Motion shall be made to alter the order in which any proceedings of either of the Bills 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 either of the Bills (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.

15. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply to this Order.

16.—(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 any 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 this Order, no notice shall be required of a Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order.

17. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House—(Mr Secretary Straw);

An Amendment ([(a)]) was proposed to the Question, in line 4, to leave out the words ‘in Committee and on Consideration and Third Reading’—(Mr Douglas Hogg.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 185.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Dowd, Mr Greg Pope: 320.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Dowd, Mr Greg Pope: 318.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 179.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Elections Bill and the Election Publications Bill [Lords]—

Timing of proceedings on the Elections Bill

1.—(1) On the Elections Bill, proceedings on Second Reading, in Committee and on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting.

(2) Proceedings on Second Reading and in Committee shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at nine o’clock.

(3) Proceedings on Consideration and Third Reading shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at ten o’clock.

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.

Timing of proceedings on the Election Publications Bill [Lords]

3.—(1) On the Election Publications Bill [Lords], proceedings on Second Reading, in Committee and on Consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting and shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at eleven o’clock.

(2) 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; and

(b) the Speaker shall leave the Chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

(3) 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

4.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings on either Bill to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1 or 3.

(2) 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 new Schedule, the Chairman or Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.
Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Elections Bill

5.—(1) Any Lords Amendments to the Elections 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.

6.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 5.

(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) 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 to the Lords Amendment or (as the case may be) to the Lords 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 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 single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown and relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent stages of the Elections Bill

7.—(1) Any further Message from the Lords on the Elections 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.

8.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 7.

(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 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 for the Elections Bill

9.—(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 in relation to the Elections Bill 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.

(3) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.
(4) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-
paragraph (3) the Chairman shall—

(a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair but
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.

(5) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question
being put.

Subsequent stages of the Election Publications Bill [Lords]

10.—(1) Any Message (or further Message) from the Lords on the Election
Publications Bill [Lords] shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(2) Proceedings on any Message (or further Message) from the Lords shall, if not
previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

11.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a
conclusion in accordance with paragraph 10.

(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 for the Election Publications Bill [Lords]

12.—(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 in relation to the Election Publications Bill [Lords] 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.

(3) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be
brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.

(4) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-
paragraph (3) the Chairman shall—

(a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair but
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.

(5) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question
being put.

Miscellaneous

13.—(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.

14.—(1) No Motion shall be made to alter the order in which any proceedings on either
of the Bills 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 either of the Bills (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.
15. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply to this Order.

16. — (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 any 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 this Order, no notice shall be required of a Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order.

17. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

6 Elections Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Elections Bill;

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

And it being Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day]:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Further proceedings on the Bill stood postponed, pursuant to Order [this day].

7 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the divisions which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Order of the House [7th November]:

Northern Ireland,—That the draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 27th March, be approved.

Ayes: 350.

Noes: 9.

So the Question was agreed to.

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment,—That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 10802/00, draft directives on waste electrical and electronic equipment and on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment; notes the Government’s current negotiating line on the Document; and supports the Government’s actions.

Ayes: 346.

Noes: 126.

So the Question was agreed to.

Social Security,—That the draft Social Security (Breach of Community Order) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 20th March, be approved.

Ayes: 435.

Noes: 38.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Elections Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Elections 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 Elections Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment;

(b) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of the Secretary of State’s expenditure under any provision of the Act relating to compensation—(Mr David Jamieson):—It was agreed to.
9 Elections Bill.—The House, pursuant to Order [this day], resolved itself into a Committee on the Elections Bill.

(In the Committee)

It being after Nine o’clock, the Chairman put the Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Amendments (Nos. 21 to 23) made.

The Chairman then put the remaining Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2, 3, as amended, 4 to 8 and Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Bill, as amended, to be reported.

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

The House, according to Order [this day], proceeded to consider the Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Clause (Further postponement of elections until foot and mouth disease under control)—(Mr Nick Hawkins)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;

And it being Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr James Gray, Mr Peter Luff: 120.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Clive Betts: 336.

So the Question was negatived.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

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

10 Election Publications Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Election Publications Bill [Lords].

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

And it being Eleven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr David Jamieson: 327.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Christopher Chope: 4.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

The House, pursuant to Order [this day], immediately resolved itself into a Committee on the Election Publications Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

It being after Eleven o’clock, the Chairman put the Question necessary for the conclusion of proceedings in Committee.

Question put, That Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr David Jamieson: 314.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Christopher Chope: 2.

Bill to be reported, without Amendment.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Don Touhig reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Question put, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Kevin Hughes: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Christopher Chope: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

11 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the National Federation for the Blind and others for measures to protect blind and partially-sighted pedestrians from cyclists was presented and read; 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 Kevin Hughes);

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

[Adjourned at 12.06 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals,—Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export of Vehicles) (Disinfection of Tyres) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1352), dated 4th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

2 Education,—(1) Bretton Hall Higher Education Corporation (Dissolution) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1340), dated 30th March 2001, and


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


[by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling]; and

(3) Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 5) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1351), dated 3rd April 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

6 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 5) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1350), dated 3rd April 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

7 Coroners,—Suffolk (Coroners’ Districts) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1220), dated 26th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

8 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the First Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2000–01, on the Annual Report on Human Rights 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 5129] [Mr Secretary Cook].
9 Miscellaneous (No. 7, 2001),—Agreement, done at the Hague on 26th October 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons on the Privileges and Immunities of the OPCW, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5099] [Mr Secretary Cook].

10 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Account of the United Kingdom Central Council 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. 379] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

11 Security and Intelligence Agencies,—Financial Statement of the Security and Intelligence Agencies for 1999-2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5059] [Mr Stephen Timms].

12 Treaty Series (No. 19, 2001),—Agreement, done at Tokyo on 29th February 2000, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Japan on Social Security [by Command] [Cm. 5097] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Private Security Industry Bill [Lords]:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Mr Nicholas Winterton and Mr Joe Benton Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr John Bercow, Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr Bruce George, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Simon Hughes, Jane Kennedy, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Colin Pickthall, Bridget Prentice, Mr Keith Simpson, Dr Phyllis Starkey, Mr Ian Stewart, Mr Gareth R. Thomas, Mr Neil Turner and Ms Rosie Winterton.

2 Private Security Industry Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Charles Clarke, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Ian Stewart and Mr Gareth R. Thomas members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

3 National Lottery (Amendment) Bill:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee C, and has appointed Mr Bowen Wells Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Tony Clarke, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr John Greenway, Mr Ivan Henderson, Kate Hoey, Mr John MacGregor, Mr Robert Maclean, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr David Prior, Bob Russell, Mrs Gillian Shephard, Mr Gareth R. Thomas, Dr George Turner, Ms Claire Ward, Mr Anthony D. Wright and Derek Wyatt.

4 International Criminal Court Bill [Lords]:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D, and has appointed Mr Frank Cook Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr John Battle, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Desmond Browne, Mr Solicitor General, Mr Stephen Day, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mrs Lorna Fitzsimons, Mr Mike Gapes, Mr Edward Garnier, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Mark Hendrick, Mr Gerald Howarth, Ms Oona King, Mr David Lammy, Mr Robert Maclellan, Mr Tony McNulty, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Mark Oaten and Mr Tony Worthington.

5 International Criminal Court Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Battle, Mr Stephen Day, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mrs Lorna Fitzsimons, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Robert Maclean and Mr Tony McNulty members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

6 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) 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 sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Roy Beggs, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Jamie Cann, Mr Tony Clarke, Yvette Cooper, Marta Eagle, Dr Ian Gibson, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Ivan Henderson, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Andy King, Mr Bill Olner, Ms Debra Shipley, Mr John M. Taylor and Mr Anthony D. Wright.
European Standing Committees

7 European Union Document No. 5619/01, relating to a strategy for energy supply, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, on Badgers and Bovine Tuberculosis: Follow-up]; to be printed [No. 409];

(2) Fifth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, on Organic Farming]; to be printed [No. 410];

(3) Sixth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, on Horticulture Research International]; to be printed [No. 411]; and

(4) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Government Research into Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies and Intensive Farming] [Mr David Curry].

2 Defence,—Sixth Report from the Defence Committee [The Strategic Defence Review: The Reserve Forces], 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. 412] [Mr Bruce George].

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. 28-xi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Public Accounts,—(1) Sixteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The National Blood Service]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 207]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Educating and Training the Future Health Professional Workforce for England]; to be printed [No. 414-i] [Mr David Davis].

5 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [The Government’s Annual Report 1999–2000]; to be printed [No. 413-i] [Tony Wright].

[No. 66; WH, No. 39.]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 Kevin Hughes);

And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
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 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 Thursday 26th April.

2 Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill [Lords].—Mr Bill O'Brien reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Special Educational Needs and Disability 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. 415].

3 Air Travellers (Provision of Health Information) Bill,—The Order for reading the Air Travellers (Provision of Health Information) Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 11th May.

4 Business of the House,—Ordered, That—

(1) at the sitting on Monday 9th April, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any messages from the Lords shall have been received;

(2) at the sitting on Tuesday 10th April—

(a) the provisions of the Order of 20th November 2000 relating to Thursday sittings and meetings of standing committees shall apply as if that day were a Thursday;

(b) there shall be no sittings in Westminster Hall;

(c) the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any messages from the Lords shall have been received and he shall have notified the Royal Assent to Acts agreed upon by both Houses.—(Paddy Tipping.)

5 Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Review of orders)—(Mr Andrew Lansley)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 9, to leave out ' (a) '.—(Mr Andrew Lansley.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And it being Six o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question necessary to bring proceedings on consideration to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [19th March].

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

6 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.

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.25 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3. Customs and Excise,—Dual-Use Items (Export Control) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1344), dated 2nd April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

   (2) Education (Teachers' Qualifications and Health Standards) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1391), and
   (3) Teacher Training Agency (Additional Functions) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1392),
   dated 4th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Other Papers:

7. Armed Forces' Pay,—Supplement to the Thirtieth Report of the Armed Forces' Pay Review Body: Service Medical and Dental Officers [by Command] [Cm. 4994] [The Prime Minister].


9. School Standards and Framework,— Account of the Barrow Community Education Action Zone for the period 1st January to 31st March 2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 417] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

International Development,— Memorandum laid before the International Development Committee [Corruption] [Mr Bowen Wells].

[No. 67; WH, No. 40.]

Thursday 5th April 2001.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment (Renewable Energy),— Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.— (Mr Greg Pope.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 24th April.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Children’s Rights Commissioner Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Children’s Rights Commissioner Bill;
   And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time.—The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.
   Bill withdrawn.

2 Employee Consultation Rights Bill.—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That the Employee Consultation Rights 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 15th June.

3 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 11th May.

4 Fixed-Term Parliaments Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Fixed-Term Parliaments Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th July.

5 Standards and Privileges (Independent Appeals Body) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Standards and Privileges (Independent Appeals Body) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th April.

6 Siting of Telecommunications Masts Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Siting of Telecommunications Masts Bill;
   Ordered,That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th April.

7 Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd February, That the Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill be now read a second time;
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 27th April.

8 Electricity Act 1989 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Electricity Act 1989 (Amendment) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th April.

9 Patient Consent Form Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Patient Consent Form Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 18th May.

10 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th April.

11 Rail Passenger Services Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Rail Passenger Services Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th April.

12 Climate Change Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Climate Change Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 27th April.

13 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 9th April.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Overseas Development and Co-operation,—Draft Asian Development Bank (Seventh Replenishment of the Asian Development Fund) Order 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Clare Short].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 County Courts,—(1) Enforcement of Road Traffic Debts (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1386), and (2) High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1387), dated 30th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

3 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1388), dated 30th March 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

Other Papers:


5 County Courts,—County Court Fees (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1385), dated 4th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

6 Merchant Shipping,—Report for 2000 of the Maritime and Coastguard Agency of Prosecutions under Part VI, Chapter II, Sections 131 and 137 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

7 Treaty Series (No. 136, 2000),—Fourth Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 5128] [Mr Secretary Cook].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Social Security Fraud Bill [Lords].—Mr John Maxton reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Social Security Fraud 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. 423].

2 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   The Lords have agreed to the Elections Bill, without Amendment.
   The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Regulatory Reform Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

3 Finance Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance Bill;
   A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time;
   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Mike Hall: 319.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 175.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

4 Finance Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the following provisions shall apply to the Finance Bill:—

   Committee

   1.—(1) Clauses 1 to 3 and 16 to 53 and Schedules 4 to 11 shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
   (2) The remainder of the Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

   2.—(1) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be completed in two allotted days.
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(5) On that allotted day, any period during which proceedings on the Bill may be proceeded with after ten o’clock (or, if that day is Thursday, seven o’clock) by virtue of paragraph (4) or (5) of Sessional Order I (provision in the event of a debate under Standing Order No. 24) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall be in addition to that period of two hours.

(6) Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House.

(7) An allotted day is one on which the Bill is put down as first Government Order of the day.

3.—(1) The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.

(2) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 24th May 2001.

4. 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 shall be proceeded with as if it had been reported as a whole to the House from the Standing Committee—(Dawn Primarolo);

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November 2000].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Mike Hall: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Owen Paterson, Mr Stephen Day: 158.

So the Question was agreed to.

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5 Adoption and Children Bill.—Ordered, That Mrs Liz Blackman, Mr Julian Brazier, Ann Coffey, Caroline Flint, Sandra Gidley, Mrs Lin Golding, Mr David Hinchliffe, Mr John Hutton, Mr Jonathan R. Shaw, Mrs Caroline Spelman, Mr Desmond Swayne and Ms Dari Taylor be members of the Select Committee on the Adoption and Children Bill.

That three be the Quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records.

That the Committee have power to adjourn from place to place.

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers, either to supply information which is not readily available or elucidate matters of complexity relating to the provisions of the Adoption and Children Bill.—(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-one minutes to Twelve o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.39 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (School Organisation Proposals) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1405), dated 3rd April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Electoral Commission,—Electoral Commission (Limit on Public Awareness Expenditure) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1329), dated 22nd March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Immigration,—(1) Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (Part V exemption: educational institutions and health sector bodies) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1403), and

(2) Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (Part V exemption: eligible voluntary bodies and relevant employers) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1393),
dated 5th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

4 Patents,—Patents (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1412), dated 9th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


Other Papers:

6 Greenwich Hospital,—Accounts of the Greenwich Hospital and Travers Foundation for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 418] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund,—Report by the Government Actuary on the Valuation of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund as at 1st April 1999 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 340] [Clerk of the House].

8 Reserve Forces,—Report 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].
Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights, —Second Special Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [ Implementation of the Human Rights Act 1998 ], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, to be printed [ No. 332-I & II ] [ Jean Corston ].

2 Public Accounts, —Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [ The Channel Tunnel Rail Link ]; to be printed [ No. 422-I ] [ Mr David Davis ].

Tuesday 10th April 2001.

The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock, pursuant to Order [ 5th April ].

PRAYERS.

1 Secret Societies (Registration of Membership) Bill, — Ordered, That the Secret Societies (Registration of Membership) Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th May.

2 Royal Assent, — The Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses, and to the following Measure passed under the provisions of the Church of England (Assembly Powers) Act 1919:

- Vehicles (Crime) Act 2001
- Criminal Defence Service (Advice and Assistance) Act 2001
- Election Publications Act 2001
- Regulatory Reform Act 2001
- Elections Act 2001
- Kent County Council Act 2001
- Medway Council Act 2001

Churchwardens Measure 2001.

3 Crystal Palace Bill, — Mr Geraint Davies, supported by Mr Stephen Twigg and Ms Oona King, presented a Bill to transfer the Crystal Palace and Park to the Greater London Authority; to restrict commercial uses of the said land; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th May and to be printed [ Bill 84 ].

4 Regulation of Debt Management and Credit Repair Services, — Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Consumer Credit Act 1974 to give the Director General of Fair Trading a duty to establish a Code of Practice for traders who offer consumers the services of debt management and credit repair; and for connected purposes: And that Mr David Amess, Mr David Atkinson, Mr Richard Burden, Mr Simon Burns, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Roger Gale, Mrs Linda Gilroy, Mr Mike Hancock, Ms Oona King, Mrs Marion Roe, Mr Alan Simpson and Mr David Wilshire do prepare and bring it in.

5 Regulation of Debt Management and Credit Repair Services Bill, — Mr David Amess accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Consumer Credit Act 1974 to give the Director General of Fair Trading a duty to establish a Code of Practice for traders who offer consumers the services of debt management and credit repair; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 27th April and to be printed [ Bill 85 ].

6 International Development Bill (Programme) (No. 2), — A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That in the Order of 6th March (International Development Bill (Programme)) the following be substituted for paragraphs 4 and 5—

4. Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting.
5. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Three o’clock.

5A. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Four o’clock—(Mr Chris Mullin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr David Jamieson: 244.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Edward Leigh: 75.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That in the Order of 6th March (International Development Bill (Programme)) the following be substituted for paragraphs 4 and 5—

4. Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting.

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7 International Development Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the International Development Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Reduction in poverty: aid given through third parties)—(Mr Gary Streeter)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Three o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question necessary to bring proceedings on consideration to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [this day].

Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

8 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 Ian Pearson);

And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to Order [5th April].

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 23rd April, pursuant to Order [3rd April].

[Adjourned at 7.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].


3 International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft Advisory Centre on WTO Law (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Education,—Education (School Day and School Year) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1429), dated 9th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
   [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

7 Health and Safety.—Transportable Pressure Vessels Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1426), dated 9th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 Magistrates’ Courts.—Inner London Court Staff Pensions (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1425), dated 10th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].

9 National Health Service.—National Health Service (Pension Scheme and Additional Voluntary Contributions) (Pension Sharing) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1428), dated 9th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

10 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Southend-on-Sea) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1427), dated 9th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

11 Commonwealth Development.—Report and Accounts of CDC Group plc for 2000 [by Command] [Secretary Clare Short].

12 Competition Commission.—Report by the Competition Commission on the merger situation of Icopal Holdings A/S and Icopal a/s [by Command] [Cm. 5089] [Mr Secretary Byers].

13 Fire Services.—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Fire Services for 1999–2000 [by Command] [Cm. 5100] [Mr Secretary Straw].

14 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Regulating housing associations’ management of financial risk [by Act]; to be printed [No. 399] [Clerk of the House].

15 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Social Security on the Petition [19th March] from the Kilmarnock Forum on Disability for a review of eligibility for the winter fuel payment [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].


17 Treasury.—Departmental Minute from HM Treasury dated 10th April 2001 concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for former members of the Insurance Brokers Registration Council and its statutory committees against personal civil liability claims [by Command] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Finance Bill (except Clauses 1 to 3 and 16 to 53 and Schedules 4 to 11):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Dr Michael Clark and Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated thirty-two Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Andrew F. Bennett, Mr Malcolm Bruce, Mr John Burnett, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr James Clappison, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Jim Dobbin, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Howard Flight, Mr John Healey, Mr Mark Hendrick, Mr Michael Jack, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr David Lammy, Mr Oliver Letwin, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Alun Michael, Mr Richard Ottaway, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Nick St. Aubyn, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr David Taylor, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr Andrew Tyrie.

2 International Criminal Court Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mark Oaten a member of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D, nominated in respect of the International Criminal Court Bill [Lords], in place of Mr Robert Maclean.
3 Draft Asian Development Bank (Seventh Replenishment of the Asian Development Fund) Order 2001:

(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 Tom Clarke, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Win Griffiths, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr Andrew Love, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Ted Rowlands, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Mr Keith Simpson, Dr Jenny Tonge, Mr David Tredinnick, Mr Michael Trend and Mr Dennis Turner.

4 Draft Broadcasting (Subtitling) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Peter L. Pike Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Janet Anderson, Norman Baker, Mrs Janet Dean, Jim Dowd, Mr Ronnie Fearn, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr John Greenway, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Fiona Maclaggart, Mr Peter Mandelson, Mr Owen Paterson, Mr Allan Rogers, Joan Ruddock, Mr Marsha Singh, Sir Teddy Taylor and Mr Peter Viggers.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations 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 Richard Allan, Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Colin Burgen, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Doug Henderson, Alice Mahon, Estelle Morris, Mr John Randall, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr David Ruffley, Rachel Squire, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Dr Desmond Turner and Mr Phil Willis.

6 Education (Student Support) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 951):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Clive Betts, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Dale Campbell-Savours, Mr Geraint Davies, Mr Jim Dobbin, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr Frank Field, Dr Evan Harris, Ms Julie Morgan, Mr Patrick Nicholls, Mr John Randall, Mr Andrew Robathan, Dr George Turner, Dr Alan Whitehead, Mr Malcolm Wicks and Mr Phil Willis.

European Standing Committees

7 The Speaker has appointed Sir David Madel Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 14329/00, relating to European Aviation Safety Agency.

8 The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 11529/00, relating to Community Immigration Policy.

9 The Speaker has appointed Mr George Stevenson Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 13119/00, relating to a common asylum procedure and a uniform status for persons granted asylum.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

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

2 Finance Bill (Clauses 1 to 3 and 16 to 53 and Schedules 4 to 11) [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses 1 to 3 and 16 to 53 and Schedules 4 to 11).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 16 (Change to aggregates levy).

Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 12, line 25, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) Prior to the commencement date, the Treasury shall publish a scheme of rebates to those persons charged with the levy proportionate to the environmental protection measures employed by that person in the process of commercial exploitation of aggregate, and such a scheme shall have effect on the commencement date.’.—(Mr David Heath.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Bob Russell: 149.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 268.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed, in page 12, line 31, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(4A) The first 250,000 tonnes of taxable output per taxable person in each accounting period shall be exempt from the levy; and for the purposes of this subsection, where a taxable person carries on business in partnership, that partnership shall be the taxable person for the purposes of the exemption.’.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

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

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

And it being Seven o’clock, the Chairman, pursuant to Order [9th April and 7th November 2000] put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Stephen Day: 126.

The Chairman then put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on Clauses Nos. 16 to 22.

Question put, That Clauses Nos. 17 to 22 stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Stephen Day: 123.

Clauses Nos. 23 and 24 agreed to.

Schedule No. 4 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 25 to 27 agreed to.

Schedule No. 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 28 agreed to.

Schedule No. 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 29 agreed to.

Schedule No. 7 agreed to.

Clause No. 30 (Credit for aggregates levy).

Question proposed, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
And it being Nine o’clock, the Chairman, pursuant to Order [9th April and 7th November 2000] put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 31 and 32 agreed to.

Schedule No. 8 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 33 to 35 agreed to.

Schedule No. 9 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 36 to 39 agreed to.

Clause No. 40 (Review of Commissioners’ decisions).

Amendment (No. 22) proposed, in page 33, line 33, to leave out the word ‘confirmed’, and insert the word ‘revoked’.—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 41 to 46 agreed to.

Schedule No. 10 agreed to.

Clause No. 47 agreed to.

Clause No. 48 (Interpretation of Part).

Amendment (No. 26) proposed, in page 38, line 25, at the end, to insert the words ‘except that, when any tangible moveable property which would not be regarded as aggregate for the purposes of this Part is imported, it shall be aggregate to the extent determined in regulations by the Commissioners.’—(Mr Richard Ottaway.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee proceeded to a Division.

Tuesday 24th April 2001

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen Day, Mr Owen Paterson: 137.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mrs Anne McGuire: 255.

And it being after midnight, the Chairman, pursuant to Order [9th April and 7th November 2000] put forthwith the questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings to be concluded at that hour.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 49 agreed to.

The Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Tony McNulty reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again this day.

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.37 a.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 on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

Wednesday 11th April 2001

1 Treaty Series (No. 20, 2001).—Amending Protocol, done at Darmstadt on 5th June 1991, entitled Amendments to the Convention for the Establishment of a European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT) of 24th May 1983 [Cm. 5130] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Thursday 12th April 2001

3 Treaty Series (No. 22, 2001),—Document Agreed, agreed at Vienna on 31st May 1996, among the States Parties to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe of 19th November 1990 [Cm. 5132] [Mr Secretary Cook].

4 Treaty Series (No. 23, 2001),—Agreement, done at Bridgetown on 23rd June 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Barbados concerning Air Services [Cm. 5133] [Mr Secretary Cook].

Friday 20th April 2001

5 Treaty Series (No. 24, 2001),—Agreement, done at London on 29th October 1997, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Panama concerning Air Services [Cm. 5134] [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 11th April 2001

6 Immigration,—Immigration (Restrictions on Employment) (Code of Practice) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1436), dated 7th April 2001 [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 Legal Services Commission,—Criminal Defence Service (General) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1437), dated 11th April 2001 [Mr David Lock].

Thursday 12th April 2001


9 Employment Tribunals (Scotland),—Employment Tribunals (Constitution and Rules of Procedure) (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1460), dated 11th April 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].

10 Environmental Protection,—Waste (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1478), dated 12th April 2001 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Tuesday 17th April 2001

11 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1481), dated 17th April 2001 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Wednesday 18th April 2001


Friday 20th April 2001

13 Animals,—(1) Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export of Vehicles) (Disinfection of Tyres) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1499), and

(2) Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 6) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1502), dated 19th April 2001 [Mr Nicholas Brown].
Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 23rd April:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

14 Constitutional Law,—(1) Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001, and

(2) draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2001

[by Act] [Mrs Secretary Liddell]

15 Criminal Law,—Draft Sex Offenders (Notice Requirements) (Foreign Travel) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

16 Northern Ireland,—Draft Financial Investigations (Northern Ireland) Order 2001, together with statements by the Northern Ireland Office and a report of the Northern Ireland Assembly [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

17 Representation of the People,—(1) Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw];

(2) draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid]; and

(3) draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


19 Education,—(1) Thurrock and Basildon College (Government) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1507), and

(2) Thurrock and Basildon College (Incorporation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1497), dated 17th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

20 Food,—Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Marking of Meat and Meat Products) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1512), dated 20th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

Other Papers:

21 Fair Trading,—Report of the Director General of Fair Trading for 2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 419] [Mr Secretary Byers].

22 Health,—Department of Health Minute, dated 23rd April 2001, concerning a contingent liability in respect of possible legal action against the Chairman, Counsel, Solicitor, Secretariat and expert professional advisers to the independent statutory inquiry into the circumstances leading to and surrounding the death of Victoria Climbie [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

23 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Financial Management of the European Union,

(2) Purchasing Professional Services, and

(3) The Implementation of the National Probation Service Information Systems Strategy

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 402, 400 and 401] [Clerk of the House].

24 National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 10th April 2001 on loans proposed to be raised by West Hampshire National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

25 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the Petition [27th March] from residents of Torridge and West Devon opposing discrimination by the broadcasting authorities against religious bodies [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Finance Bill (except Clauses 1 to 3 and 16 to 53 and Schedules 4 to 11) (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Graham Allen, Mr Edward Davey, Mr John Healey, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Alun Michael, Mr Richard Ottaway and Dawn Primarolo members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—Seventh Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, on the Work of the Forestry Commission]; to be printed [No. 425]; and
2 Human Rights,—First Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Criminal Justice and Police Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 427] [Jean Corsten].
3 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Tackling Obesity in England]; to be printed [No. 426-i] [Mr David Davis].

Tuesday 24th April 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Protection from Smoking (Employees and Young Persons),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require employers to reduce or eliminate the exposure of their employees to passive smoking in the workplace; to protect children and young persons from such exposure in public places; and for connected purposes: and that David Taylor, Mr Kevin Barron, Mrs Liz Blackman, Mr Ian Davidson, Mrs Janet Dean, Dr Ian Gibson, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Andrew Reed, John Robertson, Dr Phyllis Starkey and Dr Howard Stoate do prepare and bring it in.

2 Protection from Smoking (Employees and Young Persons),—David Taylor accordingly presented a Bill to require employers to reduce or eliminate the exposure of their employees to passive smoking in the workplace; to protect children and young persons from such exposure in public places, and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 8th June and to be printed [Bill 86].

3 Finance Bill (Clauses 1 to 3 and 16 to 53 and Schedules 4 to 11) [2nd allotted day],—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses 1 to 3 and 16 to 53 and Schedules 4 to 11).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Rates of duty on hydrocarbon oil).

Amendment (No. 27) proposed, in page 1, line 18, to leave out ‘£0.4582,’ and insert ‘£0.4392’—(Mr Alex Salmond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Dafydd Wigley, Mr Simon Thomas: 129.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Greg Pope, Mr David Jamieson: 287.
Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 1, line 21, to leave out ‘14th June 2001’ and insert ‘5th April 2002’.—(Mr James Clappison.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr James Gray, Mr Keith Simpson: 126.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Ian Pearson: 324.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed, in page 2, line 3, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(3A) The rate of excise duty for biodiesel and bioethanol when used as road transport fuels, shall be 33p per litre below the rate fixed for ultra low sulphur diesel as defined by the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979’.—(Mr A. J. Beith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Bob Russell: 162.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Ian Pearson: 286.

And it being after Seven o’clock, the Chairman, pursuant to Order [9th April and 7th November 2000], put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on Clauses Nos. 1 to 3.

Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 agreed to.
Clause No. 50 (Charge and rates for 2001-02).

Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 41, line 15, to leave out ‘10%’ and insert ‘0%’.—(Mr Matthew Taylor.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Steve Webb, David Heath: 41.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Ian Pearson: 281.

Clause agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 51 to 53 agreed to.
Schedule No. 11 agreed to.
Bill (Clauses 1 to 3 and 16 to 53 and Schedules 4 to 11) to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Graham Allen reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses 1 to 3 and 16 to 53 and Schedules 4 to 11), and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill (Clauses 1 to 3 and 16 to 53 and Schedules 4 to 11) do lie upon the Table.

4 Road Traffic (S.I., 2001, No. 561).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 561), dated 26th February 2001, a copy of which was laid before the House on 28th February, be revoked—(Mr Robert Syms);

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 Motion relating to the Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations may be proceeded with, though opposed, until half-past Eleven o’clock—(Mr Ian Pearson).—It was agreed to.

6 Road Traffic (S.I., 2001, No. 561).—The Question being again proposed, That the Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 561), dated 26th February 2001, a copy of which was laid before the House on 28th February, be revoked;

And the Question being put;
And the Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [7th November 2000].
7 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from constituents of Bury St Edmunds calling for St George’s Day to be celebrated as a national bank holiday in England was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.51 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 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1520), and
   (2) Royal Navy Terms of Service (Ratings) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1521),
   dated 19th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].


Other Papers:

4 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Transport and the Regions on—
   (1) the Petition [28th March] from people of Shrewsbury and others in support of a planning application for Shrewsbury Town Football Club; and
   (2) the Petition [4th April] from the National Federation for the Blind and others for measures to protect blind and partially-sighted pedestrians from cyclists
   [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Finance Bill (except Clauses 1 to 3 and 16 to 53 and Schedules 4 to 11),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Adoption and Children Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Adoption and Children Bill; to be printed [No 431-i][Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2001]; to be printed [Nos. 428-i-ii and -iii][Mr Donald Anderson].

3 Scottish Affairs,—First Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Drinks Industry in Scotland: Issues and Concerns]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 114][Mr David Marshall]

4 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Fourteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 46-xiv]; and
   (2) Second Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 288-ii]
   [Mr David Tredinnick].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Mike Hall.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 73.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 National Lottery (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Bowen Wells reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the National Lottery (Amendment) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 11th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 436].

2 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill,—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 27th April, and to be printed [Bill 89].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 440].

3 European Standing Committee A,—Sir David Madel reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 14329/00, a draft Council Regulation on establishing common rules in the field of civil aviation and creating a European Aviation Safety Agency; considers that the establishment of a high uniform level of aviation safety in the Community can best be achieved by the establishment and implementation of common rules which are developed and monitored centrally; agrees that the operation of the single market would also be improved by the establishment of a Community body for the certification of aeronautical products; supports the Government's position that the model mapped out in the draft Regulation could provide the building blocks to meet these objectives by improving the present European safety regulation system, the key elements being that the Agency is endowed with the necessary powers and sufficient autonomy to exercise its responsibilities, to attract high quality staff and to make certification decisions efficiently and effectively; and supports the Government's intention to press for this approach in the EU.

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

4 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Roger Gale reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 11529/00, a Commission Communication on a Community immigration policy; and supports the Government's active participation in the debate on the Communication and the Government’s intention to ensure that the UK’s immigration policies are broadly in line with those of other Member States, whilst retaining domestic control over immigration policy and avoiding measures that could undermine the integrity of the UK’s frontier controls.

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

5 Extension of Summer Time Bill,—Mr Nigel Beard, supported by Mr Adrian Bailey, Mrs Liz Blackman, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Howard Flight, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr David Kidney, Mr Giles Radice, Mr Syd Rapson, Sir Michael Spicer and Mr Andrew Tyrie presented a Bill to amend the Summer Time Act 1972 so as to provide for the maintenance of British Summer Time throughout the year. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th May and to be printed [Bill 87].
6 Age Equality Commission.—Ordered, 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: And that Mr Lawrie Quinn, Mr Austin Mitchell, Ann Keen, Mr Jim Dobbin, Ms Dari Taylor, Mr Alan Campbell, Angela Smith, Mr Richard Allan, Ms Rosie Winterton, Mr Paul Burstow and Mr Bob Blizzard do prepare and bring it in.

7 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 11th May and to be printed [Bill 88].

8 Opposition Day [8th 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.

The Rural Economy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that the current foot and mouth crisis has impacted upon a wide range of rural businesses and services, affecting almost every aspect of rural life; further notes that foot and mouth has hit a countryside already in decline as a result of years of neglect under successive Governments; urges Her Majesty’s Government to provide realistic emergency support to the whole range of businesses affected by this crisis; and calls on the Government to put in place long-term policies to regenerate British agriculture and to revitalise the rural economy as a whole—(Mr Colin Breed);

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 current foot and mouth crisis has impacted upon a wide range of rural businesses and services, affecting many aspects of rural life; further notes that foot and mouth has hit a countryside that has suffered from lack of investment under previous governments; agrees that the first priority must be the isolation, control and eradication of foot and mouth disease; endorses the Government’s commitment to rural communities as set out in the Rural White Paper and the England Rural Development Programme; welcomes the extra financial help the Government has made available to farmers and rural businesses affected by foot and mouth, including agrimoney compensation for livestock farmers and the Livestock Welfare (Disposal) Scheme; welcomes the work of the Rural Task Force including its work to open up the countryside and business relief, deferral of tax and national insurance contributions, extension of the small firms loan guarantee scheme and new grants to Regional Development Agencies and tourism authorities; and calls on the Government to continue putting in place the long-term policies needed to regenerate British agriculture and revitalise the rural economy as a whole’, instead thereof.—(Ms Joyce Quin)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Sir Robert Smith: 43.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Mike Hall: 305.

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 current foot and mouth crisis has impacted upon a wide range of rural businesses and services, affecting many aspects of rural life; further notes that foot and mouth has hit a countryside that has suffered from lack of investment under previous governments; agrees that the first priority must be the isolation, control and eradication of foot and mouth disease; endorses the Government’s commitment to rural communities as set out in the Rural White Paper and the England Rural Development Programme; welcomes the extra financial help the Government has made available to farmers and rural businesses affected by foot and mouth, including agrimoney compensation for livestock farmers and the Livestock Welfare (Disposal) Scheme; welcomes the work of the Rural Task Force including its work to open up the countryside and business relief, deferral of tax and national insurance contributions, extension of the small firms loan guarantee scheme and new grants to Regional Development Agencies and tourism authorities; and calls on the Government to continue putting in place the long-term policies needed to regenerate British agriculture and revitalise the rural economy as a whole.
Multilateralism in Foreign and Security Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that in environmental, foreign affairs and security policies only a collective and multilateral approach will now succeed; regrets the unilateral decision of the United States to refuse to adopt the Kyoto Protocol and calls upon Her Majesty’s Government to use every effort to persuade the United States government to reverse that decision; asserts the universality of human rights and calls upon Her Majesty’s Government to recognise that respect for human rights should be at the centre of a foreign policy with an ethical dimension; and reafirms its support for a reformed, fully-funded United Nations equipped to respond swiftly to oppression and the systematic abuse of human rights—(Paddy Ashdown);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘believes that the United Kingdom’s national interests are best served by addressing the challenges of the modern world in constructive partnership with other countries and international organisations; further believes that human rights and protection of the environment are important global issues which are central to Her Majesty’s Government’s foreign policy; and welcomes the Government’s full support for the work of the United Nations and initiatives to improve UN peacekeeping and the effectiveness of the Security Council’, instead thereof.—(Mr Brian Wilson.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Sir Robert Smith: 40.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Graham Allen: 291.

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 believes that the United Kingdom’s national interests are best served by addressing the challenges of the modern world in constructive partnership with other countries and international organisations; further believes that human rights and protection of the environment are important global issues which are central to Her Majesty’s Government’s foreign policy; and welcomes the Government’s full support for the work of the United Nations and initiatives to improve UN peacekeeping and the effectiveness of the Security Council.

9 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Order of the House [7th November 2000]:

Road Traffic (S.I., 2001, No. 561),—That the Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 561), dated 26th February 2001, a copy of which was laid before the House on 28th February, be revoked.

Ayes: 176.

Noes: 282.

So the Question was negatived.

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

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.]
Extradition.—European Convention on Extradition (Fiscal Offences) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1453), dated 11th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Food.—Gelatine (Intra-Community Trade) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1553), dated 23rd April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

Culture, Media and Sport,—Departmental Minute, dated 25th April 2001, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnities for the exhibitions “Karen Knorr: Sanctuary”, “Marquetry in French Furniture” and “French Drawings from the Ashmolean Museum” at the Wallace Collection [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].


Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the First to the Fifth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2000–01 [by Command] [Cm. 5127] [Mr Stephen Timms].

Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions on the Petition [15th March] from the Electors of the Group of Thirteen Parishes of South Oxfordshire, against demands for the calling-in of Oxfordshire County Council’s decision to develop the town of Didcot to the west [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Science and Technology,—Accounts of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 429] [Clerk of the House].

Treaty Series (No. 25, 2001).—Additional Protocol, adopted at New York on 13th October 1995, to the Convention on Prohibitions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [by Command] [Cm. 5135] [Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2001, the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2001, and the draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations and draft Order to the First 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 Simon Burns, Mr Roger Casale, Mr David Curry, Dr Norman A. Godman, Mr Mike Hall, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Richard Livsey, Mr Bill Michie, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Keith Simpson, Angela Smith, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Peter Temple-Morris and Ms Claire Ward.

2 Draft Asian Development Bank (Seventh Replenishment of the Asian Development Fund) Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Cheryl Gillan from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Mr Bowen Wells.

3 Draft Sex Offenders (Notice Requirements) (Foreign Travel) Regulations 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fourth 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 Charles Clarke, Mr David Clelland, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Eric Forth, Mrs Joan Humble, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr David Lidington, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Gordon Marsden, Dr Nick Palmer, Bob Russell, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Gareth R. Thomas and Dr Rudi Vis.

4 Draft Financial Investigations (Northern Ireland) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth 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.: John Austin, Ms Hazel Blears, Mr Peter Bradley, Mr James Cran, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Adam Ingram, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Miss Anne McIntosh, Shona McIsaac, Mr Paul Marsden, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Lembit Opik, Mr William Ross, Mr John M. Taylor, Sir Teddy Taylor and Mr Don Touhig.
5 Draft Advisory Centre on WTO Law (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr John Butterfield Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr John Battle, Christine Butler, Dr Vincent Cable, Dr David Clark, Mr Harry Cohen, Mr Terry Davis, Mr Stephen Day, Lorna Fitzsimons, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Ms Jenny Jones, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr John Townend, Mr David Tredinnick, Mr Jon Trickett and Mr Derek Twigg.

6 Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh 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.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr George Foulkes, Maria Fyfe, Mr Donald Gorrie, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr John McFall, Mr Robert Maclean, Ms Sandra Osborne, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr John Robertson, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr David Stewart, Mr Michael Trend, Mr Bill Tynan and Mr Peter Viggers.

7 Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations 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.: Mrs Helen Brinton, Mr James Cran, Mr George Howarth, Mr Simon Hughes, Mr Andrew Hunter, Helen Jackson, Helen Jones, Mr David Lepper, Mr Stephen McCabe, Laura Moffatt, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Martin Salter, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr William Thompson and Mr David Wilshire.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Ninth 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 Graham Allen, Mr Hilary Benn, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Ian Bruce, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr Howard Flight, Mr Barry Gardner, Mr John Healey, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Tony McWalter, Mr George Mudie, Mr Chris Ruane, Mr Marsha Singh and Mr Gerry Steinberg.

European Standing Committees

9 European Union Document No. 6671/01, relating to a strategy for future chemicals policy, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

Standing Committee on Regional Affairs

10 Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—The Committee of Selection has nominated Mr Christopher Fraser as an additional Member of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Eighth Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, on Flood and Coastal Defence: Follow-up], to be printed [No. 437]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Foot and Mouth Disease], to be printed [No. 363-iv] [Mr David Curry].

2 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees [The Export Controls and Non-Proliferation Bill, Cm 5091], to be printed [Nos. 445-i and -ii] [Mr Bruce George; Mr Ted Rowlands, Mr Tony Worthington, Mr Martin O’Neill].

3 Education and Employment,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Early Years: Follow-up], to be printed [No. 438-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].
4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Walking in Towns and Cities]; to be printed [No. 167-iii]; and

(2) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment Sub-Committee of the Committee on 6th, 13th and 20th March [Local Authority Governance]; to be printed [No. 225-i]

[Mr Andrew F. Bennett].

5 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. 28-xii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Second Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Northern Ireland Prison Service]; to be printed, together with Appendices [No. 443]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Legal Aid in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 444-i]

[Mr Peter Brooke].

7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Report on Inland Revenue Appropriation Account 1999–2000]; to be printed [No. 442-7] [Mr David Davis].

8 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Developments in Freedom of Information]; to be printed [No. 439] [Tony Wright].

9 Science and Technology,—Second Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, on EQUAL (Extend Quality Life)]; to be printed [No. 386] [Dr Michael Clark].

10 Social Security,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Social Security Appeals]; to be printed [No. 435-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 73; WH, No. 42.]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 74.]

Thursday 26th April 2001.

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 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 2nd May at Seven o’clock.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Jim Cummings reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Asian Development Bank (Seventh Replenishment of the Asian Development Fund) Order 2001.

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

3 Street Works Bill.—The Order for reading of the Street Works Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 11th May.
4 Regulation of Debt Management and Credit Repair Services Bill.—The Order for reading the Regulation of Debt Management and Credit Repair Services Bill a second time tomorrow was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 11th May.

5 Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Provision of mobility and independence education)—(Mr Win Griffiths)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Needs of the Individual Child)—(Mrs Theresa May)—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 John Randall, 102.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Clive Betts, Mrs Anne McGuire, 236.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Clause (Inspection of special needs provision)—(Mr Tim Boswell)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Specification of provision)—(Mr John Hayes)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question necessary to bring proceedings on consideration to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [20th March and 7th November 2000].

Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

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

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 Mike Hall.)

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 Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

2 Local Government Finance,—Accounts of the Scottish Executive Development Department Non-Domestic Rating for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 432] [Clerk of the House].

3 Local Government (Scotland),—Accounts of the Scottish Children’s Reporter Administration for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 433] [Clerk of the House].

4 Police,—Code of Practice for Registered Persons and other recipients of Disclosure Information under Part V of the Police Act 1997 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].
APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees
Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Tourism Information and Promotion: the Current Situation]; to be printed [No. 458] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

[No. 74; WH, No. 43.]
Thursday 26th April 2001.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].
The sitting commenced at half-past Two o'clock.
Adjournment (Tackling the illegal trade in African conflict diamonds),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Brian Wilson.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 1st May.
[Adjourned at 3.47 p.m.

[No. 75.]
Friday 27th April 2001.
The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 High Hedges Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the High Hedges Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.
A Clause (Established hedges)—(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 Jim Cunningham, Mr Andrew Dismore: 1.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Christopher Gill: 35.
Another Clause (Complaint where relevant authority is owner or occupier of land)—(Mr Christopher Chope)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Offences committed by bodies corporate)—(Mr Eric Forth)—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: 1.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John M. Taylor, Mr Jim Cunningham: 26.
And it appearing on the report of the Division that fewer that forty Members had taken part in the Division, the Deputy Speaker declared that the question was not decided, and the business under consideration stood over until the next Sitting of the House.

2 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 28, at the end, to insert the words ' and provided that the obtaining of the sperm was lawful, and that the storage, if any, and treatment were lawful under this Act.'—(Dr Evan Harris.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time.
And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 11th May.
3 European Union (Implications of Withdrawal) (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the European Union (Implications of Withdrawal) (No. 2) Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th May.

4 Register of Drug Trafficking Offenders Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 23rd March, That the Register of Drug Trafficking Offenders Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th May.

5 Adoption of Sewers Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Adoption of Sewers Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 18th May.

6 Siting of Telecommunications Masts Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Siting of Telecommunications Masts Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th May.

7 Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd February, That the Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill be now read a second time; Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 11th May.

8 Rail Passenger Services Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Rail Passenger Services Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th May.

9 Climate Change Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Climate Change Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th May.

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

And the Motion having been made after half-past Two o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then two minutes past Three o’clock, till Monday 30th April.

[Adjourned at 3.02 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Housing.—Housing (Right to Acquire) (Discount) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1501), dated 19th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


Other Papers:

3 Treaty Series (No. 26, 2001),—Convention, done at London on 12th October 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and Capital [by Command] [Cm. 5136] [Mr Secretary Cook].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Crystal Palace Bill.—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, pursuant to the Order [23rd April], That, in the case of the Crystal Palace Bill, the Standing Orders which are applicable thereto have not been complied with.

Report referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Irene Adams reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2001, the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 and the draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2001.

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

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter L. Pike reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Broadcasting (Subtitling) Order 2001.

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

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Humphrey Malins reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Sex Offenders (Notice Requirements) (Foreign Travel) Regulations 2001.

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

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Financial Investigations (Northern Ireland) Order 2001.

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

6 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Butterfill reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Advisory Centre on WTO Law (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2001.

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

7 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Ray Michie reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001.

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 Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2001.

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 agree without Amendment to the Amendment made by this House to the Special Educational Needs and Disability Bill [Lords].

10 Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill.—The Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

11 Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill (Programme),—Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill:

Standing Committee

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 8th May 2001.

3. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.
Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Six o’clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Three o’clock on that day.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Seven o’clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Four o’clock on that day.

6. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Lords amendments and further messages from the Lords

7. Paragraphs (6) and (7) of Sessional Order A (varying and supplementing programme motions) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on any motion to vary or supplement this order for the purpose of allocating time to proceedings on consideration of any Lords amendments, or on any further messages from the Lords, and the question on any such motion shall be put forthwith.—(Hilary Armstrong.)

12 Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) 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 Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act—(Jim Dowd):—It was agreed to.

13 Adjournment (May),—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 3rd May, do adjourn till Tuesday 8th May—(Jim Dowd):—It was agreed to.

14 Postal Services Sector,—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. 10544/00, and welcomes it as a useful framework for the future liberalisation of the postal sector in the European Union provided appropriate safeguards are in place to maintain the universal postal service at a uniform tariff—(Jim Dowd):—It was agreed to.

15 Aviation 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. 14329/00, a draft Council Regulation on establishing common rules in the field of civil aviation and creating a European Aviation Safety Agency; considers that the establishment of a high uniform level of aviation safety in the Community can best be achieved by the establishment and implementation of common rules which are developed and monitored centrally; agrees that the operation of the single market would also be improved by the establishment of a Community body for the certification of aeronautical products; supports the Government’s position that the model mapped out in the draft Regulation could provide the building blocks to meet these objectives by improving the present European safety regulation system, the key elements being that the Agency is endowed with the necessary powers and sufficient autonomy to exercise its responsibilities, to attract high quality staff and to make certification decisions efficiently and effectively; and supports the Government’s intention to press for this approach in the EU—(Jim Dowd):—It was agreed to.

16 Immigration 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 Document No. 11529/00, a Commission Communication on a Community immigration policy; and supports the Government’s active participation in the debate on the Communication and the Government’s intention to ensure that the UK’s immigration policies are broadly in line with those of other Member States, whilst retaining domestic control over immigration policy and avoiding measures that could undermine the integrity of the UK’s frontier controls—(Jim Dowd):—It was agreed to.

17 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 Asian Development Bank (Seventh Replenishment of the Asian Development Fund) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 6th April, be approved—(Jim Dowd):—It was agreed to.
Legal Services Commission.—Ordered, That the Community Legal Service (Funding) (Counsel in Family Proceedings) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1077) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Jim Dowd.)

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.11 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Environmental Protection,—Pollution Prevention and Control (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Air Curtain Incinerators) (England and Wales) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1623), dated 30th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Northern Ireland,—Public Processions (Northern Ireland) Act 1998 (Accounts and Audit) Order (No. 2) 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 999), dated 23rd April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

3 Police,—RUC (Complaints etc.) Regulations 2001 (S.R.(N.I.), 2001, No. 184), dated 27th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Other Papers:

4 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].

5 Broadcasting,—Report and Financial Statements for the Channel Four Television Corporation for 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Handling clinical negligence claims in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 403] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Broadcasting (Subtitling) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Fiona Mactaggart from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Reed.

2 Draft Sex Offenders (Notice Requirements) (Foreign Travel) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gordon Marsden and Dr Nick Palmer from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Paul Flynn and Mr Mike Gapes.

3 Draft Advisory Centre on WTO Law (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Lorna Fitzsimons from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Rosemary McKenna.

4 Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections, etc.) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Connarty, Mr John McFall and Mr Ernie Ross from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Desmond Browne, Mr Eric Clarke and Mr Eric Joyce.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Joint Committee on Human Rights,—Third Special Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Scrutiny of Bills], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 448] [Jean Corston].
2 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [MoD: The Risk of Fraud in Property Management]; to be printed [No. 447-i] [Mr David Davis].

3 Science and Technology.—Seventh Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Wave and Tidal Energy], together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee and Appendices thereto; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 291] [Dr Michael Clark].

[No. 77.]

Tuesday 1st May 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Deregulation Committee,—Mr Peter L. Pike reported from the Deregulation Committee the following Resolutions:

That the proposal for the draft Deregulation (Correction of Birth and Death Entries in Registers or Other Records) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 26th March, should be amended before a draft order is laid before this House.

That the proposal for the draft Deregulation (Bingo and Other Gaming) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 26th March, should be amended before a draft order is laid before this House.

That the proposal for the draft Deregulation (Restaurant Licensing Hours) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 26th March, should be amended before a draft order is laid before this House.

2 Private Security Industry Bill [Lords].—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Private Security Industry 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. 452].

3 Transport of Farm Animals,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit the distance that farm animals may be transported in any one-week period: And that Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Ian Cawsey, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr David Winnick, Jane Griffiths and Mr Mark Todd do prepare and bring it in.

4 Transport of Farm Animals Bill,—Dr Nick Palmer accordingly presented a Bill to limit the distance that farm animals may be transported in any one-week period: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 8th June and to be printed [Bill 90].

5 Business of the House,—Ordered, That—

(1) at the sitting on 2nd May the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on any Motion in the name of Margaret Beckett relating to Regulatory Reform not later than Seven o’clock, and such Questions shall include the Questions on any amendment selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; and

(2) if proceedings on any such Motion have not been completed before Seven o’clock, the Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means for consideration at that hour may be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours after it has been entered upon.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

6 Social Security Fraud Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Social Security Fraud Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Disclosure of benefit details)—(Mr Frank Field)—was brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr James Gray: 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Clelland, Mr Don Touhig: 312.
An Amendment (No. 11A) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 26, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2BB) Prior to the exercise of the power conferred on an authorised officer to obtain information under this section, that officer shall obtain in writing the consent to carry out an investigation.

(2BC) Consent must be granted in writing or (if not in writing) in a manner that produces a record of its having been granted, and it must—

(a) describe the conduct and data in relation to which it is authorised; and

(b) specify the office, rank or position held by the person granting the authorisation.’.—(Mrs Jacqui Lait.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 31, to leave out the words ‘has committed.’.—(Steve Webb.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 21, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(g) any person not falling within paragraphs (a) to (f) above but who falls within one of the categories of section 109B(2A) of the Administration Act.’.—(Mrs Jacqui Lait.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) It shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to maintain and publish a list of countries with whom there are arrangements in force for the exchange of relevant information under this section.’.—(Mrs Jacqui Lait.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 30, to leave out Clause No. 7.—(Steve Webb.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

7 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 (Subtitling) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 3rd April, be approved.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe) 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 Advisory Centre on WTO Law (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 10th April, be approved.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe) It was agreed to.

9 Representation of the People.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 23rd April, be approved.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe) It was agreed to.

10 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 Financial Investigations (Northern Ireland) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 23rd April, be approved.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe) 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 Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 23rd April, be approved.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe) It was agreed to.
12 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 Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) (Amendment) (No. 3) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 23rd April, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe).—It was agreed to.

13 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 Sex Offenders (Notice Requirements) (Foreign Travel) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 23rd April, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe).—It was agreed to.

14 Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 23rd April, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe).—It was agreed to.

15 Representation of the People,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 23rd April, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe).—It was agreed to.

16 Education,—Ordered, That the Education Standards Fund (England) Regulations 2001 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

17 Education,—Ordered, That the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2001 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

18 Education,—Ordered, That the Financing of Maintained Schools (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

19 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter to Nine o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.45 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Social Security,—Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Decisions and Appeals and Discretionary Financial Assistance) (Consequential Amendments and Revocations) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1605), dated 26th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

4 Agriculture,—Report and Accounts of the Meat and Livestock Commission for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

5 Social Security Administration,—Accounts of the National Insurance Fund for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 446] [Clerk of the House].

6 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:

   Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export of Vehicles) (Disinfection of Tyres) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1499),
   Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Marking of Meat and Meat Products) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1512),
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Education Standards Fund (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 826) and the Financing of Maintained Schools (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 907).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Allan, Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Colin Burgon, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Doug Henderson, Alice Mahon, Estelle Morris, Mr John Randall, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr David Ruffley, Rachel Squire, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Dr Desmond Turner and Mr Phil Willis from the Third Standing on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations).

2. Financial Services Act 1986 (Extension of Scope of Act and Meaning of Collective Investment Scheme) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1421).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Marsha Singh from the Ninth 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. Adoption and Children Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Adoption and Children Bill; to be printed [No. 431-ii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2. Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry,—
   (1) Seventh Report from the Defence Committee;
   (2) Seventh Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee;
   (3) Sixth Report from the International Development Committee; and
   (4) Eleventh Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, meeting concurrently pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments) [The Draft Export Control and Non-Proliferation Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committees relating to the Report [No. 445] [Mr Bruce George; Mr Ted Rowlands; Ann Clwyd; Mr Martin O’Neill].

3. Deregulation,—Fourth Report from the Deregulation Committee [The Final Deregulation Proposals]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 450] [Mr Peter L. Pike].

4. Education and Employment,—(1) Eighth Report from the Education and Employment Committee [Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools’s Annual Report 1999-2000], with the Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 382]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [DfEE Funding B Departmental Report 2001]; to be printed [No 451-i]
   [Mr Barry Sheerman].

5. Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [The Work of the Strategic Rail Authority]; to be printed [No. 434-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

6. Statutory Instruments,—Fifteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 46-xxv] [Mr Dominic Grieve].

7. Treasury,—Eleventh Report from the 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. 449] [Mr Giles Radice].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 Jamieson);

And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 78.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Standing Orders (Private Business).—Ordered, That the Amendments to Standing Orders set out in the Schedule be made, with effect from 27th November 2001:—

SCHEDULE
Standing Order 1, line 46 at end insert—
‘the term “minister of the Crown” means the holder of an office in Her Majesty’s government in the United Kingdom and includes the Treasury.’.

Standing Order 38, line 15, at end insert—
‘(2A) The printed memorandum shall include a statement of opinion, by or on behalf of the promoters, as to the compatibility of the provisions of the bill with the Convention rights (as defined in the Human Rights Act 1998).’

Standing Order 39, line 6, after ‘Treasury,’ insert ‘the Privy Council Office,’.

Standing Order 85, line 6, at end insert—
‘(2) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph (1) of this standing order, where in the case of a private bill which has been read a first time no report from a minister of the Crown has been presented to the House under Standing Order 169A, the Chairman of Ways and Means may, if he thinks fit, direct the attention of the House to that fact.’

Standing Order 144, leave out lines 12 to 15
Standing Order 158, line 16, at end insert—
‘(by being deposited in the Private Bill Office).’—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

2 Standing Orders (Private Business).—Ordered, That the following Standing Order be made, with effect from 27th November 2001:—

‘Reports concerning human rights.

169A. In the case of a private bill originating in this House or brought from the House of Lords, a report from a minister of the Crown on the statement of opinion required by Standing Order 38 (2A) shall be presented to the House (by being deposited in the Private Bill Office) not later than the second sitting day after that on which the bill was read a first time.’.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

3 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bowen Wells reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Financial Services Act 1986 (Extension of Scope of Act and Meaning of Collective Investment Scheme) Order 2001.

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

4 European Standing Committee B.—Mr George Stevenson reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 13119/00, a Commission Communication on a Common Asylum Procedure and Uniform Status for Persons Granted Asylum; and supports the Government’s active participation in the
debate on the Communication and the Government’s intention to participate in measures which would lead to the establishment of a common European asylum system, without undermining the integrity of the UK’s frontier control.

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 agree without Amendment to the Amendment made by this House to the Social Security Fraud Bill [Lords].

6 Banking (Inquiry) Bill.—Mr Christopher Leslie, supported by Mr Phil Hope, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr James Plaskitt, Ms Sally Keeble, Maria Eagle, Shona McIsaac and Ms Rosie Winterton, presented a Bill to require the Financial Services Authority to carry out an inquiry into the operation of overdraft facilities provided by clearing banks and deposit-taking institutions; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th May and to be printed [Bill 91].

7 Bereavement Payments (Entitlement Conditions) (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the timescale within which payments may be made to bereaved persons: And that Mr Roger Gale, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mrs Helen Brinton, Mr Ian Bruce, Mr Nigel Jones, Mr Andrew Rowe, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Ian Stewart, Mrs Ann Winterton and Sir Sydney Chapman do prepare and bring it in.

8 Bereavement Payments (Entitlement Conditions) (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Roger Gale accordingly presented a Bill to amend the timescale within which payments may be made to bereaved persons: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th May and to be printed [Bill 92].

9 Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 117, That—

(1) the matter of raising the economic performance of the regions and tackling regional imbalances, being a matter relating to regional affairs in England, be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs;

(2) the committee meet at half-past One o’clock on Thursday 10th May at Westminster to consider the matter referred to it under paragraph (1) above; and

(3) the proceedings at that meeting be interrupted at Four o’clock—(Jim Dowd):—It was agreed to.

10 Regulatory Reform,—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That the following changes be made to the Standing Orders of the House—

A. That Standing Order No. 141 (Deregulation Committee) be repealed and the following new Standing Order be made—

Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee

(1) There shall be a select committee, called the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee, to examine—

(i) every document containing proposals laid before the House under section 3 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 (the 1994 Act) or under section 6 of the Regulatory Reform Act 2001 (the 2001 Act);

(ii) every draft order proposed to be made under section 1 of the 1994 Act or section 1 of the 2001 Act; and

(iii) every subordinate provisions order or draft of such an order made or proposed to be made under sections 1 and 4 of the 2001 Act.

(2) The committee shall report to the House, in relation to every proposals document referred to in paragraph 1(i) of this order, either

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

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

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

(3) The committee shall report to the House, in relation to every draft order referred to in paragraph 1(ii) of this order, its recommendation whether the draft order should be approved.

(4) The committee may draw the special attention of the House to any subordinate provisions order or draft order referred to in paragraph 1(iii) of this order, and may report
its opinion whether or not the order or draft order should be approved or, as the case may be, annulled.

(5) The committee may report to the House on any matter arising from its consideration of the said proposals, draft orders or subordinate provisions orders.

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

(a) appear to make an inappropriate use of delegated legislation;
(b) remove or reduce a burden or the authorisation or requirement of a burden;
(c) continue any necessary protection;
(d) have been the subject of, and take appropriate account of, adequate consultation;
(e) impose a charge on the public revenues or contain provisions requiring payments to be made to the Exchequer or any government department or to any local or public authority in consideration of any licence or consent or of any services to be rendered, or prescribe the amount of any such charge or payment;
(f) purport to have retrospective effect;
(g) give rise to doubts whether they are intra virens;
(h) require elucidation, are not written in plain English or appear to be defectively drafted;
(i) appear to be incompatible with any obligation resulting from membership of the European Union.

(B) In the case of proposals presented under the 2001 Act, the committee shall also consider whether the proposals—

(j) prevent any person from continuing to exercise any right or freedom which he might reasonably expect to continue to exercise;
(k) satisfy the conditions of proportionality between burdens and benefits set out in sections 1 and 3 of the Act;
(l) satisfy the test of desirability set out in section 3(2)(b) of the Act;
(m) have been the subject of, and take appropriate account of, estimates of increases or reductions in costs or other benefits which may result from their implementation; or
(n) include provisions to be designated in the draft order as subordinate provisions;

and in the case of the latter consideration the committee shall report its opinion whether such a designation should be made, and to what parliamentary proceedings any subordinate provisions orders should be subject.

(7) In its consideration of draft orders, the committee shall consider in each case all such matters set out in paragraph (6) of this order as are relevant and the extent to which the Minister concerned has had regard to any resolution or report of the Committee or to any other representations made during the period for parliamentary consideration.

(8) In its consideration of any subordinate provisions order the committee shall in each case consider whether the special attention of the House should be drawn to it on any of the grounds on which (in accordance with paragraph (1)(B) of Standing Order No. 151 (Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)) the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments may draw the attention of the House to a statutory instrument; and if the committee is of the opinion that any such order or draft order should be annulled, or, as the case may be, should not be approved, they shall report that opinion to the House.

(9) The committee shall consist of eighteen members.

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

(11) Unless the House otherwise orders, each Member nominated to the committee shall continue to be a member of it for the remainder of the Parliament.
(12) The committee shall have power—

(a) to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House, to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom, and to report from time to time;

(b) to appoint specialist advisers either to supply information which is not readily available or to elucidate matters of complexity within the committee’s order of reference;

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

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

(13) The committee and the sub-committee shall have leave to meet concurrently with any select committee appointed by the Lords to examine deregulation and regulatory reform proposals and draft orders and any sub-committee thereof.

(14) The committee and the sub-committee shall have the assistance of the Counsel to the Speaker and, if their Lordships think fit, the Counsel to the Lord Chairman of Committees.

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

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

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

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

(c) that any draft order should not be approved;

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

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

B. That the following amendments be made to Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft deregulation orders)—

(1) Title, after ‘deregulation’, insert ‘etc.’.

(2) Line 1, after ‘Deregulation’, insert ‘and Regulatory Reform’.

(3) Line 3, after ‘Deregulation’, insert ‘and Regulatory Reform’.


C. That the following amendment be made to Standing Order No. 98 (Scottish Grand Committee (delegated legislation))—

Line 15, after ‘order’, insert ‘or regulatory reform order’.

D. That the following amendment be made to Standing Order No. 115 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (delegated legislation))—

Line 15, after ‘order’, insert ‘or regulatory reform order’.

E. That the following amendment be made to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing committees on delegated legislation))—

Line 14, after ‘order’, insert ‘or regulatory reform order’.

F. That the following amendment be made to Standing Order No. 151 (Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee))—

Line 25, after ‘1994’, insert ‘or under section 1 of the Regulatory Reform Act 2001, or any subordinate provisions order made or draft proposed to be made under that Act’.
G. That the following amendment be made to Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments)—

Line 33, after ‘Deregulation’, insert ‘and Regulatory Reform’.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Question, in line 70, to leave out the word ‘five’ and to insert the word ‘seven’ instead thereof.—(Mr Eric Forth.)

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

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

11 Working Group on Provision for Former Members.—Resolved, That this House is aware that many Members who leave the House, whether by retirement or otherwise, would welcome the opportunity to remain in contact with each other; believes also that former Members might benefit from being in touch with sources of personal advice and assistance with difficulties arising once they have left the House; and suggests that a small informal group be set up to consider how these issues might be addressed, to report to the Speaker and the Leader of the House.—(Margaret Beckett.)

12 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. 7) proposed, in page 1, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

““business electoral college” means a body comprising voters appointed under section 3(1)(c) with responsibility for electing the business voters entitled to vote in ward elections.”—(Mr John McDonnell.)

Mr Peter Brooke rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now proposed.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now proposed;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Peter Bottomley: 99.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr John McDonnell: 36.

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).

Mr Andrew Dismore moved, That the House sit in private.

The Deputy Speaker put the Question forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 163 (Motions to sit in public).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Jeremy Corbyn: 2.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Harry Barnes: 109.

So the Question was negatived.

Mr Peter Brooke rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now proposed.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now proposed;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Peter Bottomley: 91.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Andrew Dismore: 34.

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 after Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Thursday 10th May.

13 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from health workers in Dorset and others for the inclusion of Dorset in areas eligible for receipt of cost of living supplement for National Health Service employees was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
14 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of North Norfolk and others for payment of pensions and benefit entitlements through sub-Post Offices was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Pearson.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.36 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals,—The BSE Monitoring (England) Regulations 2001(S.I., 2001, No. 1644), dated 1st May 2001 [by Act][Mr Nicholas Brown].

2 Road Traffic,—Motor Cycles Etc. (EC Type Approval) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1547), dated 23rd April 2001 [by Act][Mr Secretary Prescott].


Other Papers:


5 Health,—Departmental Minute, dated 2nd May 2001, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon clinical trials to be undertaken by the National Blood Authority [by Command][Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 Overseas Pensions,—The Indian Family Pensions (Transferred) (United Kingdom) (Amendment) Scheme 2001, dated 26th April 2001 [by Act][Secretary Clare Short].

7 Reserve Forces,—Reserve Forces (Attributable Benefits Etc) Regulations 2001, dated 26th April 2001 [by Act][Mr Secretary Hoon].

8 Severn Bridges,—Accounts prepared pursuant to section 28(1)(b) of the Severn Bridges Act 1992 for 1998–99 and 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 453 and 454][Clerk of the House].

9 Treaty Series (No. 137, 2000).—Index to Treaty Series 2000 [Cm. 5137][Mr Secretary Cook].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Mr Joe Benton and Mrs Ray Michie Chairmen; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Robert Ainsworth, Hilary Armstrong, Mr David Borrow, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Brian Cotter, Mr David Drew, Mr Huw Edwards, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr James Gray, Mr Damian Green, Mr David Heath, Mr Kevin Hughes, Ms Sally Keeble, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mrs Diana Organ and Mr Peter Temple-Morris.

2 Community Legal Service (Funding) (Counsel in Family Proceedings) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1077):

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order 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 John Burnett, Mr David Chidgey, Mr Paul Clark, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Nigel Griffiths, Mr Nick Hawkins, Ms Jenny Jones, Jane Kennedy, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mrs Anne McGuire, Miss Anne McIntosh, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Owen Paterson, Mr Laurence Robertson and Mr Paul Stinchcombe.
3 Education (Student Support) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 951), the Education Standards Fund (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 826) and the Financing of Maintained Schools (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 907),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Frank Dobson, Mr Patrick Nicholls and Mr Andrew Robathan from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Estelle Morris, Mr Richard Shepherd and Sir Teddy Taylor.

European Standing Committees

4 European Union Documents Nos. 7262/01, 7263/01, 7377/01 and 7378/01, all relating to the Commission Green Paper on the future of the Common Fisheries Policy, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Ninth Special Report from the Agriculture Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, on The UK Pig Industry]; to be printed [No. 456];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Foot and Mouth Disease]; to be printed [No. 363-v]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Foot and Mouth Disease; Sea Fishing] [Mr David Curry].

2 Defence,—(1) Eighth Report from the Committee [The MoD’s Annual Reporting Cycle 2000-2001] 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. 144];

(2) Fourth Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Committee’s Second Report, Session 2000-01: The Strategic Defence Review: Policy for People]; to be printed [No. 462]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Annual Major Procurement Projects]; to be printed [No. 463-i] [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: Follow-up], together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 438-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Education and Employment Committee [Work–Life Balance]; to be printed [No. 461-i] [Mr Derek Foster].

4 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Eleventh Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee [Walking in Towns and Cities], 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. 167-I and II] [Mr Andrew F. Bennett]

5 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. 28-xiii] [Mr Michael Connarty].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Fourth Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Legal Aid 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. 444]; and

(2) Fifth Report from the Committee [Miscellaneous Financial Matters and the Government’s Response to the Committee’s Third Report, Session 1999–2000], 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. 458] [Mr Peter Brooke].

7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Regulating housing associations’ management of financial risk]; to be printed [No. 460-i] [Mr David Davis].
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8 Public Administration.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [The Annual Report of the Parliamentary Ombudsman for 1999-2000]; to be printed [No. 62-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Timetable for Publication of Guidance on Special Advisors and Access to the Knowledge Network] [Tony Wright].

9 Science and Technology.—(1) Third Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Responses from the Government and from Corus plc to the Committee’s Second Report, on Corus plc B Research and Development]; to be printed [No. 421]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Work of the Chief Scientific Adviser]; to be printed [No. 420-3] [Dr Michael Clark].

10 Social Security.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Social Security Committee [Departmental Report]; to be printed [No. 457-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

11 Trade and Industry.—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government’s Response to the Committee’s Third Report, on Vehicle Manufacturing in the UK]; to be printed [No. 455]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Work of the Small Business Service]; to be printed [No. 464] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

12 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The Council of Economic and Finance Ministers (ECOFIN)]; to be printed [No. 459-i] [Mr Giles Radice].

13 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Job Losses in the Steel Industry in Wales]; to be printed [No. 295-ii] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 78; WH, No. 45.]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 Don Touhig);

And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 International Criminal Court Bill [Lords].—Frank Cook reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the International Criminal Court 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. 468].

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

   The Lords have agreed to the Health and Social Care Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Health and Social Care Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Health and Social Care Bill to be considered on Tuesday 8th May, and to be printed [Bill 93].

4 Adjournment (International Development White Paper—Making Globalisation Work for the Poor (Cm. 5006)).—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 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Ian Pearson);

   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, till Tuesday 8th May, pursuant to the Standing Order and to Order [30th April]

   [Adjourned at 7.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Environmental Protection,—Noise Emission in the Environment by Equipment for use Outdoors Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1701), dated 3rd May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


3 Marine Pollution,—(1) Merchant Shipping (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1638), and

   (2) Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Cooperation Convention) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1639),

   dated 30th April 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Medicines,—Medicines (Products for Animal Use—Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1669), dated 2nd May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

5 National Health Service,—(1) National Health Service (Functions of Health Authorities) (General Dental Services Incentive Schemes) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1678), and

   (2) National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1677),

   dated 2nd May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 Public Passenger Transport,—Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment, Use and Certification) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1649), dated 2nd May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
7 Road Traffic.—(1) Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1650), and
(2) Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1648), dated 2nd May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

8 Health,—Government Response to the First Report of the Health Committee, Session 2000–01, on Access to NHS Dentistry [by Command] [Cm. 5145] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill (Programme Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Hilary Armstrong, Mr James Gray, Mr Damian Green, Mr David Heath, Ms Sally Keeble and Mr Peter Temple-Morris members of the Programme Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Education Standards Fund (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 826) and the Financing of Maintained Schools (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 907),—The Regulations, allocated to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation on 10th April, have now been allocated to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Education (Student Support) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 951)).

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Fourth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Tourism—The Hidden Giant—and Foot and Mouth], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 430];
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Tourism—The Hidden Giant—and Foot and Mouth]; and
(3) Third Special Report from the Committee [Public Libraries: Further Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000]; to be printed [No. 466]
[Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Home Affairs,—Fifth Special Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Government Reply to the Second Report from the Committee, on the Criminal Records Bureau], to be printed [No. 467] [Mr Robin Corbett].

3 Standards and Privileges,—Seventh Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr Geoffrey Robinson], with Appendices and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 1st May; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 465] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

[No. 79; WH, No. 46.]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Jim Dowd);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 8th May.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 and 16 to 53 and Schedules Nos. 4 to 11),—Dr Michael Clark reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1 to 3 and 16 to 53 and Schedules Nos. 4 to 11), and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 94].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 535].

2 Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill,—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) 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. 471].

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Community Legal Service (Funding) (Counsel in Family Proceedings) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1077).

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


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5 Discrimination against Older People,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make discrimination against older people unlawful; to provide for the creation of an Age Discrimination Council; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Roger Berry, Valerie Davey, Paul Flynn, Dr Ashok Kumar, Ms Linda Perham, Mr Lawrie Quinn, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr David Winnick and Ann Clwyd do prepare and bring it in.

6 Discrimination against Older People Bill,—Mr Roger Berry accordingly presented a Bill to make discrimination against older people unlawful; to provide for the creation of an Age Discrimination Council; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th May and to be printed [Bill 95].

7 Finance Bill [Ways and Means].—Ordered,—

Limited liability partnerships

That provision may be made in the Finance Bill about limited liability partnerships.—(Mr Stephen Timms.)

8 Private Security Industry Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Private Security Industry Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Complaints)—(Mr Bruce George)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Regulation harmonisation committee)—(Mr Bruce George)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 51, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(3A) Before making an order under subsection (3) which designates any of the activities specified in paragraph 5 of Schedule 2, which relate to the security of information which is held in electronic form, the Secretary of State shall lay a certificate before each House of Parliament stating that in his opinion the order complies with the
provisions of European Directive 2000/31/EC (on certain legal aspects of information society services, in particular electronic commerce, in the internal market).—(Mr Nick Hawkins.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr James Gray: 111.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Ian Pearson: 315.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 42, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(3A)(a) The Authority may, at the request of any person who holds a licence, remove the particulars specified in subsection (3)(b) from any copy of the register which is available for inspection by members of the public under subsection (4) if the following condition is satisfied.

(b) The condition is that the Authority is satisfied that the availability for inspection by members of the public of particulars of the person’s usual residential address creates, or (if the Authority were not to comply with the request) would be likely to create, a serious risk that he or a person who lives with him will be subjected to violence or intimidation.

(c) Nothing in this subsection shall be interpreted as allowing any person not to provide the Authority with any of the particulars required by subsection (3).’.—(Mr Nick Hawkins.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(3A) A person exercising the power conferred by subsection (1) shall do so reasonably only in the course of his duty and only as part of a series of routine checks or as a result of reasonable suspicion of breach of regulations or commission of an offence under any provision of this Act.’.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 24, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) Any such report shall include details on the progress of implementing this Act and all new secondary legislation and guidance passed under this Act.’.—(Jackie Ballard.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 27, line 8, to leave out the words ‘purposes of any accountancy practice’, and insert the words ‘sole purposes of accountancy activities’, instead thereof.—(Jackie Ballard.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

9 Asylum,—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. 13119/00, a Commission Communication on a Common Asylum Procedure and Uniform Status for Persons Granted Asylum; and supports the Government’s active participation in the debate on the Communication and the Government’s intention to participate in measures which would lead to the establishment of a common European asylum system, without undermining the integrity of the UK’s frontier control.—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

10 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 Financial Services Act 1986 (Extension of Scope of Act and Meaning of Collective Investment Scheme) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001, No. 1421), dated 10th April 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th April, be approved.—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.
11 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs Anne McEague.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes to Nine o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

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 4th May 2001

1 Criminal Law.—Sex Offenders (Notification Requirements) (Prescribed Police Stations) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1708), dated 2nd May 2001 [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Education.—(1) Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1734), dated 3rd May 2001,
(3) Education (Student Loans) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1627), dated 30th April 2001, and
[Mr Secretary Blunkett].


5 Medicines.—Medicines (Veterinary Drugs) (Prescription Only) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1646), dated 30th April 2001 [Mr Nicholas Brown].

6 Public Health.—Vaccine Damage Payments (Specified Disease) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1652), dated 1st May 2001 [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Tractors.—Agricultural or Forestry Tractors and Tractor Components (Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1710), dated 3rd May 2001 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 8th May:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

8 Customs and Excise.—Tobacco Products Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1712), dated 8th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Stephen Timms].

9 Disabled Persons.—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Great Western Trains Company Class 180 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1747), dated 8th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


(2) National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1746), dated 8th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

12 Petroleum.—Offshore Petroleum Activities (Conservation of Habitats) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1754), dated 8th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

13 Social Care.—General Social Care Council (Appointments and Procedure) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1744), dated 8th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
14 Social Security,—Social Security (Breach of Community Order) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1711), dated 3rd May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


16 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—(1) Statute, dated 1st December 2000, made by the Governing Body of Girton College, Cambridge amending the Statutes of the College,
(2) Statute, dated 17th January 2001, made by the University of Cambridge amending the Statutes of the University, and
(3) Statute, dated 28th November 2000, made by the University of Oxford amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

17 Broadcasting,—Report and Financial Statements of the Radio Authority for 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].


19 Port of London,—Report and Accounts of the Port of London Authority for 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

20 Public Libraries and Museums,—Report by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on Library and Information Matters 1998–2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

21 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the:
(1) Coventry Education Action Zone,
(2) Downham and Bellingham Education Action Zone, and
(3) North Gillingham Education Action Zone
for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 473, 474 and 475] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Community Legal Service (Funding) (Counsel in Family Proceedings) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1077).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Hawkins, Dr Nick Palmer and Mr Paul Stinchcombe from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Roger Berry, Mrs Ann Cryer and Mr Edward Garnier.

Standing Committee on Regional Affairs

2 The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of the matter of raising the economic performance of the regions and tackling regional imbalances.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Adoption and Children Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on the Adoption and Children Bill; to be printed [No. 431-iii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Eighth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Human Rights Annual Report 2000: Follow-up to Government Response]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 469]; and
(2) Ninth Report from the Committee [Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2001], 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. 428]

[Mr Donald Anderson].

3 International Development,—Third Special Report from the International Development Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, on The Globalisation White Paper]; to be printed [No. 470] [Mr Bowen Wells].

4 Standards and Privileges,—Eighth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaints against Five Members], with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 472] [Mr Robert Sheldon].

5 Statutory Instruments,—Sixteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 46-xvi] [Mr David Tredinnick].

6 Welsh Affairs,—Second Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Welsh Young Offenders Held Outside Wales: Interim Report and Proposals for Further Inquiry], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 511] [Mr Huw Edwards].

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Keith Hill.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 81.]

Wednesday 9th May 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Standing Orders,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Standing Orders Committee, That it had considered the Report of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, referred to it on 30th April, and had come to the following Resolution:

That, in the case of the Crystal Palace Bill, the Standing Orders ought not to be dispensed with.

Report, and Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

2 Select Committee on the Adoption and Children Bill,—Mr David Hinchliffe reported from the Select Committee on the Adoption and Children Bill, That it had agreed to the following Special Report, which it had directed him to make to the House:

The Committee, owing to the imminent Dissolution of Parliament, is unable to proceed further with the consideration of the Adoption and Children Bill committed to it, and reports the Bill to the House without Amendment.

Mr Hinchliffe accordingly reported the Bill, without Amendment.

Report, and Bill, 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 House of Commons (Removal of Clergy Disqualification) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Criminal Justice and Police Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Private Security Industry Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

4 Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 99].

5 Criminal Justice and Police Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Criminal Justice and Police Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 100].

6 Houses in Multiple Occupation (Registration Scheme) Bill.—Mr Alan Simpson, supported by Mr David Drew, Mr Matthew Taylor, Mr David Amess, Mrs Linda Gilroy, Mr Andrew Stunell, Dr Brian Iddon, Julia Drown, Mr Hilary Benn, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Peter Bottomley and Ms Diane Abbott, presented a Bill to provide for a scheme for the registration and licensing of houses in multiple occupation; to require certain matters relating to energy efficiency to be included in such a scheme; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 11th May and to be printed [Bill 97].

7 Age Discrimination,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision in respect of age discrimination: And that Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Tony Baldry, Mr Christopher Fraser, Mr Michael Jack, Mr Robert Jackson, Mr Robert Key, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Sir David Madel, Mr Andrew Rowe, Mr Richard Shepherd and Mr Ian Taylor do prepare and bring it in.

8 Age Discrimination Bill,—Mr Quentin Davies accordingly presented a Bill to make provision in respect of age discrimination. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th May and to be printed [Bill 98].

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

(1) At the sitting on Friday 11th May, notwithstanding the provisions of the Order [23rd January] relating to Business of the House, Government business shall have precedence;

(2) At the sittings on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th May, Government business may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour;

(3) At this day’s sitting, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th May, Standing Order No. 38 shall apply and the Order [7th November 2000] relating to Deferred 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;

(4) At this day’s sitting, the requirements of paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.) shall be dispensed with in respect of the Motion relating to Estimates 2001–02;

(5) At this day’s sitting, any Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill ordered to be brought in and read the first time shall be proceeded with as if its Second Reading stood as an Order of the day, and Standing Order No. 56 (Consolidated Fund Bills) shall apply;

(6) At this day’s sitting, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th May, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any messages from the Lords shall have been received;

(7) At the sitting on Friday 11th May, the House shall not adjourn until the Speaker shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Act agreed upon by both Houses; and

(8) At its rising on Friday 11th May, the House shall adjourn till Tuesday 15th May—

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Mike Hall: 321.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Eric Forth: 1.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That—

(1) At the sitting on Friday 11th May, notwithstanding the provisions of the Order [23rd January] relating to Business of the House, Government business shall have precedence;

(2) At the sittings on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th May, Government business may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour;

(3) At this day’s sitting, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th May, Standing Order No. 38 shall apply and the Order [7th November 2000] relating to Deferred 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;
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(5) At this day’s sitting, any Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill ordered to be brought in and read the first time shall be proceeded with as if its Second Reading stood as an Order of the day, and Standing Order No. 56 (Consolidated Fund Bills) shall apply;

(6) At this day’s sitting, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th May, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any messages from the Lords shall have been received;

(7) At the sitting on Friday 11th May, the House shall not adjourn until the Speaker shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Act agreed upon by both Houses; and

(8) At its rising on Friday 11th May, the House shall adjourn till Tuesday 15th May.

10 Finance Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Finance Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 9th April:

Consideration and Third Reading

1.—(1) Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order.

(2) Any stage of the Bill may be proceeded with at the conclusion of the preceding stage, notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the interval between stages of a Bill brought in on Ways and Means resolutions.

Programming Committees

2. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 7th November 2000 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.—(Down Primarolo.)

11 Finance Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Finance Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Application of definitions of private residences and job-related accommodation)—(Mr Oliver Letwin)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Children’s tax credit: children under five years of age)—(Mr Richard Ottaway)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Exemption from Capital Gains Tax)—(Mr Howard Flight)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Environmental protection rebates scheme)—(Mr David Heath)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Extension of carry back of trading losses)—(Mr David Heath)—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 Motion relating to Finance Bill (Programme) (No. 2), the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Paul Tyler, Mr Edward Davey: 129.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Dowd, Mrs Anne McGuire: 259.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the remaining Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Question put, That the Bill be now read the third time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Graham Allen, Jim Dowd: 264.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Peter Luff: 121.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

12 Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order of 30th April 2001 (Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill (Programme)) shall be varied as follows:—

Consideration and Third Reading

1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order—(Mr Robert Ainsworth);

And it being Ten o’clock, the Speaker interrupted the proceedings.

13 Estimates, 2001–02,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.), That further resources, not exceeding £149,381,539,000, be authorised for use for defence and civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2002, and that a further sum, not exceeding £144,305,891,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs of defence and civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2002, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 345, 346, 347 and 348—(Mr Stephen Timms):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That further resources, not exceeding £149,381,539,000, be authorised for use for defence and civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2002, and that a further sum, not exceeding £144,305,891,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs of defence and civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2002, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 345, 346, 347 and 348—(Mr Stephen Timms):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Andrew Smith, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Stephen Timms and Miss Melanie Johnson do prepare and bring it in.

14 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill,—Mr Stephen Timms accordingly presented a Bill to appropriate the supply authorised in this Session of Parliament: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day and to be printed [Bill 96].

15 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill be read a second time;

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [this day] and Standing Order No. 56 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

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

16 Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—The Question being again proposed, That the Order of 30th April 2001 (Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill (Programme)) shall be varied as follows:—

Consideration and Third Reading

1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order;

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November]:—It was agreed to.
Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 3, to leave out the word ‘food’.—(Mr Damian Green.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of West Hertfordshire against the testing of genetically modified crops in farm-scale trials at Wood Farm, Piccotts End, Hemel Hempstead was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Pearson.)

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

Adjourned at 11.56 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture.—Home-Grown Cereals Authority (Rate of Levy) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1773), dated 8th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].

2 Animals.—Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 7) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1772), dated 8th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Nicholas Brown].


6 National Health Service.—(1) National Patient Safety Agency (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1743), and

(2) National Patient Safety Agency Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1742), dated 7th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

7 Representation of the People.—Elections Act 2001 (Supplemental Provisions) (No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1774), dated 8th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

8 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1769), dated 3rd May 2001 [by Act] [Mr David Lock].


Other Papers:

10 Environment, Transport and the Regions.—Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 2000–01, on the Transport-Related Executive Agencies of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions [by Command] [Cm. 5148] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

11 Human Fertilisation and Embryology.—Fifth Edition of the Code of Practice of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

12 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [24th April] from constituents of Bury St Edmunds calling for St George’s Day to be celebrated as a national bank holiday in England [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

13 Superannuation.—Compensation (HM Prison Service) Scheme 2001, dated 8th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].
14 Treaty Series (No. 27, 2001),—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-eighth (16th Extraordinary) Session on March 17, 2000, with effect March 1, 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 5140] [Mr Secretary Cook].

15 Water,—Report of the Director General of Water Services for 2000–01 [by Act], to be printed [No. 441] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Agriculture,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Agriculture Committee, and Appendices thereto [Sea Fishing]; to be printed [No. 404]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Regional Restructuring; Sea Fishing] [Mr David Curry].

2 Defence,—(1) Ninth 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. 463];

(2) Fifth Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Fourth Report from the Committee: The Draft Defence Aviation Repair Agency Trading Fund Order 2001]; to be printed [No. 514];

(3) Sixth Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Fifth Report from the Committee: The Draft Defence Science and Technology Laboratory Trading Fund Order 2001]; to be printed [No. 515];

(4) Seventh Special Report from the Committee [Annual Report of the Committee for Session 2000–01 and Future Work of the Committee], together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 516]; and

(5) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Gulf Veterans Illnesses and Depleted Uranium]; to be printed [No 517-i] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Education and Employment,—(1) Seventh Special Report from the Education and Employment Committee [Response from the Government and from the Higher Education Funding Council for England to the Sixth Report from the Committee, on Higher Education: Student Retention]; to be printed [No. 385];

(2) Eighth Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, on Age Discrimination in Employment]; to be printed [No. 518];

(3) Ninth Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, on New Deal: An Evaluation]; to be printed [No. 519];

(4) Tenth Special Report from the Committee [Work of the Committee in the 2000–01 Session]; to be printed, together with an Appendix [No. 520];

(5) Memoranda laid before the Committee [DfEE Funding];

(6) Memoranda laid before the Education Sub-Committee of the Committee [Standards, Disadvantage and Opportunity]; and

(7) Memorandum laid before the Employment Sub-Committee of the Committee [Unemployment Statistics] [Mr Derek Foster].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Sixth Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Parades Commission—Supplementary Report], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 521];

(2) Third Special Report from the Committee [Response of the Northern Ireland Executive to the Fourth and Fifth Reports of Session 1999–2000], together with an Appendix; to be printed [No. 522];

(3) Fourth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Committee’s First Special Report of Session 2000–01], together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 523];
Further Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Parades Commission]; to be printed [No. 120]; and

Papers laid before the Committee [Legal Aid in Northern Ireland; Miscellaneous]
[Mr Peter Brooke].

Science and Technology.—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee [The Work of the Science and Technology Committee in the 1997–2001 Parliament]; to be printed [No. 476]; and

Memoranda laid before the Committee [Miscellaneous]
[Dr Michael Clark].

Trade and Industry.—(1) Twelfth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Ilisu Dam]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 512];

(2) Thirteenth Report from the Committee [Enterprise Policy in the Regions], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 513]; and

Memoranda laid before the Committee [Local Loop Unbundling; Matters relating to BNFL; Matters relating to the Spring Supplementary Estimates]
[Mr Martin O’Neill].

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. 81; WH, No. 48.]

Wednesday 9th May 2001.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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 1.57 p.m.

[No. 82.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, That it had considered the matter of raising the economic performance of the regions and tackling regional imbalances, referred to it on 2nd May.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Armed Forces Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Social Security Contributions ( Share Options) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Armed Forces Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Armed Forces Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 101].
4 Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 102].

5 Scottish Grand Committee,—Ordered, that the Minutes of Proceedings of the Scottish Grand Committee be printed [No. 528].

6 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee be printed [No. 529].

7 Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—Ordered, that the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs be printed [No. 530].

8 European Standing Committee A,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European Standing Committee A be printed [No. 525].

9 European Standing Committee B,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European Standing Committee B be printed [No. 526].

10 European Standing Committee C,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European Standing Committee C be printed [No. 527].

11 Health and Social Care Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [7th November 2000 and 14th February], That the following provisions shall apply to the Health and Social Care Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 10th January and 14th February:

**Lords Amendments**

1.—(1) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments to the Bill shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

(2) The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order—

Nos. 6 to 17, 60 to 66, 1 to 5, 18 to 59 and 67 to 87.

**Subsequent stages**

2.—(1) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(2) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—

(Mr Graham Allen)—It was agreed to.

12 Health and Social Care Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Health and Social Care Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 6.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr John Denham);

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [7th November 2000 and this day].

The Lords Amendment was disagreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on Motions made by a Minister of the Crown that this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.

Lords Amendments Nos. 9 to 15, 62, 73, 74, 82 and 83 were disagreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question that this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 7, 8, 16 to 61, 63 to 72, 75 to 81 and 84 to 87 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 66.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to Lords Amendments.

Amendments Nos. 1 to 9, consequential on Lords Amendments Nos. 7, 8 and 60, made to the Bill.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 6, 9 to 15, 62, 73, 74, 82 and 83.

That Mr John Denham, Maria Eagle, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr David Jamieson and Mr Peter Luff be members of the Committee.
That Mr John Denham be the Chairman of the Committee.

That three be the Quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr David Jamieson.)

13 Health and Social Care Bill,—Mr John Denham reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Health and Social Care 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. 6 for the following Reason:—

Because it is inappropriate for Community Health Councils to be reformed in the way proposed by the Lords.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 9 to 14, 82 and 83 for the following Reason:—

Because they are inappropriate in consequence of the Commons disagreeing to Lords Amendment No. 6 and agreeing to Lords Amendments Nos. 7 and 8.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 15 for the following Reason:—

Because it would involve a charge on public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 62, 73 and 74 for the following Reason:—

Because they relate to provisions left out of the Bill by the Lords.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

14 Criminal Justice and Police Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [7th November 2000 and 29th January], That the following provisions shall apply to the Criminal Justice and Police Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 29th January:

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

Subsequent stages

2.—(1) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(2) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Charles Clarke)—It was agreed to.

15 Criminal Justice and Police Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Criminal Justice and Police Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 24 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 25.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in the said Amendment;

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [7th November 2000 and this day].

The Lords Amendment was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question that this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

Lords Amendments Nos. 26 to 43 were agreed to.

16 International Criminal Court Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order of 3rd April (International Criminal Court Bill [Lords] (Programme)) shall be varied as follows:—
Consideration and Third Reading

1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order shall be omitted.
2. Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today's sitting and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order—(Mr John Battle).

And it being three quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [7th November 2000].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Mike Hall: 238.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Peter Atkinson: 90.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Order of 3rd April (International Criminal Court Bill [Lords] (Programme)) shall be varied as follows:—

Consideration and Third Reading

1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order shall be omitted.
2. Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be completed at today's sitting and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order.

17 International Criminal Court Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the International Criminal Court Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Amendments of the ICC Statute)—(Mr Crispin Blunt)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Jurisdiction of the court)—(Mr Francis Maude)—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 Motion for the International Criminal Court Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2) Order, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [7th November 2000 and this day].

Question put and negatived.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Question put, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Clive Betts: 220.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Atkinson: 73.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Health and Social Care Bill to which this House has disagreed; and they agree, without Amendment, to the consequential Amendments made by this House to the Bill.

19 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Jean May Taylor and Graham Collins against the closure of the Plaxton bus and coach factory was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

20 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Dowd.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.47 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Building Societies.—Building Societies (Restricted Transactions) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1826), dated 10th May 2001 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

   (2) Child Minding and Day Care (Certificates of Registration) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1830),
   (3) Child Minding and Day Care (Disqualification) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1827), and
   dated 9th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Criminal Law.—(1) Criminal Justice (Specified Class A Drugs) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1816), and
   (2) Drug Abstinence Order (Responsible Officer) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1815),
   dated 9th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

4 Environmental Protection.—Highways Noise Payments and Movable Homes (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1803), dated 9th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Family Law.—Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1775), dated 8th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

   dated 9th May 2001 [by Act] [Miss Melanie Johnson].

7 Local Government.—Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (England) (No. 3) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1823), dated 10th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 Medicines.—Medicines ( Aristolochia and Mu Tong etc.) (Prohibition) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1841), dated 9th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

9 National Health Service.—Retained Organs Commission (Establishment and Constitution) Amendment Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1813), dated 9th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

10 Road Traffic.—(1) Community Drivers’ Hours (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1822), dated 10th May 2001,
   (2) International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1812), dated 8th May 2001,
   (3) International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1811), dated 8th May 2001,
   (4) Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) (Approval of Fitters and Workshops) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1810), dated 8th May 2001,
   (5) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hertfordshire) (District of Three Rivers) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1789), dated 9th May 2001, and
   (6) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1825), dated 9th May 2001
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott]; and
   (7) Road Traffic Offenders (Additional Offences and Prescribed Devices) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1814), dated 9th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].
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Other Papers:

11 Environment, Transport and the Regions.—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 2000–01, on Inland Waterways [by Command] [Cm. 5149] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

12 Public Petitions.—Observations by—

(1) the Minister of State for Health on the Petition [2nd May] from health workers in Dorset and others for the inclusion of Dorset in areas eligible for receipt of the cost of living supplement for National Health Service employees, and

(2) the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [2nd May] from residents of North Norfolk and others for payment of pensions and benefit entitlements through sub-Post Offices

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

13 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:

Import and Export Restrictions (Foot and Mouth Disease) (No. 4) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1080), and

Import and Export Restrictions (Foot and Mouth Disease) (No. 4) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1191)

[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

International Development.—Fourth Special Report from the International Development Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, on ECGD, Developmental Issues and the Ilisu Dam: Further Report]; to be printed [No. 531] [Mr Bowen Wells].

[No. 82; WH, No. 49.]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment (Creative Industries).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Don Touhig.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 15th May.

[Adjourned at 2.51 p.m.]
Friday 11th May 2001.

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 Amendment made by this House to the International Criminal Court Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

2 Standing Orders (Public Business),—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business be printed [No. 533].

3 Standing Orders (Private Business),—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Private Business be printed [No. 534].

4 Accommodation and Works,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Accommodation and Works Committee be printed [No. 477].

5 Administration,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Administration Committee be printed [No. 478].

6 Adoption and Children Bill,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on the Adoption and Children Bill be printed [No. 510].

7 Agriculture,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Agriculture Committee be printed [No. 479].

8 Broadcasting,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Broadcasting Committee be printed [No. 480].

9 Catering,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Catering Committee be printed [No. 481].

10 Culture, Media and Sport,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee be printed [No. 482].

11 Defence,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Defence Committee be printed [No. 483].

12 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. 524].

13 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. 485].

14 Environmental Audit,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Environmental Audit Committee be printed [No. 486].

15 European Scrutiny,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the European Scrutiny Committee be printed [No. 487].

16 Finance and Services,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance and Services Committee be printed [No. 488].

17 Foreign Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Foreign Affairs Committee be printed [No. 489].

18 Health,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Health Committee be printed [No. 490].

19 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Home Affairs Committee be printed [No. 491].

20 Human Rights,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords as the Joint Committee on Human Rights be printed [No. 509].

21 Information,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Information Committee be printed [No. 492].
22 International Development,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the International Development Committee be printed [No. 493].

23 Liaison,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Liaison Committee be printed [No. 494].

24 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. 495].

25 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee be printed [No. 496].

26 Procedure,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Procedure Committee be printed [No. 497].

27 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee of Public Accounts be printed [No. 498].

28 Public Administration,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Public Administration be printed [No. 499].

29 Science and Technology,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Science and Technology Committee be printed [No. 500].

30 Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Scottish Affairs Committee be printed [No. 501].

31 Social Security,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Social Security Committee be printed [No. 502].

32 Standards and Privileges,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on Standards and Privileges be printed [No. 503].

33 Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments be printed [No. 504].

34 Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments be printed [No. 505].

35 Trade and Industry,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Trade and Industry Committee be printed [No. 506].

36 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. 507].

37 Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Welsh Affairs Committee be printed [No. 508].

38 Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [8th February], That the following provisions shall apply to the Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 16th January and 8th February:

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

Subsequent stages

2. Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Tony McNulty).—It was agreed to.

39 Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Children’s Commissioner for Wales Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 6 were agreed to.

40 Armed Forces Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [2nd April], That the following provisions shall apply to the Armed Forces Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 9th January and 2nd April.
Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments to the Bill shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

Subsequent stages

2.—(1) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(2) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Kevin Hughes)—It was agreed to.

41 Armed Forces Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Armed Forces Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 11 were agreed to.

42 Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill (Programme) (No. 3),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [8th February], That the following provisions shall apply to the Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 23rd January and 8th February:

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Bill shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

Subsequent stages

2.—(1) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(2) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr David Clelland)—It was agreed to.

43 Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Social Security Contributions (Share Options) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 3 were agreed to.

44 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Vicky Roberts and Yvonne Howe for licensing of and restrictions upon the ownership of air weapons by minors was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

46 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:

Appropriation Act 2001
Finance Act 2001
Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001
Social Security Fraud Act 2001
Private Security Industry Act 2001
House of Commons (Removal of Clergy Disqualification) Act 2001
Rating (Former Agricultural Premises and Rural Shops) Act 2001
Health and Social Care Act 2001
Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001
International Criminal Court Act 2001
Children's Commissioner for Wales Act 2001
Armed Forces Act 2001
47 Adjournment.—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;
And the Question being put;
Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes past Twelve o’clock, adjourned till Tuesday 15th May, pursuant to Order [9th May].

[Adjourned at 12.05 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law (Northern Ireland),—Sex Offenders Act 1997 (Northern Ireland) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1853), dated 10th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].


3 National Assistance Services,—Residential Accommodation (Relevant Premises, Ordinary Residence and Exemptions) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1859), dated 10th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Kent) (Borough of Dartford) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1855), and (2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Northamptonshire) (Borough of Northampton) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1856), dated 10th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Social Security,—(1) Employment Zones (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1865), dated 10th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett]; (2) Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1864), dated 10th May 2001,

6 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Two Statutes, dated 18th December 2000, made by the University of Oxford, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

7 Government Trading Funds,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Meteorological Office for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 484] [Clerk of the House]; and (2) Treasury Minute, dated 11th May 2001, concerning a further financial objective desirable of achievement by the Patent Office Trading Fund for the period 1st April 2000 to 31st March 2005 [by Act] [Mr Andrew Smith].

8 Parliamentary Papers,—Alphabetical Index to the Bills, House of Commons Papers and Command Papers in the House of Commons set of parliamentary papers with notes on the volume arrangement and summary of legislation, Session 2000–01, Fifty-second Parliament, Fourth Session, 49th and 50th Elizabeth II, 6th December 2000 to 14th May 2001; to be printed [No. 532] [The Speaker].