BY THE QUEEN

A PROCLAMATION

FOR DISSOLVING THE PRESENT PARLIAMENT, AND
DECLARING THE CALLING OF ANOTHER

ELIZABETH R.

WHEREAS We have thought fit, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, to dissolve this present Parliament which stands prorogued to Tuesday, the fifteenth day of April instant: We do, for that End, publish this Our Royal Proclamation, and do hereby dissolve the said Parliament accordingly: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Members of the House of Commons, are discharged from further Attendance thereat: And We being desirous and resolved, as soon as may be, to meet Our People, and to have their Advice in Parliament, do hereby make known to all Our loving Subjects Our Royal Will and Pleasure to call a new Parliament: and do hereby further declare, that, by and with the advice of Our Privy Council, We have given Order that Our Chancellor of Great Britain and Our Secretary of State for Northern Ireland do respectively, upon Notice thereof, forthwith issue out Writs, in due Form and according to Law, for calling a new Parliament: And We do hereby also, by this Our Royal Proclamation under Our Great Seal of Our Realm, require Writs forthwith to be issued accordingly by Our said Chancellor and Secretary of State respectively, for causing the Lords Spiritual and Temporal and Commons who are to serve in the said Parliament to be duly returned to, and give their Attendance in, Our said Parliament on Wednesday, the seventh day of May next, which Writs are to be returnable in due course of Law.

Given at Our Court at Windsor Castle, this eighth day of April in the Year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven and in the forty-sixth year of Our Reign.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN
Session 2001–02

The Parliament begun and held at the City of Westminster, on Wednesday, the thirteenth day of June in the fiftieth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lady ELIZABETH, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith; and in the year of our Lord 2001.


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

1 The House being met; and it being the first day of the meeting of this Parliament, pursuant to Proclamation, William Robert McKay, C.B., Clerk of the House of Commons, Roger Blakemore Sands, Clerk Assistant, and Helen Elizabeth Irwin, Principal Clerk of the Table Office, attending in the House, and the other Clerks attending, according to their duty, Sir Hayden Phillips, K.C.B., Clerk of the Crown in Chancery in Great Britain, delivered to the said William Robert McKay a book containing a list of the names of the Members returned to serve in this Parliament.

Several of the Members repaired to their seats.

Mr Tam Dalyell took the Chair, pursuant to Standing Order No. 1 (Election of the Speaker: Member presiding).

2 Message to attend the Lords Commissioners.—A Message was received from the Lords Commissioners, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

Members of the House of Commons,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

3 Accordingly the House went up to the House of Peers, and a Commission having been read for opening and holding the Parliament, the Lords Commissioners directed the House to proceed to the Election of a Speaker, and to present the Speaker Elect in the House of Peers, for the Royal Approbation.

4 And the House having returned;

Mr Tam Dalyell, pursuant to Standing Order No. 1A (Re-election of former Speaker), inquired whether Mr Michael J. Martin, as the Member who was Speaker at the dissolution of the previous Parliament, was willing to be chosen as Speaker.
Mr Michael J. Martin stood up in his place, indicated that he was willing to be so chosen, and submitted himself to the House.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 1A (Re-election of former Speaker), That Mr Michael J. Martin do take the Chair of this House as Speaker—(Sir George Young)—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That Mr Michael J. Martin do take the Chair of this House as Speaker.

Whereupon Mr Tam Dalyell left the Chair, and Mr Michael J. Martin was taken out of his place and conducted to the Chair by Sir George Young and Ann Keen, and, standing on the upper step, he expressed his respectful and humble acknowledgement to the House of the great honour which the House had conferred upon him, and sat down in the Chair.

Then the Mace (which before lay under the Table) was placed upon the Table.

Whereupon Mr Robin Cook, Mr William Hague, Mr Charles Kennedy, Mr David Trimble, Mr Alex Salmond and the Reverend Ian Paisley congratulated Mr Speaker Elect, and Mr Thomas McAvoys moved, That this House do now adjourn till to-morrow at half-past Two o'clock.

The Speaker Elect thereupon put the Question, which being agreed to, the House adjourned accordingly at twenty-four minutes past Three o'clock, till to-morrow, and the Speaker Elect went away without the Mace before him.

Adjourned at 3.24 p.m.

Thursday 14th June 2001.

1 The House met at half-past Two o'clock; and the Speaker Elect having taken the Chair;

2 Message to attend the Lords Commissioners,—A Message was received from the Lords Commissioners, by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod:

   Mr Speaker Elect,

   The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers.

3 Accordingly the Speaker Elect, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where he was presented to the said Lords Commissioners for Her Majesty’s Royal Approbation.

   Then the Lord Chancellor, one of the said Lords Commissioners, signified Her Majesty’s Approbation of the Speaker Elect.

4 The House having returned;

5 The Speaker reported, That the House had been in the House of Peers, where Her Majesty was pleased by Her Majesty’s Commissioners to approve the choice the House had made of him to be its Speaker, and that he had in its name and on its behalf by humble Petition to Her Majesty made claim to all its ancient and undoubted Rights and Privileges, particularly to freedom of speech in debate, freedom from arrest, freedom of access to Her Majesty whenever occasion may require, and that the most favourable construction should be placed upon all its proceedings; which he said Her Majesty, by Her said Commissioners, had been pleased to allow and confirm to it in as ample a manner as they have ever been granted or confirmed by Her Majesty or any of Her Majesty’s Royal Predecessors.

   And then the Speaker repeated his very respectful acknowledgements and grateful thanks to the House for the great honour it had conferred upon him.

   The Speaker then put the House in mind that the first thing to be done was to take and subscribe the Oath required by law.

6 The Speaker takes the Oath,—Thereupon the Speaker first, alone, standing upon the upper step of the Chair, took and subscribed the Oath.

7 Members take the Oath or make Affirmation,—Then the following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by law:

   Right honourable Anthony Charles Lynton Blair for Sedgefield
   Right honourable John Leslie Prescott Kingston upon Hull East
   Right honourable James Gordon Brown Dunfermline East
Right honourable John Whitaker Straw
Right honourable David Blunkett
Right honourable Margaret Mary Beckett
Right honourable Clare Short
Right honourable Andrew David Smith
Right honourable Alan Milburn
Right honourable Tessa Jane Jowell
Right honourable Helen Liddell
Right honourable Geoffrey William Hoon
Right honourable Paul Peter Murphy
Right honourable Estelle Morris
Charles Rodway Clarke
Right honourable John Reid
Right honourable Hilary Jane Armstrong
Right honourable Francis Anthony Aylmer Maude
Right honourable Ann Noreen Widdecombe
Angela Frances Browning
Right honourable Andrew James Mackay
David Lindsay Willetts
Andrew David Lansley
Edward Henry Garnier
Gary Nicholas Streeter
Theresa Mary May
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Archibald John Norman
Timothy Stephen Kenneth Yeo
Peter Michael Ainsworth
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Right honourable Gerald Bernard Kaufman
Right honourable Ian McCartney
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Right honourable John Michael Jack

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North West Durham
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Tiverton & Honiton
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Makerfield
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Gateshead East & Washington West
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8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Fraser Kemp.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.01 p.m.]

[No. 3.]

Friday 15th June 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Members take the Oath or make Affirmation.—The following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by law:

Right honourable Robin Cook for Livingston
Right honourable William Jefferson Hague
Jacqueline Anne Harkness Lait Beckenham
Nigel Christopher Waterson Eastbourne
Paul Stuart Keetch Hereford
Jennifer Louise Tonge Richmond Park
Jacqueline Rita Lawrence Preseli Pembrokeshire
David Elliott Drew Stroud
Andrew Hartley Dismore Hendon
Roger Leslie Berry Kingswood
Desmond Angus Swayne New Forest West
John Grogan Selby
Michael Fraser Weir Angus
Anthony David Wright Great Yarmouth
Lynne Mary Jones Birmingham, Selly Oak
John William MacDougall Central Fife
David Stuart Havard Merthyr Tydfil & Rhymney
Siôn Llewelyn Simon Birmingham, Erdington
Anthony David Steen Totnes
Christopher Richard Pond Gravesend
Gregory Leonard George Barker Bexhill & Battle
Fiona Margaret Mactaggart Slough
2 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn till Tuesday 19th June.—(Mr Keith Hill.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes to Twelve o’clock, adjourned till Tuesday 19th June.

[Adjourned at 11.47 a.m.]
Tuesday 19th June 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Members take the Oath or make Affirmation.—The following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by law:

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Michael John Foster  Worcester
Ashok Kumar  Middleborough South & East

Patrick John Mercer  Newark
Andrew Murrison  Westbury
Joan Marie Ryan  Enfield North
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David Anthony Laws  Yeovil
John David Pugh  Southport
Peter John Duncan  Galloway & Upper Nithsdale
Tony McWalter  Hemel Hempstead
Julian Murray Lewis  New Forest East
Anne Begg  Aberdeen South
Annette Lesley Brooke  Mid Dorset & North Poole
Patsy Calton  Cheadle
Sylvia Hermon  North Down
Mark Gerard Hoban  Fareham
Robert John Walter  North Dorset
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Hugh Robertson
Anthony John Colman
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Matthew Roger Green
Julia Kate Drown
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2 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Five o’clock, adjourned till to-
morrow.

[Adjourned at 5 p.m.]
Wednesday 20th June 2001.

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 a quarter past Two o’clock.

2 Members take the Oath or make Affirmation,—The following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by law:

Judy Mallaber for Amber Valley
Lorna Fitzsimons Rochdale
Humfrey Jonathan Malins Woking
Owen William Paterson North Shropshire
Michael St John Trend Windsor
Sir Edward MacMillan Taylor Rochford & Southend East
John Hume Foyle
Piara Singh Khabra Ealing Southall
Right honourable Gavin Steel Strang Edinburgh East & Musselburgh
Seamus Mallon Newry & Armagh
James Gerald Douglas Howarth Aldershot
Andrew John Bower Mitchell Sutton Coldfield
Peter John Viggers Gosport
Robert Michael Spink Castle Point
David Michael Chaytor Bury North
Right honourable Alan John Williams Swansea West
Matthew Owen John Taylor Truro & St Austell
John Vincent Cable Twickenham
Joseph Edward Benton Bootle
Christine Margaret Russell City of Chester
Annabelle Ewing Perth

3 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 has 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.

4 Witnesses,—Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person has been tampering with any witness, in respect of his evidence to be given to this House, or any Committee thereof, or directly or indirectly has 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 has given false evidence in any case before this House, or any Committee thereof, this House will proceed with the utmost severity against such offender.
5 Metropolitan Police.—Ordered, That the Commissioner of the Police of the Metropolis do take care that during the Session of Parliament the passages through the streets leading to this House be kept free and open and that no obstruction be permitted to hinder the passage of Members to and from this House, and that no disorder be allowed in Westminster Hall, or in the passages leading to this House, during the Sitting of Parliament, and that there be no annoyance therein or thereabouts; and that the Serjeant at Arms attending this House do communicate this Order to the Commissioner aforesaid.

6 Votes and Proceedings.—Ordered, That the Votes and Proceedings of this House be printed, being first perused by the Speaker.

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

8 Chairman of Ways and Means and First and Second Deputy Chairmen of Ways and Means.—Ordered, That Sir Alan Haselhurst be Chairman of Ways and Means, Mrs Sylvia Heal be First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means and Sir Michael Lord be Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.—(Mr Robin Cook.)

9 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’s central objectives are economic stability, and investment and reform in public services, leading to a more prosperous and inclusive society.

To this end, my Government will continue to secure low inflation and sound public finances.

My Government’s main priorities for the forthcoming Session will be reform in education, health, crime and welfare.

My Government will introduce legislation to reform education. An Education Bill will be introduced to promote diversity and higher standards, particularly in secondary schools. It will provide new opportunities for school sponsorship, more options for tackling failing schools, and greater freedom for successful headteachers and governors.

My Government will introduce legislation to reform health services. A Bill will decentralise power and direct resources to National Health Service staff, give patients greater influence on the running of the NHS, and strengthen regulation of the health professions.

Legislation will be drafted to reform the provision of health services in Wales.

Legislation will be brought forward to reform sentencing and rules of evidence, with measures to tackle corruption and sex offenders.

A Bill will be introduced to increase powers against money laundering, establish a Criminal Assets Recovery Agency, and make it easier to recover the proceeds of crime and drugs.

Legislation will be brought forward to help the police fight crime, ensure that they can co-operate effectively across police force boundaries and establish a new complaints system.

Legislation to reform the criminal courts system will be drafted in the light of the forthcoming recommendations from the review by Lord Justice Auld.

Legislation will be introduced to extend the life of the Football (Disorder) Act.

My Government will introduce legislation to reform the welfare system. A Bill will include measures to help more people back into work. Legislation will also be brought forward to introduce the new tax credits system, and to establish the new pension credit for pensioners.

My Government will introduce legislation to encourage enterprise, strengthen competition laws, and promote safeguards for consumers.

A draft Bill to create a single regulator for the media and communications industries and reform the broadcasting and telecommunications regulations will be published.

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,

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 Belfast Agreement.

My Government maintains its commitment to devolution in Scotland and Wales.

Following consultation, my Government will introduce legislation to implement the second phase of House of Lords reform.

My Government will prepare legislation to allow political parties to make positive moves to increase the representation of women in public life.

My Government will publish draft legislation to take forward the recommendations of Lord Cullen’s inquiry into rail safety.

Legislation will be introduced to reform the system of land registration to promote greater electronic conveyancing. The Bill to reform the purchase of freeholds by leaseholders and to create commonhold, a new form of tenure for flat owners, will be reintroduced.

My Government will introduce legislation to make the age entitlement for concessionary travel fares the same for men and women at the age of sixty.

A Bill will be introduced to reform adoption law to make children’s interests paramount, and tackle inter-country adoption.

My Government will enable a free vote to take place on the future of hunting with dogs.

Other measures will be laid before you.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

The Duke of Edinburgh and I were delighted to pay a State Visit to Norway at the end of May. Similarly, we were pleased to receive the State Visit of His Excellency the President of South Africa and Mrs Mbeki last week.

The Duke of Edinburgh and I look forward to attending the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Australia and subsequently visiting New Zealand in October. We also look forward to receiving a State Visit by the King and Queen of Jordan this autumn.

My Government will work with our partners to make sure that Europe has the most competitive knowledge-based economy in the world. It will work for rapid progress on the enlargement of the European Union and will introduce legislation to enable the United Kingdom to ratify the Treaty of Nice and implement the Berlin Own Resources decision on the Union’s future funding.

NATO will remain the cornerstone of Britain’s national security, and my Government will work for a still more effective Alliance defence. In this context, and to enable the European Union to act where NATO chooses not to do so, my Government will work to improve the European Union’s capacity, and Member States’ capabilities, for humanitarian, peace-keeping and crisis management tasks.

Legislation will be introduced to improve the transparency of export controls and to establish their purpose.

Tackling climate change and making a reality of sustainable development will be a priority for my Government. It will fulfil the United Kingdom’s international obligations arising from the Kyoto Protocol.

My Government will work for an early and comprehensive World Trade Round, which will benefit industrialised and developing countries alike.

In the United Nations, my Government will support a more modern and representative Security Council, and work to make conflict prevention and peacekeeping more effective.

My Government will work to encourage universal observance of human rights, including throughout the Commonwealth.

My Government will continue to work for a more effective global effort to reduce poverty, and will reintroduce its Bill to entrench and strengthen the poverty focus to development work.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels.
10 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Angela Smith.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

11 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Angela Smith);

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 delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Monday 14th May 2001 during the adjournment, pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Children and Young Persons,—Child Minding and Day Care (Registration and Annual Fees) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1886), dated 14th May 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates on or after Wednesday 13th June 2001, the day on which Parliament was appointed to meet, pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

Tuesday 19th June 2001

2 Hong Kong (No. 1, 2001).—Agreement, done at Hong Kong on 23rd January 1998, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China concerning Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5199] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Miscellaneous (No. 8, 2001).—Amendment, adopted at the Ninth Meeting of the Parties held at Montreal on 15th–17th September 1997, to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5176] [Mr Secretary Straw].

4 Treaty Series (No. 28, 2001).—Agreement, done at London on 21st February 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Canada regarding the Sharing of Forfeited or Confiscated Assets or their Equivalent Funds [Cm. 5180] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates on or after Wednesday 13th June 2001, the day on which Parliament was appointed to meet, pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Thursday 14th June 2001


(2) Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 7) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1983), dated 18th May 2001, and

(3) Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export of Vehicles) (Disinfection of Tyres) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1984), dated 18th May 2001 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Prison and Young Offenders Centres,—Prison and Young Offenders Centre (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2001 (S.R. (N.I.), 2001, No. 221), dated 22nd May 2001 [Mr Secretary Reid].
Friday 15th June 2001

7 Animals,—(1) Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export of Vehicles) (Disinfection of Tyres) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2195), and

    (2) Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 8) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2194),

dated 15th June 2001 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


9 Social Security,—Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2187), dated 15th June 2001 [Dawn Primarolo].

Tuesday 19th June 2001

10 Education,—(1) Education (Special Educational Needs) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2216), and

    (2) Special Educational Needs (Provision of Information by Local Education Authorities) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2218),

dated 16th June 2001 [Secretary Estelle Morris].


    (3) Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2212), dated 18th June 2001

[Mr Secretary Byers].

12 Social Security,—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 6) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2220), dated 19th June 2001 [Dawn Primarolo].

13 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 6) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2221), dated 19th June 2001 [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Wednesday 20th June 2001:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

14 Agriculture,—Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy (Variation) Scheme (Approval) Order 2001, dated 8th May 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

15 Education,—Draft Special Educational Needs Code of Practice [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

16 Immigration,—Draft Immigration (Leave to Enter) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

17 International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft International Criminal Court (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

18 Police,—Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Drug Testing of Persons in Police Detention) (Prescribed Persons) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

19 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events,—Draft Football (Disorder) (Duration of Powers) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

20 Civil Aviation,—Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2128), dated 9th June 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].
21 Criminal Law,—(1) Community Order (Electronic Monitoring of Requirements) (Responsible Officer) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2233), and 
   (2) Curfew Order and Curfew Requirement (Responsible Officer) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2234),
   dated 19th June 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

22 Financial Services and Markets,—(1) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Rights of Action) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2256), and 
   dated 20th June 2001 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].


25 Patents,—Patents (Convention Countries) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2126),
   dated 9th June 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

26 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—(1) Statute, dated 9th March 2001, made by the Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, amending the Statutes of the College, and 
   (2) Statute, dated 7th February 2001, made by the Governing Body of Oriel College, Oxford, amending the Statutes of the College
   [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

Other Papers:


28 British Library,—Statement of appointment and salary of Lord Eatwell as Chairman of the Board of the British Library [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

29 Education Reform,—Account of the Education Transfer Council for the period 1st April to 31st December 2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 52] [Clerk of the House].

30 Food,—Accounts of the Home Grown Sugar Beet (Research and Education) Fund for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 35] [Clerk of the House].

31 Football (Disorder),—Report on the impact of measures introduced by the Football (Disorder) Act 2000 during the period August 2000 to June 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

32 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report of the Financial Reporting Advisory Board to the Treasury for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 8] [Mr Andrew Smith].

33 Health Service Commissioners,—(1) First Report of the Health Service Ombudsman, Session 2001–02: Annual Report for 2000–01, and 
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 3 and 4-I & II] [Clerk of the House].

34 House of Commons Members’ Fund,—Accounts of the House of Commons Members’ Fund for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 21] [Clerk of the House].

35 Law Commission,—Report on Bail and the Human Rights Act 1998 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 7] [Mr Michael Wills].

36 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Royal Travel by air and rail [by Act]; to be printed [No. 25] [Clerk of the House].

[by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

38 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the:—

(1) Bolton Education Action Zone,
(2) Bridgewater Education Action Zone,
(3) Dingle Granby Toxteth Education Action Zone,
(4) Gloucester Education Action Zone,
(5) Hamilton Oxford Education Action Zone,
(6) Herefordshire Education Action Zone,
(7) Kent and Somerset Education Action Zone,
(8) North East Derbyshire Coalfields Education Action Zone,
(9) Peterlee Education Action Zone,
(10) Speke Garston Education Action Zone,
(11) Stoke-on-Trent Education Action Zone,
(12) Telford and Wrekin Education Action Zone, and
(13) Wolverhampton Education Action Zone
for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 18, 15, 16, 14, 51, 34, 19, 37, 17, 20, 36, 32 and 33] [Clerk of the House].


[No. 6.]


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

PRAYERS.

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

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords] and the National Australia Group Europe Bill [Lords], to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House, viz:

That the promoters of the Bills which originated in the House of Lords in the last Parliament but had not received the Royal Assent shall, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of the House of Lords, have leave to introduce the said Bills in the present Session of Parliament, and the petitions for the Bills shall be deemed to have been deposited and all Standing Orders applicable thereto shall be deemed to have been complied with;

That every such Bill shall be deposited in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than Three o’clock on Tuesday 26th June with a declaration annexed thereto signed by the agent concerned, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in the House of Lords in the last Parliament;

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

2 European Communities (Finance) Bill,—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Secretary Clare Short, Mr Secretary Byers, Mr Andrew Smith, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Secretary Estelle Morris, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Paul Boateng and Ruth Kelly, presented (under Standing Order No. 50 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the
public revenue) a Bill to amend the definition of “the Treaties” and “the Community Treaties” in section 1(2) of the European Communities Act 1972 so as to include the decision of 29th September 2000 of the Council on the Communities’ system of own resources: 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 European Communities (Finance) Bill be printed [Bill 1–EN].

3 Homelessness Bill.—Mr Secretary Byers, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Milburn, Mr Secretary Murphy, Ms Rosie Winterton and Ms Sally Keeble, presented a Bill 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 2].

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

4 European Communities (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Robin Cook, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Secretary Clare Short, Mr Secretary Hoon, Ms Secretary Hewitt, the Solicitor General and Peter Hain, presented a Bill to make provision consequential on the Treaty signed at Nice on 26th February 2001 amending the Treaty on European Union, the Treaties establishing the European Communities and certain related Acts: 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 European Communities (Amendment) Bill be printed [Bill 3–EN].

5 Civil Defence (Grant) Bill.—Mr Secretary Blunkett, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Hoon and Mr John Denham, presented (under Standing Order No. 50 (Procedure upon bills whose main object is to create a charge upon the public revenue)) a Bill to replace section 3 of the Civil Defence Act 1948 in so far as it applies to authorities in England or Wales: 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 Civil Defence (Grant) Bill be printed [Bill 4–EN].

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

7 The Speaker’s Absence.—Resolved, That the Speaker have leave of absence on Monday 25th June to attend the funeral of His Eminence Cardinal Thomas J. Winning, DCL, STL, DD, late Archbishop of Glasgow.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

8 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Police,—Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Modification) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2254), dated 20th June 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Taxes,—Stamp Duty Reserve Tax (Tradepoint) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2267), dated 21st June 2001 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

4 Telegraphs,—Wireless Telegraphy (Licence Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2265), dated 19th June 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Other Papers:

6 Education (Scotland),—Accounts of the Scottish Qualifications Authority for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 38] [Clerk of the House].

7 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 9] [Clerk of the House].

8 Industrial Training,—(1) Report and Accounts, and
(2) Report and Financial Statements
of the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board for 2000 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

9 Low Pay Commission,—Third Report of the Low Pay Commission, entitled The National Minimum Wage—Making a Difference: The Next Steps [by Command] [Cm. 5175] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

10 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions Minute, dated 1st June 2001, concerning a contingent liability entered into by the Chief Executive of the Housing Corporation by an undertaking to guarantee an increased overdraft in favour of West Hampstead Housing Association [by Command] [Mr Secretary Byers].

[No. 7.]

Friday 22nd June 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Member takes the Oath,—The following Member took and subscribed the Oath required by law:
David Leonard Watts … … … … for St Helens North.

2 Queen's Speech (Motion for an Address),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [20th June], That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate. And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Monday 25th June.
3 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 25th June.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Postal Services.—Draft Sub-Post Office Start-Up Capital Subsidy Scheme Order 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education.—Education (Designated Institutions) (No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2268), dated 21st June 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

3 Road Traffic.—Motor Vehicles (Third Party Risks) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2266), dated 20th June 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

4 Defence.—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 22nd June 2001, concerning the proposed gifting of the Ministry of Defence Pattern Room and Small Arms Technical Information Centre to the Royal Armouries Museum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

5 Financial Services.—Report and Accounts of the Financial Services Authority for 2000–01 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

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. 4) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1984),
   Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 7) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1936),
   Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 7) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 1983), and

   [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

7 Treaty Series (No. 29, 2001).—Exchange of Notes, done at Luxembourg on 16th December 1999 and 3rd July 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Luxembourg extending the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters 1959 to the Isle of Man [by Command] [Cm. 5181] [Mr Secretary Straw].

8 Treaty Series (No. 30, 2001).—Exchange of Notes, done at Athens on 22nd December 1999 and 22nd January 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Hellenic Republic of Greece extending the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters 1959 to the Isle of Man [by Command] [Cm. 5182] [Mr Secretary Straw].

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the Speaker’s absence from this day’s sitting, pursuant to leave given [21st June].

Whereupon Sir Alan Haselhurst, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

2 The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker).

3 Member makes Affirmation,—The following Member made the Affirmation required by law:


4 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [20th June], 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. The Speaker resumed the Chair.

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

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges of UNESCO) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 London Government,—Road User Charging (Charges and Penalty Charges) (London) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2285), dated 22nd June 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Brighton & Hove) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2272), dated 21st June 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

6 Broadcasting,—Accounts of the Broadcasting Standards Commission for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 70] [Clerk of the House].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (Revival),—Ordered, That the Lords Message [21st June] relating to the Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords] and the National Australia Group Europe Bill [Lords] be now considered.

The House accordingly proceeded to consider the said Message.

Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution.—(The Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

2 Sessional Returns,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Returns for Session 2000–01 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.)

3 Export Control Bill,—Ms Secretary Hewitt, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Secretary Clare Short, Mr Secretary Hoon, Secretary Tessa Jowell and Nigel Griffiths presented a Bill to make provision enabling controls to be imposed on the exportation of goods, the transfer of technology, the provision of technical assistance overseas and activities connected with trade in controlled goods; 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 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 [20th June], 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 reference to agriculture and the countryside, contains no proposals to assist farming, tourism and the rest of the rural economy to recover from foot-and-mouth disease, does not include any commitment to establish an independent public inquiry into the origins and handling of the epidemic, and does not explain how the new Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, from whose title agriculture is regrettably excluded, will protect the countryside and the environment without changes in planning policy to prevent excessive development on greenfield sites, to the detriment of balanced development of the inner cities; regret that specific measures to improve transport are notable by their absence from the Gracious Speech; and have no confidence that the Government will achieve the world-class public services that they promised prior to the general election.’.—(Mr Tim Yeo.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr John Randall: 198.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Ian Pearson: 331.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

5 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Angela Smith.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.46 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Life Sentences (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 2001, and

(2) Draft Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Education (Grants for Disabled Postgraduate Students) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2300), dated 25th June 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].


[Ms Rosie Winterton].


Other Papers:

5 Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall,—Financial Statements of the Duchy of Cornwall for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 10] [Mr Paul Boateng].
6 School Teachers,—Paper, entitled School Teachers’ Review Body: Special Review of the Welcome Back Bonus for Returners to Teaching in England [by Command] [Cm. 5174] [The Prime Minister].

7 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:
   Prison and Young Offenders Centre (Amendment) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2001 (S.R. (N.I.), 2001, No. 221)
   [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

8 Wildlife and Countryside,—Report and Accounts of the Countryside Agency for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 26] [Clerk of the House].

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel), the Speaker nominated Mrs Irene Adams, Mr David Amess, Mr Joe Benton, Mr John Butterill, Mr Frank Cook, Mr John Cummings, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Win Griffiths, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr John McWilliam, Mr Humphrey Malins, Mr Bill O’Brien, Mr Edward O’Hara, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Peter Pike, Mrs Marion Roe, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr George Stevenson and Mr Nicholas Winterton to be members of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

[No. 10.]

Wednesday 27th June 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:
   Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Select Committee of seven Lords to join with a Committee appointed by the Commons as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.

2 Member takes the Oath.—The following Member took and subscribed the Oath:
   Eleanor Fulton Laing … … … for Epping Forest.

3 Welsh Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Orders Nos. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales)) and 108 (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings)), That—
   1. The matter of the Government’s legislative programme, as outlined in the Queen’s Speech as it relates to Wales, be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration;
   2. The Committee shall meet on Tuesday 3rd July at half-past Ten o’clock and between Four o’clock and Six o’clock at Westminster to take questions under Standing Order No. 103 (Welsh Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)) and to consider the matter of the Government’s legislative programme as outlined in the Queen’s Speech as it relates to Wales, under Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales))—(Mr Nick Ainger):—It was agreed to.

4 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 will not sit on the following Fridays: 29th June, 6th July, 7th and 14th December 2001, and 15th February, 22nd March, 3rd and 17th May, 14th and 28th June 2002—(Mr Nick Ainger):—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 [20th June], 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 does not contain the Bills on victims’ rights and reform of the licensing laws promised in the Government’s manifesto, nor any measures to make prisons more purposeful, to improve the asylum system to ensure that the United Kingdom fulfils its obligations to genuine refugees, and to introduce honesty in sentencing; note that the Gracious Speech makes no mention of the cuts in police numbers that have occurred since 1997 and the crisis in police morale; further regret that the Government has failed to outline detailed proposals to alter the procedures or composition of either House of Parliament, and failed to guarantee suitable opportunities for the participation of all political parties in any consideration about the future of Parliament; further note that the Gracious Speech contains no plans to increase the democratic accountability of Her Majesty’s Government and its servants, and makes no reference to the need to address the problems caused by the increased diminution of the authority of this place since 1997 and of the falling participation rates in national elections; and further regret that the Government intends to introduce ratification of the Nice Treaty without allowing the people an opportunity to express their views in a referendum.’.—(Miss Ann Widdecombe.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 150.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 403.

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 include any measures to address the problems faced by rural communities in the wake of the foot-and-mouth crisis or remove the bureaucracy stifling British agriculture and rural enterprise; are dismayed by the Government’s failure to place environmental concerns at the heart of its legislative programme, to address the crisis in our public transport system and to reform the basis for local government funding; believe that the Government’s proposals for education will not adequately address the continuing crisis in teacher recruitment and retention; further believe that tuition fees remain the greatest bar to a university education for many; further believe that while reform of the criminal justice system is necessary, there is no justification for undermining fundamental civil liberties of our citizens, in particular their right to a fair trial; urge the establishment of a standing Royal Commission to report on policies dealing with 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 and to bring forward wide-ranging proposals for modernisation of both Houses of Parliament; regret the lack of provision for personal care for elderly and disabled people, and for preventive healthcare; and call on the Government to take bold steps to tackle the steep inequalities of opportunity and access to essential services which afflict the most disadvantaged members in society.’.—(Mr Simon Hughes.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Andrew Stunell: 57.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 344.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 334.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 207.

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.
6 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Angela Smith.)
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:


3. Highways.—Trunk Road Charging Schemes (Bridges and Tunnels) (England) Procedure Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2303), dated 25th June 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


Other Papers:

6. Broadcasting.—(1) Report, and
   (2) Statement of Accounts
   of S4C for 2000 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].


8. Industrial Organisation and Development.—Report and Accounts of the Horticultural Development Council for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


    [by Act]: to be printed [Nos. 5 and 6] [Clerk of the House].

11. Slovenia (No. 1, 2001).—Agreement, done at Ljubljana on 18th December 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia on the Establishment and Activities of Cultural Centres, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5179] [Mr Secretary Straw].

12. Treaty Series (No. 31, 2001).—International Convention, done at Rio de Janeiro on 14th May 1966, with related Protocol, done at Paris on 10th July 1984, for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas [by Command] [Cm. 5183] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Grand Committees

Welsh Grand Committee.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Tuesday 3rd July.
CHAIRMEN'S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel), the Speaker has nominated Derek Conway and Mr Alan Hurst to be members of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session of Parliament.

[No. 11.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill,—Mr Secretary Reid, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Mr Secretary Byers and Mr Desmond Browne, presented a Bill to provide for the supply to the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland of the signatures and dates of birth of electors and persons seeking registration as electors in Northern Ireland; for the use of that information in connection with elections in Northern Ireland; for the issue of electoral identity cards by the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland; for the modification in relation to voters with disabilities of certain rules about voting procedure in Northern Ireland; 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 6].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill be printed [Bill 6–EN].

2 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at this day’s sitting, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Robin Cook relating to Programming of Legislation and Deferred Divisions not later than half-past Six o’clock; and such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; and those Questions may be decided, though opposed, after the expiration of the time for opposed business—(Mr Stephen Twigg);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Ian Pearson: 307.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr James Gray: 118.

So the Question was agreed to.

3 Programming of Bills,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That in the current Session of Parliament Orders A to I below shall have effect:

A. Programme Motions

(1) If, before second reading of a bill, notice of a motion providing—

(a) for committal of the bill, and

(b) for any proceedings on the bill to be programmed,

is given by a Minister of the Crown, the motion may be made immediately after second reading, and Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills) shall not apply to the bill.

(2) Such a motion is to be called a programme motion.

(3) An order made by the House as a result of a programme motion is to be called a programme order.

(4) A motion to vary or supplement a programme order is also to be called a programme motion.

(5) A programme motion may provide for the allocation of time for any proceedings on a bill.

(6) Except in the following three cases, or where paragraph (8) of Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) applies, the question on a programme motion is to be put forthwith.
(7) The first exception is where—

(a) a Standing Committee has reported a resolution under paragraph (11) of Sessional Order C (Programming Sub-Committees) proposing an alteration of the date by which the bill is to be reported to the House, and

(b) the motion made under paragraph (12) of Sessional Order C (Programming Sub-Committees) does not give effect to the Standing Committee’s proposal.

(8) The second exception is where the motion makes further provision for proceedings on consideration and third reading of the bill otherwise than in accordance with a resolution of a Programming Committee under paragraph (5) of Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) or a resolution of a Standing Committee under paragraph (13) of Sessional Order C (Programming Sub-Committees).

(9) The third exception is where the motion reduces the amount of time allocated under a programme order for any proceedings on the bill (whether or not it also increases the amount of time allocated for other proceedings on the bill).

(10) In an excepted case, any question necessary to dispose of proceedings on a programme motion is to be put not later than three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the motion.

(11) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted Business) applies to proceedings on a programme motion.

(12) Standing Order No. 83 (Allocation of Time) does not apply to a programme motion.

(13) If a programme order applies to a bill, neither Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) nor Standing Order No. 120 (Business Sub-Committee) applies to the bill.

B. Programming Committees

(1) This order applies if proceedings in committee of the whole House or on consideration and third reading are subject to a programme order.

(2) There is to be a committee for the bill consisting of—

(a) the Chairman of Ways and Means (who is to be chairman of the committee); and

(b) not more than eight other Members, nominated by the Speaker.

(3) The committee is to be called the Programming Committee.

(4) The quorum of the Programming Committee is four.

(5) The Programming Committee shall consider the allocation of time to proceedings in committee of the whole House or on consideration and third reading and report any resolution which it makes to the House.

(6) Proceedings in the Programming Committee shall be brought to a conclusion not later than two hours after their commencement.

(7) For the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (6), the chairman shall—

(a) first put forthwith any question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet decided; and

(b) then put successively questions on any motions made by a Minister of the Crown.

(8) On a motion being made in the House relating to a resolution of the Programming Committee, any question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motion shall be put not later than three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of those proceedings.

(9) If such a motion is agreed to, its provisions shall have effect as if they were included in the programme order for the bill.

(10) Proceedings on a motion made under paragraph (8) may be entered upon and decided, though opposed, at any hour.

(11) Resolutions of the Programming Committee—

(a) may be reported from time to time; and

(b) subject to the powers of the Speaker or Chairman to select the amendments, new clauses and new schedules to be proposed, may include alterations in the order in which specified proceedings on the bill are to be taken.
C. Programming Sub-Committees

(1) If a bill is subject to a programme order which commits it to a standing committee, the order stands referred to the committee and shall be considered by a sub-committee of the committee.

(2) The sub-committee is to be called the Programming Sub-Committee.

(3) The Programming Sub-Committee shall consist of—

(a) the chairman or one of the chairmen of the committee (who is to be chairman of the sub-committee); and

(b) seven members of the committee, nominated by the Speaker.

(4) The quorum of the Programming Sub-Committee is four.

(5) The Programming Sub-Committee shall report to the committee any resolution which it makes about—

(a) the number of sittings to be allotted to the consideration of the bill in the committee;

(b) the allocation of the proceedings to each sitting;

(c) the time at which any proceedings, if not previously concluded, are to be brought to a conclusion;

(d) the date by which the bill is to be reported to the House;

(e) the programming of consideration and third reading.

(6) Proceedings in the Programming Sub-Committee shall be brought to a conclusion not later than two hours after their commencement.

(7) For the purposes of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (6), the chairman shall—

(a) first put forthwith any question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet been decided; and

(b) then put forthwith successively questions on any motions made by a Minister of the Crown.

(8) Resolutions of the Programming Sub-Committee—

(a) may be reported from time to time; and

(b) subject to the powers of the chairman to select the amendments, new clauses and new schedules to be proposed, may include alterations in the order in which specified proceedings are to be taken.

(9) On a motion in the terms of a resolution of the Programming Sub-Committee being made in the committee, any question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the motion is to be put not later than half an hour after the commencement of those proceedings.

(10) If the provisions of a resolution of the Programming Sub-Committee under subparagraphs (a), (b) or (c) of paragraph (5) are agreed to (with or without modification) by the committee, the provisions (or the provisions as modified) are to have effect as if they were included in the programme order for the bill.

(11) Any resolution of the committee—

(a) proposing an alteration to the date by which the Bill is to be reported to the House; or

(b) making a recommendation about the programming of the Bill on consideration and third reading;

shall be reported to the House.

(12) If a resolution is reported proposing an alteration to the date by which the Bill is to be reported to the House, a supplemental programme motion shall be set down for a day not later than the fifth sitting day after the day when the report was made which may—

(a) give effect to the Committee’s proposal;

(b) otherwise alter or supplement the provisions of the original programme of the bill; or

(c) confirm the date set in the original programme order for the bill.
(13) If a resolution is reported making a recommendation about the programming of the bill on consideration and third reading, a supplemental programme motion shall be set down before the consideration of the bill on report which may—

(a) give effect to the Committee’s recommendations;
(b) otherwise alter or supplement the provisions of the original programme of the bill; or
(c) confirm the original programme order for the bill.

D. Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings in Standing Committee or in Committee of the whole House

(1) This order applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings in standing committee or in committee of the whole House to a conclusion in accordance with a programme order.

(2) The chairman shall put forthwith the following questions (but no others)—

(a) any question already proposed from the chair;
(b) any question necessary to bring to a decision a question so proposed;
(c) the question on any amendment, new clause or new schedule selected by the chairman for separate division;
(d) the question on any amendment moved or motion made by a Minister of the Crown;
(e) any other question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded.

(3) On a motion made for a new clause or a new schedule, the chairman shall put only the question that the clause or schedule be added to the bill.

(4) If two or more questions would fall to be put under paragraph (2)(d) on successive amendments moved or motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the chairman shall instead put a single question in relation to those amendments or motions.

(5) If two or more questions would fall to be put under paragraph (2)(e) in relation to successive provisions of the bill, the chairman shall instead put a single question in relation to those provisions.

(6) On conclusion of the proceedings in a committee, the chairman shall report the bill (or such of the bill’s provisions as were committed to it) to the House without putting any question.

E. Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on consideration or third reading

(1) This order applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on consideration and third reading to a conclusion in accordance with a programme order.

(2) The Speaker shall put forthwith the following questions (but no others)—

(a) any question already proposed from the chair;
(b) any question necessary to bring to a decision a question so proposed;
(c) the question on any amendment, new clause or new schedule selected by the Speaker for separate division;
(d) the question on any amendment moved or motion made by a Minister of the Crown;
(e) any other question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded.

(3) On a motion made for a new clause or a new schedule, the Speaker shall put only the question that the clause or schedule be added to the bill.

(4) If two or more questions would fall to be put under paragraph (2)(d) on successive amendments moved or motions made by a Minister of the Crown, the Speaker shall instead put a single question in relation to those amendments or motions.

F. Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments

(1) This order applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments to a conclusion in accordance with a programme order.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet decided.
(3) If that question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment, the Speaker shall then put forthwith—  
   (a) a single question on any further amendments of the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown; and  
   (b) the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—  
   (a) a single question on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment; and  
   (b) the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House agrees or disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment or (as the case may be) in their Amendment as amended.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the question that this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments.

(7) As soon as the House has—  
   (a) agreed or disagreed with the Lords in any of their Amendments; or  
   (b) disposed of an amendment relevant to a Lords Amendment which has been disagreed to,  
the Speaker shall put forthwith a single question on any amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown relevant to the Lords Amendment.

G. Programme orders: conclusion of proceedings on further messages from the Lords

(1) This order applies for the purpose of bringing proceedings on any further message from the Lords to a conclusion in accordance with a programme order.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet decided.

(3) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown which is related to the question already proposed from the chair.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the question on any motion made by a Minister on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords message.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the question that this House agrees with the Lords in all of the remaining Lords proposals.

H. Programme orders: Reasons Committee

(1) This order applies in relation to any Committee to be appointed to draw up Reasons after proceedings have been brought to a conclusion in accordance with a programme order.

(2) The Speaker shall put forthwith the question on any motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons and the appointment of its chairman.

(3) The Committee shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.

(4) Proceedings in the Committee shall be brought to a conclusion not later than half an hour after their commencement.

(5) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph (4), the chairman shall—  
   (a) first put forthwith any question which has been proposed from the chair and not yet decided; and  
   (b) then put forthwith successively questions on motions which may be made by a Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in any of their Amendments.

(6) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further question being put.
I. Programme orders: supplementary provisions

(1) The provisions of this order apply to proceedings in the House or in Committee of the whole House on a bill which is subject to a programme order.

(2) Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) applies to the proceedings for any period after ten o’clock (or on Thursday, seven o’clock) allocated to them in accordance with the programme order.

(3) The proceedings may not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.

(4) If, on a day on which the bill has been set down to be taken as an order of the day, a motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) would, apart from this order, stand over to seven o’clock—

(a) that motion stands over until the conclusion of any proceedings on the bill which, in accordance with the programme order, are to be brought to conclusion at or before that time; and

(b) the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the bill which, in accordance with the programme order, are to be brought to a conclusion after that time is postponed for a period of time equal to the duration of the proceedings on that motion.

(5) If a day on which the bill has been set down to be taken as an order of the day is one to which a motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 stands over from an earlier day, the bringing to a conclusion of any proceedings on the bill which, in accordance with the programme order, are to be brought to a conclusion on that day is postponed for a period equal to the duration of the proceedings on that motion.

(6) No dilatory motion may be made in relation to the proceedings except by a Minister of the Crown; and the question on any such motion is to be put forthwith.

(7) If at any sitting the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the expiry of the period at the end of which proceedings are to be brought to a conclusion under a programme order, no notice is required of a motion made at the next sitting by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of the programme order—(Mr Robin Cook);

And it being half-past Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Jim Fitzpatrick: 265.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Gerald Howarth: 125.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question which she was directed to put at that hour.

Deferred Divisions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That in the current Session of Parliament the following Order shall have effect:

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), Standing Order No. 38 (Procedure on divisions) shall not apply if, after the time for the interruption of business, the opinion of the Speaker as to the decision on a question is challenged in respect of any question.

(2) Standing Order No. 38 (Procedure on divisions) shall apply (and this order shall not apply) to questions—

(a) on motions or amendments in the course of proceedings on bills or allocating time to or programming such proceedings;

(b) on motions which may be made without notice;

(c) on motions to be disposed of immediately following the disposal of amendments proposed thereto, and on such amendments;

(d) on motions made under—

(i) paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business);

(ii) paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 51 (Ways and means motions);

(iii) sub-paragraph (1)(a) of Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills);

(iv) paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates); and
(v) paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.); and

(e) on motions made under paragraph (3) below or to which an order made under that paragraph applies.

(3) After the moment of interruption and the conclusion of proceedings under any other Standing Order which fall to be taken immediately after it, a Minister of the Crown may make a motion to the effect that this order shall not apply to questions on any specified motions; such motion may be proceeded with, though opposed, and the question thereon shall be put forthwith.

(4) If the opinion of the Speaker is challenged under paragraph (1) of this order, he shall defer the division until half-past Three o’clock on the next Wednesday on which the House shall sit.

(5) On any Wednesday to which a division has been deferred under paragraph (4) above—

(a) Members may record their votes on the question under arrangements made by the Speaker;
(b) votes may be recorded for one and a half hours after half-past Three o’clock, no account being taken of any period during which the House or Committee proceeds to a division; and
(c) the Speaker, or the Chairman, shall announce the result of the deferred division as soon as may be after the expiry of the period mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) above—(Mr John Heppell);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Jim Fitzpatrick: 268.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr Gerald Howarth: 130.

So the Question was agreed to.

4 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 26th October, 2nd, 23rd and 30th November 2001, 11th, 18th and 25th January, 15th March, 12th and 19th April, 10th May, 21st June and 19th July 2002—(Mr John Heppell); And it being Seven o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Monday next.

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John Heppell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 2nd July.

[Adjourned at 7.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Contracting Out,—Draft Contracting Out of Functions (Tribunal Staff) Order 2001 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

2 Town and Country Planning,—Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Environmental Protection,—Air Quality Limit Values Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2315), dated 25th June 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


5 Social Security,—Discretionary Housing Payments (Grants) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2340), dated 27th June 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

7 Appropriations in Aid.—Treasury Minute, dated 28th June 2001, directing the application of certain receipts as appropriations in aid of the services specified in the Summer Summary Supplementary Request for Supply for 2001–02 [by Act] [Mr Andrew Smith].

8 Industrial Development.—Report for 2000–01 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the First Minister of the Scottish Parliament and the First Secretary of the National Assembly for Wales under the Industrial Development Act 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 83] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

9 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Income Tax Self Assessment [by Act]; to be printed [No. 56] [Clerk of the House].

10 Northern Ireland.—Proposal for a draft Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 2001, with an Explanatory Document [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

11 Public Processions (Northern Ireland),—Report and Statement of Accounts of the Parades Commission for Northern Ireland for 2000–01 [by Act], to be printed [No. 55] [Mr Secretary Reid].

12 Regulatory Reform,—Proposal under the Regulatory Reform Act 2001 for the Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licensing) Order 2001, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

13 Supply Estimates, 2001–02.—(1) Summer Supplementary Estimates and Summary Supplementary Request for Supply for 2001–02 for Central Government [by Command]; to be printed [No. 46] [Mr Andrew Smith]; and

(2) Summer Supplementary Estimates for 2001–02 for—

(a) British Trade International [by Command] [Cm. 5178] [Ms Secretary Hewitt];

(b) the Cabinet Office [by Command] [Cm. 5215] [Mr Secretary Prescott];

(c) the Department for Culture, Media and Sport [by Command] [Cm. 5203] [Secretary Tessa Jowell];

(d) the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions [by Command] [Cm. 5195] [Mr Secretary Byers];

(e) the Food Standards Agency [by Command] [Cm. 5200] [Mr Secretary Milburn];

(f) the Home Office [by Command] [Cm. 5214] [Mr Secretary Blankett];

(g) the Intervention Board Executive Agency [by Command] [Cm. 5196] [Secretary Margaret Beckett]; and

(h) the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food [by Command] [Cm. 5202] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

[No. 11; WH, No. 1.]


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

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

Adjournment (Road Safety),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 3rd July.

[Adjourned at 5.28 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Members take the Oath or make Affirmation,—The following Members took and subscribed the Oath, or made and subscribed the Affirmation required by law:
   William Etherington ... ... for Sunderland North
   Robert Victor Jackson ... ... Wantage

2 Homelessness Bill,—The Homelessness Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

3 Homelessness Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Homelessness 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 Homelessness 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 Ivor Caplin)—It was agreed to.

4 Business of the House,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [28th June], That Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 26th October, 2nd, 23rd and 30th November 2001, 11th, 18th and 25th January, 15th March, 12th and 19th April, 10th May, 21st June and 19th July 2002:
   And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.
   And it being Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

5 Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 102 (Welsh Grand Committee (composition and business)), in respect of its meeting on Tuesday 3rd July, the Welsh Grand Committee shall consist of all Members representing Welsh constituencies, together with Mr Nigel Evans and Mr Robert Walter.—(Mr John Heppell.)

6 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That Andrew Bennett, Mr Harold Best, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mr Ivan Henderson, Mr David Tredinnick and Brian White be members of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments; and that the said Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the Lords on Thursday 5th July at half-past Ten o’clock in Committee Room 7.—(Mr John Heppell.)
   Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John Heppell.)
   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

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 29th June 2001 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Supply Estimates, 2001–02,—Summer Supplementary Estimates for 2001–02 for the Department of Trade and Industry: UKAEA [Cm. 5177] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Treaty Series (No. 32, 2001),—Exchange of Notes, done at Kuala Lumpur on 20th August and 14th September 1993, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Malaysia amending the Air Services Agreement done at London on 24th May 1973 [Cm. 5184] [Mr Secretary Straw].
Treaty Series (No. 33, 2001).—Framework Agreement, done at Farnborough on 27th July 2000, between the French Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Italian Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the Kingdom of Sweden, and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning Measures to Facilitate the Restructuring and Operation of the European Defence Industry [Cm. 5185] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 29th June 2001 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Food.—Sweeteners in Food (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2294), dated 21st June 2001 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Housing.—Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2317), dated 26th June 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

6 Housing (Scotland).—Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Scotland) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2318), dated 26th June 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2349), dated 28th June 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].

8 Social Security.—(1) Social Security Amendment (Discretionary Housing Payments) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2333), dated 27th June 2001, and (2) Social Security Amendment (Volunteers) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2296), dated 22nd June 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 2nd July 2001:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

9 Local Government Finance.—(1) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 82) on 2001–02 Special Grants in connection with pilot Local Public Service Agreements, and (2) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 83) on Maintenance of Roads Grant 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 111 and 88] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


11 Road Traffic.—Community Drivers’ Hours (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2358), dated 2nd July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

12 Social Security.—Social Security Amendment (Students and Income-related Benefits) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2319), dated 26th June 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:

14 Government Trading Funds.—(1) Report and Accounts of the Defence Evaluation Research Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 84] [Clerk of the House], and (2) Treasury Minute, dated 2nd July 2001, establishing a further financial objective for the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory Trading Fund [by Act] [Mr Andrew Smith].

15 Industrial Training.—Report and Accounts of the Construction Industry Training Board for 2000 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].
16 National Loans.—Accounts relating to issues from the National Loans Fund for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 98] [Clerk of the House].

17 Pensions.—Accounts of the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 99] [Clerk of the House].

18 Treasury Solicitor.—Crown’s Nominee Account for 2000–01 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

MEMORANDUM
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 Gerald Kaufman, Mr Humfrey Malins and Mr Peter Viggers.

[No. 13.]

Tuesday 3rd July 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the promoters of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill which originated in this House in the last Parliament but had not received the Royal Assent may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the bill in the present session of Parliament; 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 the bill shall be presented to the House by deposit in the Private Bill Office no later than the fifth day on which the House sits after this day;

That a declaration signed by the agent shall be annexed to the bill, stating that it is the same in every respect as the bill presented in this House in the last Parliament;

That on the next sitting day following presentation, the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay the bill on the Table of the House;

That in the current session of Parliament the bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it had passed in the last Parliament, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;

That no further fees shall be charged to such stages;

That the petition relating to the bill which stood referred to the committee on the bill in the last Parliament shall stand referred to the committee on the bill in the current session of Parliament;

That no petitioners shall be heard before the committee unless their petition has been presented within the time provided for petitioning or has been deposited pursuant to Private Business Standing Order 126(b);

That, in relation to the bill, Private Business Standing Order 127 shall have effect as if the words ‘under Standing Order 126 (Reference to committee of petitions against bill)’ were omitted—(The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means);

And objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Tuesday 10th July.

2 Selection.—Ordered, That Ms Karen Buck, Mr James Cran, Mr John Heppell, Keith Hill, Phil Hope, Mr John McWilliam, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Sir George Young be members of the Committee of Selection.

That the members of the Committee of Selection nominated this day shall continue to be members of the Committee for the remainder of this Parliament.

That this Order be a Standing Order of the House.—(Keith Hill.)
3 Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr Win Griffiths 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 as it relates to Wales, referred to it on 27th June.

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

Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—The Lords communicate that they have ordered that the Committee appointed by them to join with a Committee appointed by this House as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments do meet with the Committee appointed by this House at half-past Ten o’clock on Thursday 5th July, as proposed by this House.

Human Rights (Joint Committee).—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of six Lords to join with a Committee appointed by the Commons as the Joint Committee on Human Rights,

To 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 73 (Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments);

To report to the House:
(a) in relation to any document containing proposals laid before the House under paragraph 3 of the said Schedule 2, its recommendation whether a draft order in the same terms as the proposals should be laid before the House; or
(b) in relation to any draft order laid under paragraph 2 of the said Schedule 2, its recommendation whether the draft order should be approved;

and to have power to report to the House on any matter arising from its consideration of the said proposals or draft orders; and

To report to the House in respect of any original order laid under paragraph 4 of the said Schedule 2, its recommendation whether:
(a) the order should be approved in the form in which it was originally laid before Parliament; or
(b) that the order should be replaced by a new order modifying the provisions of the original order; or
(c) that the order should not be approved,

and to have power to report to the House on any matter arising from its consideration of the said order or any replacement order;

That the Committee have power to agree with any Committee appointed by 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.

5 Member takes the Oath.—The following Member took and subscribed the Oath:
Joseph Alan Meale for Mansfield.

6 European Communities (Finance) Bill.—The European Communities (Finance) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

7 European Communities (Finance) Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], that the following provisions shall apply to the European Communities (Finance) Bill:

Committal
1. The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
Programming of proceedings

2. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House and all remaining proceedings on the Bill shall be programmed.

Proceedings in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading

3.—(1) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be completed in two allotted days.

(2) An allotted day is one on which the Bill is put down as first Government Order of the day.—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

8 European Communities (Finance) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to European Communities (Finance) 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 European Communities (Finance) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the charging on, and payment out of, the Consolidated Fund or the National Loans Fund of any sums which, by virtue of the amendment of the European Communities Act 1972 made by that Act, fall to be charged on or paid out of either of those Funds.—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

9 Homelessness Bill,—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the Homelessness Bill, the Standing Committee on the Bill shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

10 Business of the House,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 28th June, That Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 26th October, 2nd, 23rd and 30th November 2001, 11th, 18th and 25th January, 15th March, 12th and 19th April, 10th May, 21st June and 19th July 2002;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

11 Adjournment (Summer),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Friday 20th July, do adjourn till Monday 15th October—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit twenty-three minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.23 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Town and Country Planning,—Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Agriculture,—Processed Animal Protein (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2376), dated 2nd July 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Education,—Education (Student Support) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2355), dated 2nd July 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

Other Papers:

5 Audit Commission,—Report of the Audit Commission for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales for 1st November 1999 to 31st October 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

6 Broadcasting,—Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for 2000–01 [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
7 Competition.—Accounts of the Competition Commission for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 117] [Clerk of the House].

8 Government Trading Funds.—Treasury Minute, dated 3rd July 2001, establishing a further financial objective for the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre [by Act] [Mr Andrew Smith].

9 Immigration.—Immigration (Designation of Travel Bans) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2377), dated 2nd July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

10 National Heritage (Scotland).—(1) Accounts of the National Galleries of Scotland for 1999–2000, and

(2) Accounts of the National Museums of Scotland for 1999–2000,

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 101 and 102] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

11 Town and Country Planning.—Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 [laid 28th June].

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel), the Speaker has nominated Mr David Chidgey to be an additional member of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session of Parliament.

[No. 13; WH, No. 2.]

Tuesday 3rd July 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 Fraser Kemp);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 14.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the promoters of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill which originated in this House in the last Parliament but had not received the Royal Assent may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the bill in the present session of Parliament; 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 the bill shall be presented to the House by deposit in the Private Bill Office no later than the fifth day on which the House sits after this day;

That a declaration signed by the agent shall be annexed to the bill, stating that it is the same in every respect as the bill presented in this House in the last Parliament;

That on the next sitting day following presentation, the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay the bill on the Table of the House;

That in the present session of Parliament the bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it had passed in the last Parliament, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;
That no further fees shall be charged to such stages—(The Chairman of Ways and Means);

And objection being taken to further proceedings, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Wednesday 11th July.

2 European Communities (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the European Communities (Amendment) 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 European Communities (Amendment) Bill because it fails to modernise the institutions and policies of the European Union to meet the requirements of a diverse, enlarged Union; takes no account of acknowledgements from Her Majesty’s Government and the President of the Commission that ratification of the Treaty of Nice is not a legal or technical prerequisite of enlargement; works against speedy and successful enlargement by providing for further integration; fails to address reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, the single most important obstacle to such enlargement; ignores the wishes of those European Union citizens whose views have been sought in a referendum and fails to offer a similar opportunity to citizens of the United Kingdom; and diverts attention away from the pressing need for Her Majesty’s Government to work with other member states and accession countries for the creation of a modern, flexible, reformed European Union’, instead thereof.—(Mr Francis Maude.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 151.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dan Norris: 388.

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, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dan Norris: 385.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr John Randall: 148.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

3 European Communities (Amendment) Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the European Communities (Amendment) Bill:

Committal of the Bill

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Programming of proceedings

2. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House and all remaining proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further message from the Lords) shall be programmed.

Proceedings in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading

3.—(1) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be completed in four allotted days.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Jim Fitzpatrick: 372.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr John Randall: 148.

So the Question was agreed to.

4 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Hartlebury 449 Safety Action Group for traffic clamping measures on the A449 trunk road was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
5 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Users of British Sign Language and others for recognition of British Sign Language as an official language was presented, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John Heppell.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes past Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.14 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

**Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:**

1 Constitutional Law.—Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

3 Transport (Scotland),—Draft Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 (Conditions attached to PSV Operator’s Licence and Competition Test for Exercise of Bus Functions) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**


7 Social Security,—Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2350), dated 28th June 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

**Other Papers:**

8 Air Force (Constitution),—(1) Order, dated 2nd June 2001, to amend the rates of pay, allowances and pensions of the Royal Air Force, and

(2) Order, dated 2nd June 2001, to amend the rates of pay, bounties and allowances of the Royal Air Force Reserve and the Royal Auxiliary Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

9 Audit Commission,—Accounts of the Audit Commission for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales for 1st November 1999 to 31st October 2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 100] [Clerk of the House].

10 Competition Commission,—Reports by the Competition Commission on the—

(1) acquisition by BASF AG of certain assets of Takeda Chemical Industries Ltd, and

(2) merger situation between SCR-Sibelco SA and Fife Silica Sands Ltd and Fife Resources Ltd [by Command] [Cms. 5209 and 5139] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

11 Defence,—Lists of exceptions to—

(1) the Air Force Regulations,

(2) the Army Regulations, and

(3) the Navy Regulations as to pensions for 2000–01 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

12 Merchant Shipping,—Report and Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to printed [No. 82] [Mr Secretary Byers].
13 Reserve Forces.—Regulations, dated 2nd June 2001, amending the Territorial Army Regulations 1978 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Homelessness Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mr George Stevenson Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Karen Buck, Paul Clark, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Don Foster, Dr Hywel Francis, Dr Brian Idion, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr David Kidney, Tim Loughton, Mr Andrew Love, Margaret Moran, Mr Andrew Selous, Mr Nigel Waterson, Dr Alan Whitehead, Hywel Williams and Mr Phil Woolas.

2 Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Drug Testing of Persons in Police Detention) (Proscribed Persons) Regulations 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations 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 Bob Ainsworth, Janet Anderson, Norman Baker, Mr David Borrow, Annette Brooke, Mr David Cameron, John Cryer, Denzil Davies, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr John Randall and Dr Howard Stoate.

3 Draft Sub-Post Office Start-Up Capital Subsidy Scheme Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Douglas Alexander, Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Gregory Barker, Mr Nigel Beard, Mr Tony Colman, Jeremy Corbyn, Brian Cotter, Mr James Gray, Norman Lamb, Martin Linton, Mr Richard Page, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Kerry Pollard, Lawrie Quinn, Mr Jonathan R. Shaw and Brian White.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Henry Bellingham, Patsy Calton, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr David Chidgey, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr David Crausby, Jim Dowd, Mr Mark Field, Mr Mark Fisher, Caroline Flint, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Peter Hain, Glenda Jackson, Mr Peter Lauff, Mr Tony McWalter and Mr Stephen Pound.

5 Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees and Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr John Butterfill Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Hugh Bayley, Paul Clark, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Valerie Davey, Clive Efford, Mr Adrian Flook, Mr Don Foster, Mr Mark Francois, Matthew Green, Jane Griffiths, Ms Sally Keeble, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Tim Loughton, Mr Andrew Miller, Linda Perham and Mr Phil Woolas.

6 Draft Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001, and the draft Life Sentences (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Fifth 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 Harry Barnes, Mr Desmond Browne, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr James Cran, Mr Frank Field, Mr Paul Goodman, Chris Grayling, Mr John Grogan, Lady Hermon, Simon Hughes, Lynne Jones, Shona McIsaac, Judy Mallaber, Laura Moffatt, Mr Graham Stringer and Mr John Taylor.
7 Draft Football (Disorder) (Duration of Powers) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Tony Banks, Mr Clive Betts, Colin Burgon, Mr Martin Caton, Mr John Denham, Paul Farrelly, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Mark Hoban, Simon Hughes, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr David Lidington, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Alan Meale, Mr John Randall, Bob Russell and Dr Howard Stoate.

8 Draft Immigration (Leave to Enter) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Chris Bryant, Mr David Chaytor, Ann Clwyd, Angela Eagle, Mike Gapes, Patrick Hall, Mr Oliver Heald, Simon Hughes, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr Boris Johnson, Helen Jones, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mrs Anne McGuire and Richard Younger-Ross.

MEMORANDUM

The Speaker having, in pursuance of the Recess Elections Act 1975 (1975 c. 66), made his appointment of Members of the House of Commons for the issuing of Warrants to the Clerk of the Crown in the cases therein mentioned, the same is here entered in pursuance of the directions of the said Act; and is, as follows:

By virtue of section 4(1) of the Recess Elections Act 1975 I do hereby appoint

Sir Patrick Cormack
Right honourable Sir Alan Haselhurst
Mr Tam Dalyell
Mrs Sylvia Heal
Right honourable Alan Beith

being Members of the House of Commons, or any one or more of them, to exercise the powers given to the Speaker of the House of Commons for the time being by the said Act, at any time when there is no Speaker or the Speaker is out of the United Kingdom.

Given under my hand and seal this fourth day of July in the year of Our Lord two thousand and one.

[No. 14; WH, No. 3.]


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 Ivor Caplin);

And it being Two o'clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
Thursday 5th July 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Standing Orders (Private Business).—Ordered, That the Amendments to Standing Orders set out in the Schedule be made:

SCHEDULE

Standing Order 27, line 66, leave out from ‘Office’ to ‘and’ in line 68 and insert—

‘and one copy at the Health and Safety Executive, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Department for Transport, Local Government’.

Standing Order 27A, line 24, leave out from ‘be’ to first ‘and’ in line 26 and insert—

‘two in the case of a deposit at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Department for Transport, Local Government’.


Standing Order 32, line 8, leave out ‘Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food’ and insert ‘Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs’.

Standing Order 34, line 10, leave out ‘of the Environment, Transport’ and insert—

‘for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and at the Department for Transport, Local Government’.

Standing Order 37, line 9, leave out from ‘Office’ to ‘and’ in line 10, and insert—

‘the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the Department for Transport, Local Government’.

Standing Order 37, line 14, leave out ‘a copy’ and insert ‘two copies’.

Standing Order 37, line 17, leave out from ‘the’ to ‘and’ in line 19 and insert—

‘Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and one at the Department for Transport, Local Government’.

Standing Order 39, line 3, leave out from ‘bill,’ to ‘three’ in line 4.

Standing Order 39, line 4, after ‘at’ insert ‘the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs’.

Standing Order 39, line 5, after ‘Office’ insert—

‘and the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions’.

Standing Order 39, line 6, leave out ‘the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food’.

Standing Order 39, line 9, leave out ‘Employment’ and insert ‘Skills’.


Standing Order 39, line 20, leave out ‘Employment’ and insert ‘Skills’.

Standing Order 39, line 23, leave out ‘Employment’ and insert ‘Skills’.

Standing Order 39, line 29, leave out ‘Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food’ and insert ‘Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs’.

Standing Order 45, line 20, leave out from ‘Department’ to ‘and’ and insert—

‘for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and at the Department for Transport, Local Government’.


Standing Order 101, line 4, leave out ‘Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food’ and insert ‘Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs’.
Standing Order 147, line 7, leave out ‘the Environment, Transport’ and insert ‘Transport, Local Government’.*

Standing Order 147, line 10, leave out ‘of the Environment, Transport’ and insert ‘for Transport, Local Government’.*


[*refers to the Standing Order text as amended by the House on 28 February 2001.]

—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

2 Standing Orders (Private Business).—The Order of 11th May, in the last Session of Parliament, that the Standing Orders relating to Private Business be printed, was read and discharged.

3 Standing Orders (Private Business).—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Private Business be printed [No. 137].

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

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

Report to lie upon the Table.

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

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

Report to lie upon the Table.

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

7 Standing Committee C.—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Committee of Selection, That it had designated Standing Committee C as the standing committee in which Government Bills do not have precedence.

8 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting—

(1) the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on any Motions in the name of Mr Robin Cook relating to—

(a) recommendations of the Senior Salaries Review Body and related issues not later than Four o’clock; and

(b) Select Committees and European Standing Committees not later than Seven o’clock; and

proceedings on the Motions referred to in sub-paragraph (b) above may be concluded, though opposed, after Seven o’clock.

(2) the Questions referred to in paragraph (1) shall include the questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved.—(Mr Stephen Twigg.)

9 Members’ Allowances, Insurance &c.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House—

(1) Provision should be made, with effect from 5th July 2001, to implement Chapter 3 of the report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries on parliamentary pay and allowances (Cm. 4997–I) a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th March, to establish a General Services Budget under the Members’ Vote, and with regard to related matters;
(2) These provisions should be applied as follows (subject to transitional arrangements under (5) and (6) below, and any directions which may from time to time be given by Mr Speaker with regard to their application):

(a) the salaries of staff employed by Members to help them in their duties as Members of Parliament, and pensions contributions equivalent to ten per cent. of each employee’s salary, should be paid centrally by the Department of Finance and Administration;

(b) all such staff who become employed by a Member should be employed on pay rates to be linked to job descriptions and standard contracts prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration;

(c) the total costs of employing such staff, attributable to a particular Member, excluding the pension contribution outlined in (a) above should be limited to £60,000 a year (£70,000 a year where a Member represents a London constituency) these figures to be uprated annually to reflect changes in pay levels for equivalent jobs outside the House;

(d) a new provision called an Incidental Expenses Provision should be established (at a rate of £14,000 per year for each Member, and uprated annually in line with the Retail Prices Index), to meet any other expenditure which Members may incur wholly necessarily and exclusively in discharging their duties as Members;

(e) specific financial provisions should be made for the supply and maintenance of a standard package of information technology equipment and services for each Member to be used exclusively in discharging their duties as Members; and

(f) the Office Costs Allowance should be abolished after a transitional period ending on 31st March 2003.

General Services Budget

(3) Central funding by way of a General Services Budget should provide for:

(a) relevant training of Members and Members’ staff in connection with their parliamentary duties;

(b) any appropriate insurance provision;

(c) any additional reimbursement of exceptional expenses incurred by Members who have constituencies with particular problems;

(d) reasonable adjustments to the working conditions and equipment of Members with particular needs because of disability, and for necessary additional continuing costs;

(e) any additional payments to Members in respect of safety precautions to safeguard their staff, their office equipment and themselves, where such safety precautions have been recommended by the police; and

(f) other appropriate expenditure within the ambit of the Vote, under the authority of the Speaker.

Advisory Panel

(4)—(1) It should be the responsibility of a Panel appointed by Mr Speaker to advise him on:

(i) directions he may give as to the application of the provisions of this Resolution under paragraphs (2) and (3) above;

(ii) his authorisation of expenditure not otherwise specified in this Resolution but within the ambit of the Vote, pursuant to paragraph (3)(f) thereof; and

(iii) the application of the provisions of this Resolution to individual cases of difficulty.

(2) The Panel should advise Mr Speaker and the Leader of the House on the potential development of the arrangements made by or under the Resolutions in force from time to time regarding Members’ allowances &c.

Transitional Provisions

(5) The following provisions should be made regarding the allowances of Members who, having sat in the previous Parliament, are returned to the present Parliament (subject to directions which may be given from time to time by Mr Speaker with regard to application):

(a) Members may, whether or not they take advantage of central Information Technology provision, opt to retain their entitlement to the Office Costs
Allowance, payable at the level and subject to provisions for uprating in force at 1st April 2001;

(b) Any reasonable contractual commitments entered into by Members who transfer to the new provisions in respect of staff and IT should be honoured through central funding until they can reasonably be terminated;

But these provisions should cease to have effect from 1st April 2003.

(6) Transitional provisions for all Members transferring to the new arrangements in 2001–02 should be determined by Mr Speaker, having taken advice where appropriate from the Panel set up under paragraph (4) of this Resolution.

Winding Up Allowance

(7) In relation to the Winding Up Allowance, Subsection (3) of Part E of the Resolution of 13th July 1994 shall apply to Members who benefit from the provisions of paragraphs (2)(a) to (2)(d) of this Resolution as if for the words ‘office costs allowance’ there were substituted the words ‘sum of the incidental Expenses Provision and the relevant staff employment cost limit in force at the time they ceased to be a Member’.

Members with disabilities

(8) When provision is made in respect of any Members in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (3)(d) of this Resolution, any Resolution of this House entitling that Member to claim a multiple of the Office Costs Allowance shall cease to have effect—

Mr Robin Cook;

And it being Four o’clock, the Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put forthwith the Questions he was required to put at that hour.

An Amendment ((o)) was made to the Question, in line 18, by leaving out from the word ‘above’ to the word ‘these’ in line 20, and inserting the words ‘should not in any financial year exceed—

(i) £70,000 in the case of a Member representing a London constituency; and

(ii) £60,000 in the case of any other Member, plus £3,500 in respect of each full-time (or full-time equivalent) staff person employed by that Member whose duties are wholly or mainly required to be performed within Greater London, provided that the aggregate sum payable in respect of any Member shall not exceed £70,000,’; instead thereof.—(Mr Clive Soley.)

Another Amendment ((d)) was made to the Question, in line 23, by leaving out ‘£14,000’ and inserting ‘£18,000’, instead thereof.—(Mr Clive Soley.)

Another Amendment ((l)) was proposed to the Question, in line 32, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(h) that Members should be consulted on their IT needs and requirements before any contracts are let centrally; that the central purchase of any IT equipment should be subject to public procurement requirements; that a wide range of provision is offered and updated as required by each Member and that Members should have access to more than one IT support service of their own choosing.’.—(Mrs Jacqui Lait.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was negativated.

Another Amendment ((e)) was proposed to the Question, in line 32, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) The House of Commons Additional Costs Allowance should be increased by the same proportion as that proposed for the House of Lords Overnight Allowance under Recommendation 16 of the Review Body on Senior Salaries Report No. 48.’.—(Mr Clive Betts.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Kevin Barron: 229.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Graham Stringer: 117.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House—

(1) Provision should be made, with effect from 5th July 2001, to implement Chapter 3 of the report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries on parliamentary pay and allowances (Cm. 4997–I) a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th March, to establish a General Services Budget under the Members’ Vote, and with regard to related matters;
(2) These provisions should be applied as follows (subject to transitional arrangements under (6) and (7) below, and any directions which may from time to time be given by Mr Speaker with regard to their application):

(a) the salaries of staff employed by Members to help them in their duties as Members of Parliament, and pensions contributions equivalent to ten per cent. of each employee’s salary, should be paid centrally by the Department of Finance and Administration;

(b) all such staff who become employed by a Member should be employed on pay rates to be linked to job descriptions and standard contracts prepared by the Department of Finance and Administration;

(c) the total costs of employing such staff, attributable to a particular Member, excluding the pension contribution outlined in (a) above should not in any financial year exceed—

(i) £70,000 in the case of a Member representing a London constituency; and

(ii) £60,000 in the case of any other Member, plus £3,500 in respect of each full-time (or full-time equivalent) staff person employed by that Member whose duties are wholly or mainly required to be performed within Greater London, provided that the aggregate sum payable in respect of any Member shall not exceed £70,000,

these figures to be uprated annually to reflect changes in pay levels for equivalent jobs outside the House;

(d) a new provision called an Incidental Expenses Provision should be established (at a rate of £18,000 per year for each Member, and uprated annually in line with the Retail Prices Index), to meet any other expenditure which Members may incur wholly necessarily and exclusively in discharging their duties as Members;

(e) specific financial provisions should be made for the supply and maintenance of a standard package of information technology equipment and services for each Member to be used exclusively in discharging their duties as Members; and

(f) the Office Costs Allowance should be abolished after a transitional period ending on 31st March 2003.

(3) The House of Commons Additional Costs Allowance should be increased by the same proportion as that proposed for the House of Lords Overnight Allowance under Recommendation 16 of the Review Body on Senior Salaries Report No. 48.

**General Services Budget**

(4) Central funding by way of a General Services Budget should provide for:

(a) relevant training of Members and Members’ staff in connection with their parliamentary duties;

(b) any appropriate insurance provision;

(c) any additional reimbursement of exceptional expenses incurred by Members who have constituencies with particular problems;

(d) reasonable adjustments to the working conditions and equipment of Members with particular needs because of disability, and for necessary additional continuing costs;

(e) any additional payments to Members in respect of safety precautions to safeguard their staff, their office equipment and themselves, where such safety precautions have been recommended by the police; and

(f) other appropriate expenditure within the ambit of the Vote, under the authority of the Speaker.

**Advisory Panel**

(5)—(1) It should be the responsibility of a Panel appointed by Mr Speaker to advise him on:

(i) directions he may give as to the application of the provisions of this Resolution under paragraphs (2) and (4) above;

(ii) his authorisation of expenditure not otherwise specified in this Resolution but within the ambit of the Vote, pursuant to paragraph (4)(f) thereof; and

(iii) the application of the provisions of this Resolution to individual cases of difficulty.

(2) The Panel should advise Mr Speaker and the Leader of the House on the potential development of the arrangements made by or under the Resolutions in force from time to time regarding Members’ allowances &c.
Transitional Provisions

(6) The following provisions should be made regarding the allowances of Members who, having sat in the previous Parliament, are returned to the present Parliament (subject to directions which may be given from time to time by Mr Speaker with regard to application):

(a) Members may, whether or not they take advantage of central Information Technology provision, opt to retain their entitlement to the Office Costs Allowance, payable at the level and subject to provisions for uprating in force at 1st April 2001;

(b) Any reasonable contractual commitments entered into by Members who transfer to the new provisions in respect of staff and IT should be honoured through central funding until they can reasonably be terminated;

But these provisions should cease to have effect from 1st April 2003.

(7) Transitional provisions for all Members transferring to the new arrangements in 2001–02 should be determined by Mr Speaker, having taken advice where appropriate from the Panel set up under paragraph (5) of this Resolution.

Winding Up Allowance

(8) In relation to the Winding Up Allowance, Subsection (3) of Part E of the Resolution of 13th July 1994 shall apply to Members who benefit from the provisions of paragraphs (2)(a) to (2)(d) of this Resolution as if for the words ‘Office Costs Allowance’ there were substituted the words ‘sum of the Incidental Expenses Provision and the relevant staff employment cost limit in force at the time they ceased to be a Member’.

Members with disabilities

(9) When provision is made in respect of any Members in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (4)(d) of this Resolution, any Resolution of this House entitling that Member to claim a multiple of the Office Costs Allowance shall cease to have effect.

Members’ Pay (Expression of Opinion),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in the opinion of this House, the following provision should be made with respect to the salaries of Members of this House—

1(1) In respect of service in the period starting with 20th June 2001 and ending with 31st March 2002 the salary of a Member shall be increased by £2,000 per annum.

(2) That salary shall be increased by a further £2,000 per annum from 1st April 2002.

(3) The increases referred to above shall be additional to any increase resulting from the operation of paragraph (2) of the Resolution of this House of 10th July 1996—(Mr Robin Cook);

An Amendment ((a)) 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—

‘(1) the Resolution of this House of 10th July 1996 relating to Members’ salaries be rescinded; and

(2) for each year starting with 1st April, from 2002 onwards, the salary of a Member shall be increased by the average of the percentage increase recommended in that year by the Nurses’, School Teachers’, and Doctors’ and Dentists’ Pay Review Bodies., instead thereof.—(Mr Chris Mullin.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [this day], That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Harry Barnes, Mrs Anne Campbell: 66.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Graham Stringer: 260.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Graham Stringer: 276.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Mark Todd: 42.

So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved. That, in the opinion of this House, the following provision should be made with respect to the salaries of Members of this House—

(1) In respect of service in the period starting with 20th June 2001 and ending with 31st March 2002 the salary of a Member shall be increased by £2,000 per annum.

(2) That salary shall be increased by a further £2,000 per annum from 1st April 2002.

(3) The increases referred to above shall be additional to any increase resulting from the operation of paragraph (2) of the Resolution of this House of 10th July 1996.

11 Parliamentary Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House endorses the proposals for changes to the Parliamentary Pensions Scheme to give effect to recommendations 1, 3, 5, and 7 contained in the SSRRB Report on the Scheme laid on 16th March 2001 and calls on the Trustees of the Scheme to consider how best to implement recommendation 2 but at no additional cost to the Exchequer and to consider recommendations 4, 6 and 8.

And that this House further endorses the proposals for changes in this scheme and the avc scheme pursuant to the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 in relation to pension sharing on divorce—(Mr Robin Cook);

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Question, in line 9, at the end, to add the words—

‘And that this House further endorses the recommendation of the Trustees of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund that the accrual rate be increased to 1/40th and that the additional cost be borne by the Exchequer.’.—(Mr John Butterfill.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [this day], That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr George Mudie: 215.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr John Heppell: 172.

So the Question was agreed to.

Another Amendment ((b)) was proposed to the Question, after the words last added, to add the words—

‘And that this House believes that survivors’ benefits could apply to unmarried partners as well as spouses.’.—(Dr Evan Harris.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Graham Stringer: 289.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Gerald Howarth: 33.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

Resolved. That this House endorses the proposals for changes to the Parliamentary Pensions Scheme to give effect to recommendations 1, 3, 5, and 7 contained in the SSRRB Report on the Scheme laid on 16th March 2001 and calls on the Trustees of the Scheme to consider how best to implement recommendation 2 but at no additional cost to the Exchequer and to consider recommendations 4, 6 and 8.

And that this House further endorses the proposals for changes in this scheme and the avc scheme pursuant to the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 in relation to pension sharing on divorce.

And that this House further endorses the recommendation of the Trustees of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund that the accrual rate be increased to 1/40th and that the additional cost be borne by the Exchequer.

And that this House believes that survivors’ benefits could apply to unmarried partners as well as spouses.

12 Members’ Insurance: Reimbursement of Costs Incurred by the Right Honourable Member for Blackburn.—Resolved. That, in the opinion of this House, provision should be made to reimburse the Right honourable Member for Blackburn for reasonable legal expenditure including damages arising in consequence of an action brought against him alleging vicarious liability for an act of negligence committed in the course of his duties as a Member of this House.—(Mr Robin Cook.)
13 Members' Pay (Money Resolution).—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Members' Pay (Money Resolution);

Resolved, That the following provision shall be made with respect to the salaries of Members of this House—

(1) In respect of service in the period starting with 20th June 2001 and ending with 31st March 2002 the salary of a Member shall be increased by £2,000 per annum.

(2) That salary shall be increased by a further £2,000 per annum from 1st April 2002.

(3) The increases referred to above shall be additional to any increase resulting from the operation of paragraph (2) of the Resolution of this House of 10th July 1996.—(Mr Robin Cook.)

14 Select Committees,—Ordered, That the following Amendments be made to Standing Orders:

A. SELECT COMMITTEE QUORUMS

S.O. No. 124 (Quorum of select committees):
in line 1, at the beginning, insert—

'(A) Except as otherwise provided, the quorum of a select committee shall be three or a quarter of the number of its members, whichever is the greater; and in calculating the quorum fractions shall be counted as one.

(B) Where more than two select committees or sub-committees thereof meet concurrently for the purpose of deliberating or taking evidence, pursuant to Standing Order (Select committees: power to work with other committees), the quorum of each shall be two.'.

S.O. No. 139 (Select Committee on Broadcasting):
in line 5, leave out from 'Members' to end of line 6.

S.O. No. 141 (Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee):
leave out paragraph (10).

S.O. No. 142 (Domestic Committees):
in line 9, leave out from 'Members' to end of the line.

S.O. No. 144 (Finance and Services Committee):
in line 19, leave out from 'Members' to end of the line.

S.O. No. 145 (Liaison Committee):
leave out paragraph (5).

S.O. No. 146 (Select Committee on Public Administration):
in line 10, leave out from 'Members' to end of line 11.

S.O. No. 147 (Procedure Committee):
leave out paragraph (3).

S.O. No. 148 (Committee of Public Accounts):
in line 7, leave out from 'Members' to 'The' in line 8.

S.O. No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments):
in line 7, after 'concerned', insert 'and'.
in line 8, leave out from 'committee' to 'shall'.
in the table in paragraph (2), leave out the fourth column ('Quorum').
leave out paragraph (5).

S.O. No. 152A (Environmental Audit Committee):
in line 9, leave out from 'Members' to end of line 10.

B. SELECT COMMITTEES (POWER TO WORK WITH OTHER COMMITTEES)

That—

(1) The following Standing Order (Select committees: power to work with other committees) be made:

'(1) Any select committee or sub-committee with power to send for persons, papers and records shall have power—

(a) to communicate its evidence to any other select committee or sub-committee of either House of Parliament; provided that evidence from the National Audit
Office shall first have been agreed between that Office and the government department or departments concerned;

(b) to meet concurrently with any such committee or sub-committee for the purpose of deliberating or taking evidence; and

(c) to meet concurrently with any other select committee of this House for the purpose of considering a draft report.

(2) Where two or more select committees have agreed reports to the House in identical terms, those reports may be published as a joint report.; and

(2) That the following amendments be made to Standing Orders:

S.O. No. 139 (Select Committee on Broadcasting):

in line 16, leave out from 'communicate' to end of line 33, and insert 'its evidence to the House of Commons Commission'.

S.O. No. 141 (Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee):

leave out lines 116 to 126.

S.O. No. 142 (Domestic Committees):

in line 23, leave out from 'communicate' to end of line 40, and insert 'its evidence to the House of Commons Commission'.

S.O. No. 143 (European Scrutiny Committee):

leave out paragraphs (12) and (13).

S.O. No. 144 (Finance and Services Committee):

in line 28, leave out from 'communicate' to end of line 45, and insert 'its evidence to the House of Commons Commission'.

S.O. No. 146 (Select Committee on Public Administration):

leave out lines 21 to 26.

S.O. No. 148 (Committee of Public Accounts):

leave out paragraphs (3) and (4).

S.O. No. 152 (Select Committees related to government departments):

leave out lines 29 to 42.

in line 47, leave out from 'proceedings' to 'and' in line 52.

S.O. No. 152A (Environmental Audit Committee):

leave out lines 23 to 34.

C. SELECT COMMITTEES RELATED TO GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

That Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments) be amended, by leaving out items 1, 4, 5 and 13 in the Table in paragraph (2) and inserting the following items at the appropriate places:

'Education and Skills/Department for Education and Skills/11';

'Environment, Food and Rural Affairs/Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs/17';

'Transport, Local Government and the Regions/Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions/17'; and

'Work and Pensions/Department for Work and Pensions/11'.

D. SELECT COMMITTEES (POWER TO APPOINT SUB-COMMITTEES)

That the following amendments to Standing Orders be made:

S.O. No. 146 (Select Committee on Public Administration):

in line 29, at end add the following words:

'5) 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, to adjourn from place to place, and to report to the committee from time to time.

(6) The committee shall have power to report from time to time the minutes of evidence taken before the sub-committee.

(7) The quorum of the sub-committee shall be three.'.
S.O. No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments):
leave out lines 9 to 14, and insert the following words:

'(3) Each select committee appointed under this order shall have the power to
appoint a sub-committee, and the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Committee and the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee
shall have power to appoint two sub-committees.'.

S.O. No. 152A (Environmental Audit Committee):
in line 34, at end, add the following words:

'(5) 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, to adjourn from place to place, and to report to the
committee from time to time.
(6) The committee shall have power to report from time to time the minutes of
evidence taken before the sub-committee.
(7) The quorum of the sub-committee shall be three.'—(Mr Robin Cook.)

15 European Standing Committees,—Ordered, That the following amendments be made to
Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees):

In the Table, in the column ‘Principal subject matter’, leave out ‘Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food’, and insert ‘Environment, Food and Rural Affairs’.

In the Table, in the column ‘Principal subject matter’, leave out ‘Environment,

In the Table, in the column ‘Principal subject matter’, leave out ‘Scottish, Welsh’, and
insert ‘Scotland, Wales’.

In the Table, in the column ‘Principal subject matter’, leave out ‘Social Security’, and
insert ‘Work and Pensions’.

In the Table, in the column ‘Principal subject matter’, leave out ‘Education and
Employment’, and insert ‘Education and Skills’.—(Angela Smith.)

16 Business of the House,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate
on the Question proposed on 28th June, That Private Members’ Bills shall have
precedence over Government business on 26th October, 2nd, 23rd and 30th November
2001, 11th, 18th and 25th January, 15th March, 12th and 19th April, 10th May, 21st June
and 19th July 2002;

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 9th July.

17 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John Heppell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Seven o’clock,
adjourned till Monday 9th July.

[Adjourned at 7.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance.—(1) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant
Report (No. 84) on 2001–02 Special Grant for Rate Relief in Respect of Hardship caused
by Foot and Mouth Disease; and

(2) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 85) on Invest to
Save Budget Round 3 projects
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 129 and 130] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Representation of the People.—(1) Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass)
(England and Wales) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers]; and

(2) draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Scotland) Regulations 2001
[by Act] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

3 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999
(Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Animals.—Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Control of Vaccination) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2375), dated 4th July 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5 Housing.—Housing Renewal Grants (Amendment No. 2) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2384), dated 3rd July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

6 Legal Aid and Advice.—Legal Aid in Family Proceedings (Remuneration) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2417), dated 5th July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Michael Wills].

7 Public Procurement.—Utilities Contracts (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2418), dated 4th July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Andrew Smith].

8 Social Security.—Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2412), dated 4th July 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:


10 Competition Commission.—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed merger between Reed Elsevier plc and Harcourt General, Inc [by Command] [Cm. 5186] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

11 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of the Ordnance Survey for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 27] [Clerk of the House].

12 Prisons.—Report of the Prisons Ombudsman for 2000–01 [by Command] [Cm. 5170] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

APPENDIX II

Programming Committees

European Communities (Amendment) Bill (Programming Committee).—Pursuant to Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) [28th June], the Speaker has appointed Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Ivor Caplin, Caroline Flint, Peter Hain, Mr Mark Hendrick, Mr Peter Luff, Bridget Prentice and Mr Richard Spring members of the Programming Committee in respect of the European Communities (Amendment) Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Statutory Instruments.—First Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-i] [Mr David Tredinnick].

[No. 15; WH, No. 4.]

Thursday 5th July 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 Role of the Department for Work and Pensions).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.——(Dan Norris.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 10th July.

[Adjourned at 6.33 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Amess reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Drug Testing of Persons in Police Detention) (Prescribed Persons) Regulations 2001.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Sub-Post Office Start-Up Capital Subsidy Scheme Order 2001.

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

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft International Criminal Court (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2001 and the draft Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges of UNESCO) Order 2001.

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

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Butterfill reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001.

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

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001 and the draft Life Sentences (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 2001.

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

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

7 Export Control Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the Export Control Bill:

Committal

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

Programming of proceedings

2. Proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further message from the Lords) shall be programmed.

Standing Committee

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

(2) The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

4.—(1) Proceedings on consideration and 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.

(2) Sessional Order B (programming committees) made by the House on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—(Jim Fitzpatrick).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dan Norris: 318.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Douglas Hogg, Mr Eric Forth: 62.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Export Control Bill:
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(2) Sessional Order B (programming committees) made by the House on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

8 Export Control Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Export Control 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 Export Control Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenses of a government department incurred in consequence of the Act; and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of such money under any other Act—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

9 Business of the House.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 28th June, That Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 26th October, 2nd, 23rd and 30th November 2001, 11th, 18th and 25th January, 15th March, 12th and 19th April, 10th May, 21st June and 19th July 2002;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 6th July 2001 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 European Communities (No. 2, 2001).—Agreement, done at Pretoria on 11th October 1999, between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of South Africa, of the other part, on Trade, Development and Co-operation with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5187] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 6th July 2001 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture.—Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2420), dated 5th July 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 National Health Service.—National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment (No. 5) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2421), dated 5th July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 Pesticides.—Plant Protection Products (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2419), dated 5th July 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 9th July 2001:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

5 Local Government Finance.—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 86) on 2001–02 Special Grant for Rate Relief in Respect of Hardship caused by Foot and Mouth Disease [by Act]; to be printed [No. 147] [Mr Secretary Byers].

6 Parliament.—Draft Ministerial and other Salaries Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

7 Representation of the People.—Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

8 Social Security.—Draft Social Security (Literacy etc. Skills Training Pilot) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

9 Police.—Royal Ulster Constabulary Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.R., (N.I.), 2001, No. 263), dated 28th June 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

10 Rehabilitation of Offenders.—Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (S.R., (N.I.), 2001, No. 248), dated 21st June 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Other Papers:

11 Courts and Legal Services.—Report and Accounts of the Legal Services Ombudsman for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 30] [Mr Michael Wills].

12 Criminal Appeal.—Report of the Criminal Cases Review Commission for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

13 Crown Estate.—Accounts of the Crown Estate Commissioners for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 144] [Clerk of the House].


(2) Report of the Law Commission on item 2 of the Seventh Programme of Law Reform: Limitation of Actions [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 114 and 23] [Mr Michael Wills].

15 National Health Service.—Summarised Accounts of Health Authorities, and NHS Trusts in England, of the Dental Practice Board and Special Health Authorities providing central services in England, and of Funds held on Trust by Health Authorities, NHS Trusts, Special Health Authorities and Special Trustees in England for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 119] [Clerk of the House].

16 School Standards and Framework.—Accounts of the:—

(1) Ellesmere Port Education Action Zone, and

(2) Wythenshawe Education Action Zone,

for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 131 and 132] [Clerk of the House].

17 Social Security Administration.—Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee and statement by the Secretaries of State for Work and Pensions and Education and Skills on the draft Social Security (Literacy etc. Skills Training Pilot) Regulations 2001 in accordance with Section 174 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 [by Command] [Cm. 5224] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Drug Testing of Persons in Police Detention) (Proscribed Persons) Regulations 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Andrew Dismore from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Dr Ian Gibson.

2 Draft International Criminal Court (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2001, and the draft Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges of UNESCO) Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Dowd from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Andy King.
3 Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Miller from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Siobhain McDonagh.

4 Draft Football (Disorder) (Duration of Powers) Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Lidington from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Nick Hawkins.

5 Draft Immigration (Leave to Enter) Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Oliver Heald from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Nick Hawkins.

[No. 17.]

Tuesday 10th July 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.—Ordered, That the promoters of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill which originated in this House in the last Parliament but had not received the Royal Assent may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the bill in the present session of Parliament; 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 the bill shall be presented to the House by deposit in the Private Bill Office no later than the fifth day on which the House sits after this day;

That a declaration signed by the agent shall be annexed to the bill, stating that it is the same in every respect as the bill presented in this House in the last Parliament;

That on the next sitting day following presentation, the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay the bill on the Table of the House;

That in the current session of Parliament the bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it had passed in the last Parliament, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;

That no further fees shall be charged to such stages;

That the petition relating to the bill which stood referred to the committee on the bill in the last Parliament shall stand referred to the committee on the bill in the current session of Parliament;

That no petitioners shall be heard before the committee unless their petition has been presented within the time provided for petitioning or has been deposited pursuant to Private Business Standing Order 126(b);

That, in relation to the bill, Private Business Standing Order 127 shall have effect as if the words ‘under Standing Order 126 (Reference to committee of petitions against bill)’ were omitted.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

2 Chairmen’s Panel.—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Chairmen’s Panel several Resolutions:

(1) That if, at any two sittings of a Standing Committee called for the consideration of a Bill, the Committee is adjourned by reason of the absence of a quorum before Twelve o’clock noon, the Committee shall not proceed again to the consideration of that Bill until any other Bills committed to the Committee have been considered.

(2) That if, during the consideration of a Bill before one of the Standing Committees, it shall appear that the business would be expedited by postponing the further consideration of the Bill in hand until the Bill next on the list has been reported, and if the Member in charge of the Bill rises and makes a motion to that effect, the Chairman will be in order in proposing such a Question.

(3) That, whenever the Chairman of a Standing Committee adjourns the Committee without Question put, the Debate on any Question then under discussion, or further consideration of the Bill, shall be resumed at the next meeting.

Report to lie upon the Table.
3 European Communities (Amendment) Bill (Programming Committee).—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Programming Committee, That it had come to a Resolution in respect of the European Communities (Amendment) Bill, which it had directed him to report to the House:

That, pursuant to the Programme Order of 4th July 2001 (proceedings in Committee of the whole House, on consideration and on Third Reading of the European Communities (Amendment) Bill),—

(1) proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall, so far as not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at 10 p.m. on the third allotted day (or, if that day is a Thursday, 7 p.m.);

(2) those proceedings shall be taken on each of the allotted days as shown in the second column of the following Table and shall be taken in the order so shown, and shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) at the times specified in the third column of the Table:

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(3) any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall, so far as not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at 10 p.m. on the fourth allotted day (or, if that day is a Thursday, 7 p.m.).

Report to lie upon the Table.

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Football (Disorder) (Duration of Powers) Order 2001.

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

5 Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

6 Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill:

Committal

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

Programming of proceedings

2. All proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further message from the Lords) shall be programmed.

Proceedings in Standing Committee

3.—(1) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 18th October 2001.

(2) The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

4.—(1) Proceedings on consideration and 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.

(2) Sessional Order B (programming committees) made by the House on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—(Mr Graham Stringer).
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Ian Pearson: 281.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 90.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill:

**Committee**

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

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**Consideration and Third Reading**

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(2) Sessional Order B (programming committees) made by the House on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

7 Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr Graham Stringer).—It was agreed to.

8 Education,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Special Educational Needs Code of Practice, which was laid before this House on 20th June, be approved—(Mr Stephen Twinn);

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 or on European Union documents).

And the Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [28th June].

9 Police,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Drug Testing of Persons in Police Detention) (Prescribed Persons) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 20th June, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin).—It was agreed to.

10 International Immunities and Privileges,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft International Criminal Court (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 20th June, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin).—It was agreed to.

11 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 Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges of UNESCO) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 25th June, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin).—It was agreed to.

12 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 Sub-Post Office Start-Up Capital Subsidy Scheme Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 22nd June 2001, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin).—It was agreed to.
13 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 Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin);

And the Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [28th June].

14 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 Life Sentences (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin);

And the Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [28th June].

15 Town and Country Planning.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 3rd July, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

16 Business of the House,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 28th June, That Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 26th October, 2nd, 23rd and 30th November 2001, 11th, 18th and 25th January, 15th March, 12th and 19th April, 10th May, 21st June and 19th July 2002;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

17 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.04 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation.—Civil Aviation Authority (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2448), dated 9th July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Customs and Excise.—Cider and Perry (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2449), dated 10th July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].


(2) Thurrock College and Basildon College (Dissolution) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2447), dated 9th July 2001

[by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].


Other Papers:

5 Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 10th July 2001 on loans proposed to be raised by the Civil Aviation Authority from the National Westminster Bank plc [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

6 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed merger between Lloyds TSB Group plc and Abbey National plc [by Command] [Cm. 5208] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Crime and Disorder,—Report and Accounts of the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 103] [Clerk of the House].

8 Crown Estate,—Report and Accounts of the Crown Estate Commissioners for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

9 Data Protection,—Report and Accounts of the Information Commissioner for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 2] [Clerk of the House].
10 Electoral Law (Northern Ireland).—Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 85] [Mr Secretary Reid].

11 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of the Patent Office for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 65] [Clerk of the House].

12 House of Commons.—Report of the House of Commons Commission for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 155] [The Speaker].

13 Local Government.—Report and Accounts of the Local Government Commission for England for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

14 Police.—Report and Accounts of the Independent Police Complaints Authority for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 41] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


16 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:
   Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Control of Vaccination) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2375)
   [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

17 Trade and Industry Executive Agencies.—Accounts of the Small Business Service for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 104] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Homelessness Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Football (Disorder) (Duration of Powers) Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter Kilfoyle from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Alan Keen.

APPENDIX III

Select Committees

Statutory Instruments.—Second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-ii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

[No. 17; WH, No. 5.]

Tuesday 10th July 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 Gerry Sutcliffe.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.57 p.m.]
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 27th June, 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 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Immigration (Leave to Enter) Order 2001.

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

3 European Communities (Amendment) Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in accordance with the resolution of the Programming Committee of 10th July and pursuant to the Programme Order of 4th July 2001 (Proceedings in Committee of the whole House, on consideration and on Third Reading of the European Communities (Amendment) Bill),—

(1) proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall, so far as not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at 10.00 p.m. on the third allotted day (or, if that day is a Thursday, 7.00 p.m.);

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(3) any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall, so far as not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at 10.00 p.m. on the fourth allotted day (or, if that day is a Thursday, 7.00 p.m.)—(Peter Hain);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Angela Smith: 362.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr James Gray: 141.

So the Question was agreed to.

4 European Communities (Amendment) Bill [1st allotted day],—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Incorporation of provisions of the Treaty of Nice).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 9, after ‘10’, to insert the words ‘other than Article 2, paragraphs 2, 3, 5, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 29, 30, 32, 36 subsection (b), 37 sub-section (b) as it relates to qualified majority voting, 41, 42 as it relates to qualified majority voting, and 44.’.—(Mr Richard Spring.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr James Gray, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 149.
Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr Ivor Caplin: 349.

5 Deferred Divisions.—The Chairman announced the results of Divisions which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Order of the House [28th June]:

Education.—That the draft Special Educational Needs Code of Practice, which was laid before this House on 20th June, be approved.
Ayes: 293.
Noes: 195.
So the Question was agreed to.

Northern Ireland.—That the draft Life Sentences (Northern Ireland) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved.
Ayes: 482.
Noes: 10.
So the Question was agreed to.

Northern Ireland.—That the draft Life Sentences (Northern Ireland Consequential Amendments) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved.
Ayes: 483.
Noes: 10.
So the Question was agreed to.

6 European Communities (Amendment) Bill.—Another Amendment (No. 40) proposed, in page 1, line 9, after ‘(i),’ to insert the words ‘Article 1 (other than paragraph 1),’.—(Mr John Wilkinson.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.
And it being Ten o'clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Ivor Caplin reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.
Committee again to-morrow.

7 Estimates.—It being after Ten o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question he was directed to put pursuant to paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.).

Supplementary Estimates, 2001–02

Resolved, That further resources not exceeding £1,250,531,000 be authorised for use for civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2002, and that a further sum, not exceeding £2,853,190,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the cost of civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2002, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 46.

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 Paul Boateng and Ruth Kelly do prepare and bring it in.

8 Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) Bill.—Mr Paul Boateng accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources and the issue of sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending on 31st March 2002 and 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 to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 7].

9 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Football (Disorder) (Duration of Powers) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 20th June, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

10 Business of the House.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 28th June, That Private Members' Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 26th October, 2nd, 23rd and 30th November 2001, 11th, 18th and 25th January, 15th March, 12th and 19th April, 10th May, 21st June and 19th July 2002;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.
11 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from supporters of Road Peace for more severe penalties in the case of offences which result in road death and injury 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 Ivor Caplin.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.32 p.m.

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1 Social Security,—Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Constitutional Law,—Auditor General for Wales (Transfer of Functions) (General Teaching Council for Wales) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2479), dated 10th July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

3 Pesticides,—Plant Protection Products (Fees) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2477), dated 10th July 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Police,—(1) NCS Service Authority (Budget Statement) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2427), dated 5th July 2001,

(2) NCIS Service Authority (Budget Statement) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2428), dated 5th July 2001, and


5 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Approval) (Fees) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2486), dated 10th July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

6 Broadcasting,—Accounts of—

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

(2) Radio Authority Additional Payments by Radio Programme Licensees for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 166 and 162] [Clerk of the House].


8 Environmental Protection,—Accounts of English Nature for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 163] [Clerk of the House].

9 Gaming,—Report and Financial Statements of the Gaming Board for Great Britain for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 95] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

10 Opticians,—Accounts of the General Optical Council for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

11 Science and Technology,—Accounts of the—

(1) Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils,

(2) Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, and

(3) Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 164, 161 and 165] [Clerk of the House]; and

(4) Report of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council for 2000–01 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
12 Telecommunications,—Report of the Office of Telecommunications for 2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 79] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

13 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Accounts of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service, the Certification Officer and the Central Arbitration Committee for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 167] [Clerk of the House].

14 Treaty Series (No. 34, 2001).—New Annex V to the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic, 1992, adopted at Sintra (Portugal) on 22nd to 23rd July 1998, on the Protection and Conservation of the Ecosystems and Biological Diversity of the Maritime Area, and a related Appendix 3 [by Command] [Cm. 5188] [Mr Secretary Straw].

15 Treaty Series (No. 35, 2001).—Protocol, done at Berne on 25th September 1950, relating to the International Commission on Civil Status, and Additional Protocol, done at Luxembourg on 25th September 1952, to the Protocol relating to the International Commission on Civil Status [by Command] [Cm. 5189] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Export Control Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Mr Joe Benton and Mr Humfrey Malins Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Vera Baird, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr James Gray, Nigel Griffiths, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Eric Joyce, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Rob Marris, Mr Richard Page, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Dr Phyllis Starkey, Dr Jenny Tonge and Mr Bill Tynan.

2 Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D, and has appointed Mr David Amess and Mr Jimmy Hood Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Desmond Browne, Mr James Cran, Paul Farrelly, Lady Hermon, Shona McIsaac, Mr Kevin McNamara, Gillian Merron, Ms Meg Munn, Lembit Opik, James Purnell, Hugh Robertson, Mr Martin Salter, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr John Taylor and Mr Andrew Turner.

3 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 82) (House of Commons Paper No. 111) on 2001–02 Special Grants in connection with pilot Local Public Service Agreements, the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 83) (House of Commons Paper No. 88) on Maintenance of Roads Grants 2001–02, the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 85) (House of Commons Paper No. 130) on Invest to Save Budget Round 3 projects, and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 86) (House of Commons Paper No. 147) on 2001–02 Special Grant for Rate Relief in Respect of Hardship caused by Foot and Mouth Disease:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Special Grant Reports to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Tony Clarke, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Tom Cox, Jim Dobbin, Mr Don Foster, Linda Gilroy, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Terry Lewis, Tim Loughton, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr George Osborne, Dr John Pugh, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Phil Woolas.

4 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2001 and the draft Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 (Conditions attached to PSV Operator’s Licence and Competition Test for Exercise of Bus Functions) Order 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Third 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 Peter Atkinson, John Barrett, Miss Anne Begg, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Peter Duncan, Mr George Foulkes, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr John MacDougall, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Michael Moore, Sandra Osborne, Anne Picking, Mr Mark Prisk, John Robertson and Mr Jimmy Wray.
Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (England and Wales) Regulations 2001, and the Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Scotland) Regulations 2001:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Iain Coleman, Mr Wayne David, Paul Flynn, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Iain Luke, Ann McKechin, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr Andrew Rosindell, Mr Andrew Selous, Mr Paul Tyler and Richard Younger-Ross.

Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Sixth 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 Desmond Browne, Mr James Cran, Lady Hermon, Mr Andrew Hunter, Jane Kennedy, Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Shona McIsaac, Mr David Miliband, Lembit Opik, Diana Organ, Mr Laurence Robertson, Geraldine Smith, Mr Clive Soley, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr John Taylor and David Wright.

Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Seventh 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.: Mrs Helen Brinton, Dr Vincent Cable, Ann Clywd, Brian Cotter, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr James Gray, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Stephen Hesford, Alan Johnson, Mr Bob Laxton, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mrs Louise Ellman, John Healey, Mr David Heath, Alan Howarth, Angela Smith, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Angela Watkinson, Malcolm Wicks and Mr Bill Wiggin.

Draft Social Security (Literacy etc. Skills Training Pilot) Regulations 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Tim Boswell, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Denzil Davies, Mr Terry Davis, Sue Doughty, Mrs Louise Ellman, John Healey, Mr David Heath, Alan Howarth, Angela Smith, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Angela Watkinson, Malcolm Wicks and Mr Bill Wiggin.

Home Grown Cereals Authority Levy (Variation) Scheme (Approval) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Tony Baldry, Malcolm Bruce, Mrs Ann Cryer, David Drew, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Albert Owen, Mr James Paise, James Purnell, Mr John Randall, Mr Andrew Reed, Ms Debra Shipley and Mr Roger Williams.

[No. 18; WH. No. 6.]


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 Ian Pearson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Homelessness Bill.—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Homelessness 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. 173].

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

The Lords concur with the Commons in their message [10th July] relating to the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.

3 Opposition Day [1st allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Post-16 Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognises the importance of post-16 education in schools and colleges, in offering new opportunities to young people and in improving the nation’s skills base and international competitiveness; regrets the hasty introduction of the new AS levels, which has resulted in organisational chaos for schools, a reduction in extra-curricular activities and had a severe effect on the lives of young people; considers that the interim response of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority and the Government on this issue is inadequate; recognises the important role played by further education colleges in providing opportunities for young people and widening participation; deplores the current low pay, status and morale of further education lecturers; condemns the Government’s failure to meet its targets for expansion of further education student numbers; and urges the Government to retain the financing of sixth forms in the schools sector, address urgently the problems in the further education sector and reconsider the spectrum of qualifications post-14—(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 Government’s achievements in post-16 education which will drive up the nation’s skills and extend opportunity for all; applauds the substantial extra resources secured for further education and the reforms through the Learning and Skills Council and rigorous inspection arrangements, which will radically improve standards and the guarantee to all sixth forms that their funding will be maintained in real terms if their pupil numbers do not fall; commends the broadening of the 16-19 curriculum which is widely supported and the timely and measured response of the Government to improve delivery in schools and colleges; welcomes the early success of the Connexions Service and of Education Maintenance Allowance pilots in encouraging more young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to stay in full-time education after the age of 16, the extra resources secured for the university system and the expansion in the numbers of students in higher education; and endorses the strategy to reduce the number of adults lacking basic literacy and numeracy skills which will tackle a problem which has been neglected for far too long’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Estelle Morris.)

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 James Gray: 187.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Graham Stringer: 302.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Government’s achievements in post-16 education which will drive up the nation’s skills and extend opportunity for all; applauds the substantial extra resources secured for further education and the reforms through the Learning and Skills Council and rigorous inspection arrangements, which will radically improve standards and the guarantee to all sixth forms that their funding will be maintained in real terms if their pupil numbers do not fall; commends the broadening of
The 16-19 curriculum which is widely supported and the timely and measured response of the Government to improve delivery in schools and colleges; welcomes the early success of the Connexions Service and of Education Maintenance Allowance pilots in encouraging more young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to stay in full-time education after the age of 16; the extra resources secured for the university system and the expansion in the numbers of students in higher education; and endorses the strategy to reduce the number of adults lacking basic literacy and numeracy skills which will tackle a problem which has been neglected for far too long.

The Countryside in Crisis.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the Government’s neglect of the continuing crisis in the countryside; condemns its failure to produce any programme for the recovery of agriculture and its refusal to accept the need for a full independent public inquiry into the foot and mouth epidemic; further deplores the absence of policies to maintain adequate services in rural areas, including post office and shops, and its failure to address public concern about rural crime; and regrets the pursuit of tax policies which are especially damaging to rural communities and the unsustainable planning policies which continue to threaten greenfield sites.—(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 ‘supports the Government’s key priority to eradicate foot-and-mouth disease as quickly as possible; regrets that the Opposition has failed to notice the Government’s recent announcement of an enhanced Farm Business Advisory Service which encourages farmers to develop new income opportunities and an extension of the rate relief scheme to ensure further financial support to businesses in rural areas suffering most from the impact of FMD which will help councils to grant 100 per cent. rate relief to eligible small businesses up to the end of the year, as well as continuing other measures to help the rural economy to recover from the crisis; endorses the Government’s commitment to rural communities as set out in the Rural White Paper and the England Rural Development Programme; applauds the Government’s wider record on public service delivery in rural areas; and calls upon the Government to continue pursuing a strategy based on long term policies to regenerate British agriculture, improve rural services and revitalise the rural economy as a whole’ instead thereof.—(Secretary Margaret Beckett.)

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: 188.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Jim Fitzpatrick: 277.

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 Government’s key priority to eradicate foot and mouth disease as quickly as possible; regrets that the Opposition has failed to notice the Government’s recent announcement of an enhanced Farm Business Advisory Service which encourages farmers to develop new income opportunities and an extension of the rate relief scheme to ensure further financial support to businesses in rural areas suffering most from the impact of FMD which will help councils to grant 100 per cent. rate relief to eligible small businesses up to the end of the year, as well as continuing other measures to help the rural economy to recover from the crisis; endorses the Government’s commitment to rural communities as set out in the Rural White Paper and the England Rural Development Programme; applauds the Government’s wider record on public service delivery in rural areas; and calls upon the Government to continue pursuing a strategy based on long term policies to regenerate British agriculture, improve rural services and revitalise the rural economy as a whole.

4 Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation). That the draft Immigration (Leave to Enter) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 20th June, be approved.—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

5 Business of the House.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 28th June, That Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 26th October, 2nd, 23rd and 30th November 2001, 11th, 18th and 25th January, 15th March, 12th and 19th April, 10th May, 21st June and 19th July 2002;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.
6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.42 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Beef Special Premium Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2503), dated 11th July 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Animals,—Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 9) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2502), dated 11th July 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


6 Telecommunications,—Telecommunications (Licence Modifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2495), dated 11th July 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:


8 Appropriation Accounts, 2000–01,—Appropriation Account of the sums granted by Parliament for 2000–01 for Class III, Vote 11 (Passenger Rail Services) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 159] [Mr Paul Boateng].

9 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Pay and Personnel Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 12] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

10 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Minute, dated 12th July 2001, concerning a contingent liability relating to indemnities established for officers and Board members of the Residuary Milk Marketing Board [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


(2) Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2000–01, on Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report for 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 5216 and 5212] [Mr Secretary Straw].

12 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) the Buying Agency for 1st January 2000 to 31st March 2001,

(2) the Forensic Science Service for 2000–01, and

(3) HM Land Registry for 2000–01

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 47, 13 and 113] [Clerk of the House].

13 Immigration and Asylum,—Report and Accounts of the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner for 22nd May 2000 to 31st March 2001, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 67] [Clerk of the House].
14 National Lottery.—Report and Accounts of the National Lottery Commission for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 48] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

15 Radiological Protection.—Accounts of the National Radiological Protection Board for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 157] [Clerk of the House].

16 School Standards and Framework.—Account of the Kingston upon Hull Education Action Zone for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 150] [Clerk of the House].

17 Trade and Industry Executive Agencies.—Reports and Accounts of the—
   (1) Insolvency Service, and
   (2) Radiocommunications Agency
for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 112 and 76] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers withdrawn:

18 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 [laid 3rd July].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Desmond Browne, Mr James Cran, Shona McIsaac, Lembit Öpik, Mr Martin Salter, Mr Graham Stringer and Mr John Taylor members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

2 Export Control Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Dr Vincent Cable, Mr James Gray, Nigel Griffiths, Mr Bob Laxton, Rob Marris, Mr Richard Page and Mr Ian Pearson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL
In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel) the Speaker nominated Mr Nigel Beard to be an additional member of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

[No. 19; 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 (Organic Farming: Eighth Report from the Agriculture Committee, Session 2000–01 (House of Commons Paper No. 149-I)),—Resolved. That the sitting be now adjourned. —(Angela Smith.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 17th July.

[Adjourned at 5 p.m.]
Friday 13th July 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills.—The Orders of 10th July relating to the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill being read:

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

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

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes to Two o’clock, adjourned till Monday 16th July.

[Adjourned at 1.49 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Consultation with Competent Authorities) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2509),


dated 12th July 2001 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

Other Papers:

2 International Development,—Government Response to the Third Report of the International Development Committee, Session 2000–01, on HIV/AIDS: the impact on social and economic development [by Command] [Cm. 5235] [Secretary Clare Short].

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 82) (House of Commons Paper No. 111) on 2001–02 Special Grants in connection with pilot Local Public Service Agreements, the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 83) (House of Commons Paper No. 88) on Maintenance of Roads Grants 2001–02, the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 85) (House of Commons Paper No. 130) on Invest to Save Budget Round 3 projects, and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 86) (House of Commons Paper No. 147) on 2001–02 Special Grant for Rate Relief in Respect of Hardship caused by Foot and Mouth Disease.

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

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2001 and the draft Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 (Conditions attached to PSV Operator’s Licence and Competition Test for Exercise of Bus Functions) Order 2001.

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

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (England and Wales) Regulations 2001, and the draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Scotland) Regulations 2001.

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

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Irene Adams reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001.

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

5 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Amess reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001.

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

6 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security (Literacy etc. Skills Training Pilot) Regulations 2001.

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

7 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jimmy Hood reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy (Variation) Scheme (Approval) Order 2001.

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

8 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

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

9 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at this day’s sitting, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on any Motion relating to the membership of Select Committees and the appointment of a Select Committee on the Modernisation of the House of Commons not later than Seven
o’clock; such Questions shall include the Questions on any amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; such Questions may be decided, though opposed, after the expiration of the time for opposed business; and Standing Order No. 38 (Procedure on divisions) shall apply and the Order [28th June] 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 of the said Questions.—(Mr Stephen Twigg);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Mr John Heppell: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Gray, Mr John Randall: 160.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 Accommodation and Works.—Ordered, That Mr Tony Banks, Mr Harold Best, Tom Brake, Derek Conway, Keith Hill, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Albert Owen, Anne Picking and Syd Rapson be members of the Accommodation and Works Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

And it being Seven o’clock, the Speaker proceeded to put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings to be concluded at that hour, pursuant to Order [this day].

Administration.—Ordered, That Mr Nick Ainger, Patsy Calton, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Caroline Flint, Martin Linton, Julie Morgan, Dr Nick Palmer, Mrs Marion Roe and David Wright be members of the Administration Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Culture, Media and Sport.—Ordered, That Mr Chris Bryant, Mr Frank Doran, Michael Fabricant, Mr Adrian Flook, Mr Gerald Kaufman, Alan Keen, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Rosemary McKenna, Ms Debra Shipley, John Thurso and Derek Wyatt be members of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Defence.—Ordered, That Mr David Crausby, Mr Bruce George, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Kevan Jones, Jim Knight, Dr Julian Lewis, Patrick Mercer, Syd Rapson, Mr Frank Roy and Rachel Squire be members of the Defence Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Education and Skills.—Ordered, That Mr David Chaytor, Valerie Davey, Jeff Ennis, Paul Holmes, Ms Meg Munn, Mr Kerry Pollard, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Jonathan R. Shaw, Mr Barry Sheerman, Bob Spink and Mr Andrew Turner be members of the Education and Skills Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr David Borrow, Mr Colin Breed, David Burnside, Mr David Curry, Mr David Drew, Patrick Hall, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Michael Jack, Mr David Lepper, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Bill Olner, Diana Organ, Phil Sawford, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, David Taylor and Mr Mark Todd be members of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Foreign Affairs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr David Chidgey, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Eric Illsley, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr John Maples, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Chris Smith, Sir John Stanley, Dr Phyllis Starkey and Ms Gisela Stuart be members of the Foreign Affairs Committee—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Angela Smith: 232.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Field, David Winnick: 301.

So the Question was negatived.

Health.—Ordered, That Mr David Amess, John Austin, Andy Burnham, Mr Simon Burns, Jim Dowd, Julia Drown, Sandra Gidley, Mr David Hinchliffe, Siobhain McDonagh, Dr Doug Naysmith and Dr Richard Taylor be members of the Health Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Home Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr David Cameron, Mrs Janet Dean, Mr Humphrey Malins, Mr Chris Mullin, Bridget Prentice, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Bob Russell, Mr Marsha Singh, Angela Watkinson, Mr Tom Watson and David Winnick be members of the Home Affairs Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
Information.—Ordered, That Mr Richard Allan, Mr Michael Connarty, Julia Drown, Michael Fabricant, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Peter Luff, Ann McKechin, Margaret Moran and Mr Gwyn Prosser be members of the Information Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

International Development.—Ordered, That Mr John Battle, Hugh Bayley, Alistair Burt, Ann Clwyd, Mr Tony Colman, Mr Nigel Jones, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Edward Leigh, Chris McCafferty, Mr Andrew Robathan and Tony Worthington be members of the International Development Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Scottish Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Peter Duncan, Mr Eric Joyce, Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Mr John Lyons, Ann McKechin, Mr David Marshall, John Robertson, Mr Mohammad Sarwar and Mr Michael Weir be members of the Scottish Affairs Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Trade and Industry.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr Roger Berry, Richard Burden, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Dr Ashok Kumar, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Mr Martin O’Neill, Linda Perham, Sir Robert Smith and Mr John Whittingdale be members of the Trade and Industry Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection);

An Amendment (b) was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out the words ‘Sir Robert Smith’ and insert the words ‘Pete Wishart’, instead thereof.—(Mr Alex Salmond.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was negatived.

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

Ordered, That Mr Roger Berry, Richard Burden, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Dr Ashok Kumar, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Mr Martin O’Neill, Linda Perham, Sir Robert Smith and Mr John Whittingdale be members of the Trade and Industry Committee.

Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, That Andrew Bennett, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Gregory Campbell, Mr John Cummings, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mrs Louise Ellman, Chris Grayling, Helen Jackson, Ms Oona King, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Bill O’Brien, Anne Picking, Dr John Pugh, Christine Russell, Mr George Stevenson and Mr Bill Wiggin be members of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Angela Smith: 221.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Frank Field, David Winnick: 308.

So the Question was negatived.

Treasury.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr Nigel Beard, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr David Laws, Mr John McFall, Kali Mountford, Mr George Mudie, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr James Plaskitt, Mr David Ruffley and Mr Andrew Tyrie be members of the Treasury Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out the words ‘Mr David Laws’ and insert the words ‘Mr Alex Salmond’, instead thereof.—(Mr Alex Salmond.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Thomas, Pete Wishart: 52.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Angela Smith: 351.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Ordered, That Mr Nigel Beard, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr David Laws, Mr John McFall, Kali Mountford, Mr George Mudie, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr James Plaskitt, Mr David Ruffley and Mr Andrew Tyrie be members of the Treasury Committee.
Welsh Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Martin Caton, Dr Hywel Francis, Mr Martyn Jones, Julie Morgan, Albert Owen, Adam Price, Mr Mark Prisk, Chris Ruane, Mr Bill Wiggin, Mrs Betty Williams and Mr Roger Williams be members of the Welsh Affairs Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Work and Pensions.—Ordered, That Miss Anne Begg, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Paul Goodman, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Rob Marris, Mr Andrew Mitchell, James Purnell, Mr Andrew Selous and Mr David Stewart be members of the Work and Pensions Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Modernisation of the House of Commons.—Ordered, That a Select Committee of fifteen Members be appointed to consider how the practices and procedures of the House should be modernised, and to make recommendations thereon;

That the Committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House; to adjourn from place to place; to report from time to time and to appoint specialist advisers;

That Mrs Angela Browning, Ann Coffey, Mr Robin Cook, Mrs Lorna Fitzsimons, Barbara Follett, Helen Jackson, Julie Morgan, Mr Peter Pike, Joan Ruddock, Mr Martin Salter, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Paul Tyler and Mr Nicholas Winterton be members of the Committee;

That this Order be a Standing Order of the House until the end of the present Parliament.—(Mr Robin Cook.)

Deregulation and Regulatory Reform.—Ordered, That Mr Russell Brown, Mr David Chaytor, Brian Cotter, John Cryer, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mr Paul Goodman, Andy King, Dr Ashok Kumar, Mr Andrew Love, John McDonnell, Mr Denis Murphy, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Peter Pike, Mr Andrew Rosindell, Mr Anthony Steen, Ian Stewart and Brian White be members of the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee.—(Mr Robin Cook.)

Broadcasting.—Ordered, That Mrs Helen Brinton, Mr Roger Gale, Mr James Gray, David Hamilton, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr David Lepper, Mr Iain Luke, Mr John Lyons, Mr Khalid Mahmood and Mr Alan Reid be members of the Broadcasting Committee.—(Mr Robin Cook.)

Procedure.—Ordered, That Alistair Burt, Mr David Drew, David Hamilton, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr Eric Joyce, Ian Lucas, Mr John Lyons, Rosemary McKenna, Ms Meg Munn, Mr David Rendel, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Nicholas Winterton and David Wright be members of the Procedure Committee.—(Mr Robin Cook.)

Standards and Privileges.—Ordered, That Tony Baldry, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Russell Brown, Mr David Chidgey, Ross Cranston, Mr Andrew Dismore, Michael Foster (Hastings & Rye), Mr Tom Levitt, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Alan Williams and Sir George Young be members of the Committee on Standards and Privileges.—(Mr Robin Cook.)

Environmental Audit.—Ordered, That Mr Harold Best, Mrs Helen Brinton, Sue Doughty, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr John Horam, Dr Brian Iddon, Tim Loughton, Ian Lucas, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Mr Mark Simmonds, Mr Simon Thomas, Joan Walley and David Wright be members of the Environmental Audit Committee.—(Mr Robin Cook.)

European Scrutiny.—Ordered, That Mr Colin Breed, Roger Casale, Mr William Cash, Mr Michael Connarty, Tony Cunningham, Mr Wayne David, Mr Terry Davis, Jim Dobbin, Mr Mark Hendrick, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Jim Marshall, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Anthony Steen and Mr Bill Tynan be members of the European Scrutiny Committee.—(Mr Robin Cook.)

Human Rights (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That Vera Baird, Norman Baker, Jean Corston, Tony Cunningham and Mr Shaun Woodward be members of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Human Rights.—(Mr Robin Cook.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Richard Bacon, Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Ian Davidson, Geraint Davies, David Davis, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Brian Jenkins, George Osborne, Mr David Rendel, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Jon Trickett and Mr Alan Williams be members of the Committee of Public Accounts.—(Mr Robin Cook.)

Public Administration.—Ordered, That Annette Brooke, Kevin Brennan, Mr David Heyes, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr John Lyons, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Michael Trend, Brian White, Tony Wright (Cannock Chase), and Mr Anthony D. Wright (Great Yarmouth) be members of the Select Committee on Public Administration.—(Mr Robin Cook.)
11 Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved.—(Mr Desmond Browne.)

12 Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note with approval of the Government’s assessment as set out in the Financial Statement and Budget Report 2001-02 and the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2001-02 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993—(Ruth Kelly);

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 next, pursuant to Order [28th June].

13 Business of the House,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 28th June, That Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 26th October, 2nd, 23rd and 30th November 2001, 11th, 18th and 25th January, 15th March, 12th and 19th April, 10th May, 21st June and 19th July 2002;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

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:


2 Justices of the Peace,—Commission Areas (Sussex) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2530), dated 12th July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Michael Wills].

3 Social Security,—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 7) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2539), dated 16th July 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

4 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 7) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2540), dated 16th July 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

5 Atomic Energy Authority,—Account of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for 2000-01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 184] [Clerk of the House].

6 British Council,—Accounts of the British Council for 2000-01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 British Library,—Report and Accounts of the British Library Board for 2000-01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 139] [Clerk of the House].

8 Church Commissioners,—Report and Accounts of the Church Commissioners for England for 2000 [by Measure] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

9 Crime and Disorder,—Review of the Youth Justice Board for 2000-01 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

10 European Community Finances,—Paper, entitled Statement on the 2001 EC Budget and measures to counter fraud and financial mismanagement [by Command] [Cm. 5173] [Ruth Kelly].
11 Farm Land and Rural Development.—Review by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, under section 2 of the Farm Land and Rural Development Act 1988, of the Farm Woodland Scheme and the Farm Woodland Premium Scheme [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

12 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of the Fire Service College for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 145] [Clerk of the House].

13 Health.—Account of the Commission for Health Improvement for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 183] [Clerk of the House].

14 Housing.—Report of the Tower Hamlets Housing Action Trust for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

15 Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development.—Report and Financial Statements of English Partnerships for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

16 Lord Chancellor’s Department Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Public Trust Office for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 22] [Mr Michael Wills].

17 Pensions.—Report of the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

18 Police.—Account of the Police Complaints Authority for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 185] [Clerk of the House].

19 Race Relations.—Report of the Commission for Racial Equality for 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

20 Teaching and Higher Education.—Accounts of the General Teaching Council for England from 1st September 2000 to 31st March 2001, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 179] [Clerk of the House].

21 Transport.—Report and Accounts of British Waterways for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers withdrawn:

22 Local Government Finance.—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 84) on 2001–02 Special Grant for Rate Relief in Respect of Hardship caused by Foot and Mouth Disease [No. 129] [laid 5th July].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 82) (House of Commons Paper No. 111) on 2001–02 Special Grants in connection with pilot Local Public Service Agreements, the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 83) (House of Commons Paper No. 88) on Maintenance of Roads Grants 2001–02, the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 85) (House of Commons Paper No. 130) on Invest to Save Budget Round 3 projects, and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 86) (House of Commons Paper No. 147) on 2001–02 Special Grant for Rate Relief in Respect of Hardship caused by Foot and Mouth Disease,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Dobbin and Mr Terry Lewis from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Reports); and nominated in substitution Mrs Janet Dean and James Purnell.

2 Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Diana Organ from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution John Austin.

3 Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Clwyd from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Colin Challen.
4 Home Grown Cereals Authority Levy (Variation) Scheme (Approval) Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged James Purnell and Mr Andy Reed from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Jon Cruddas and Mr Terry Rooney.

Programming Committees

5 European Communities (Finance) Bill (Programming Committee).—Pursuant to Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) [28th June], the Speaker has appointed Mr Edward Davey, Mr Howard Flight, Mr Mark Hendrick, Mrs Ann Keen, Ruth Kelly, Mr Peter Luff, Ms Meg Munn and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe members of the Programming Committee in respect of the European Communities (Finance) Bill.

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. 22.]

Tuesday 17th July 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 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill, without Amendment.

Joint Committee on Human Rights.—The Lords communicate that they have ordered that the Committee appointed by them to meet with a Committee of this House as the Joint Committee on Human Rights do meet with the Committee of this House on Thursday 19th July at Two o’clock in Committee Room 4, as proposed by this House.

2 European Communities (Amendment) Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Incorporation of provisions of the Treaty of Nice).

Another Amendment (No. 40) proposed, in page 1, line 9, after (i), to insert the words ‘Article 1 (other than paragraph 1),’.

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

Another Amendment (No. 49) proposed, in page 1, line 9, after (i), to insert the words ‘Article 1 (other than paragraph 11),’.—(Mr William Cash.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 54) proposed, in page 1, line 9, after the word ‘to’, to insert the words ‘4 and 6 to’.—(Mr William Cash.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 55) proposed, in page 1, line 9, after the word ‘to’, to insert the words ‘5 and 7 to’.—(Mr William Cash.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 9, after ‘10’, to insert the words ‘other than Article 2, paragraph 8.’.—(Mr Richard Spring.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 30) proposed, in page 1, line 9, after ‘10’, to insert the words ‘other than Article 2, paragraph 17.’.—(Mr Richard Spring.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Ten o’clock, the Chairman put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings on Clauses Nos. 1 to 4 to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [4th and 11th July].
Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

Question put, That Clause No. 1 stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Smith, Dan Norris: 367.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr John Randall: 146.

Clauses Nos. 2 to 4 agreed to.

The Chairman then left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Jim Fitzpatrick reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.

3 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. 83) (House of Commons Paper No. 88) on Maintenance of Roads Grants 2001–02, which was laid before this House on 2nd July, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.

4 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. 82) (House of Commons Paper No. 111) on 2001–02 Special Grants in connection with pilot Local Public Service Agreements, which was laid before this House on 2nd July, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.

5 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 5th July, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.

6 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.

7 Transport (Scotland).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 (Conditions attached to PSV Operator’s Licence and Competition Test for Exercise of Bus Functions) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 4th July, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.

8 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 (Form of Canvass) (England and Wales) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 5th July, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—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 (Form of Canvass) (Scotland) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 5th July, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.

10 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 85) (House of Commons Paper No. 130) on Invest to Save Budget Round 3 projects, which was laid before this House on 5th July, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.

11 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 (Form of Canvass) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 9th July, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.
12 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Social Security (Literacy etc. Skills Training Pilot) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 9th July, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

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 [28th June].

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. 86) (House of Commons Paper No. 147) on 2001–02 Special Grant for Rate Relief in Respect of Hardship caused by Foot and Mouth Disease, which was laid before this House on 9th July, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick)—It was agreed to.

14 Agriculture.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Home-Grown Cereals Authority Levy (Variation) Scheme (Approval) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 20th June, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick)—It was agreed to.

15 Business of the House.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 28th June, That Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 26th October, 2nd, 23rd and 30th November 2001, 11th, 18th and 25th January, 15th March, 12th and 19th April, 10th May, 21st June and 19th July 2002;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

16 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of South Yorkshire and others against the closure of the cardio-thoracic transplant facilities at the Northern General Hospital was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.50 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law.—Draft Drug Abstinence Order (Responsible Officer) (No. 2) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Health and Safety.—Batteries and Accumulators (Containing Dangerous Substances) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2551), dated 16th July 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

3 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Report and Accounts of the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the Horserace Totalisator Board for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

4 Cabinet Office Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Government Car and Despatch Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Children.—Report for 2000 by the Secretary of State for Health, the Secretary of State for Education and Skills and the Lord Chancellor, on the Children Act 1989 pursuant to section 83(6) of that Act [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 Culture, Media and Sport.—Report of the Gambling Review Body [by Command] [Cm. 5206] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
7 Defence Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of the—
   (1) Defence Bills Agency, and
   (2) Royal Air Force Personnel Management Agency
   for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
   to be printed [Nos. 45 and 128] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

8 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of the—
   (1) Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science, and
   (2) Pesticides Safety Directorate
   for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
   to be printed [Nos. 141 and 66] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

9 European Union,—Paper, entitled Developments in the European Union, July to December
   2000 [by Command] [Cm. 5205] [Mr Secretary Straw].

10 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Foreign Affairs
    Committee, Session 2000–01, on European Union Enlargement and Nice Follow-up [by Command]
    [Cm. 5198] [Mr Secretary Straw].

11 Inland Revenue Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Valuation Office Agency
    for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
    to be printed [No. 75] [Dawn Primarolo].

12 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of the—
   (1) National Maritime Museum, and
   (2) Victoria and Albert Museum
   for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
   to be printed [Nos. 174 and 190] [Clerk of the House].

13 National Lottery,—Account of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution
    for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
    to be printed [No. 189] [Clerk of the House].

    [by Act]; to be printed [No. 168] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

15 Public Lending Right,—Account of the Public Lending Right Central Fund for 2000–01, with
    the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 188]
    [Clerk of the House].

    [Ruth Kelly].

17 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the—
   (1) Newcastle Education Action Zone for 1998–99,
   (2) Barnsley Education Action Zone for 1999–2000, and
   (3) South Tyneside Education Action Zone for 1999–2000
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
   [Nos. 181, 180 and 182] [Clerk of the House].

18 Supply Estimates, 2001–02,—Summer Supplementary Estimates for 2001–02 for the Forestry
    Commission [by Command] [Cm. 5219] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

19 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Report of the Certification Officer for 2000–01 [by Act]
    [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

20 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Government Response to the Tenth
    Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, Session 2000–01, on Mobile Phone
    Masts [by Command] [Cm. 5222] [Mr Secretary Byers].

21 Treasury Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of National Savings for 2000–01, with
    the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 49]
    [Ruth Kelly].
APPENDIX II

Programming Committees

European Communities (Finance) Bill (Programming Committee).—Pursuant to Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) [28th June], the Speaker has appointed Helen Southworth a member of the Programming Committee in respect of the European Communities (Finance) Bill, in place of Ann Keen.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Select Committees (Choice of Chairmen).—The following Members reported from their respective Committees, That they had been chosen Chairmen of those Committees:

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2 Statutory Instruments.—(1) Third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-iii]; and

(2) First Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 196-i] [Mr David Tredinnick].

3 Trade and Industry.—First Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Observations on the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth and Twelfth Reports from the Committee, Session 2000–01, on Steel; Impact on Trade and Industry of Motor Fuel Taxation; Local Loop Unbundling; UK Online: The First Annual Report of the E-Minister and E-Envoy; Industrial and Trade Relations with Turkey; Ilisu Dam]; to be printed [No. 197] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 22; WH, No. 8.]

Tuesday 17th July 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 Ivor Caplin.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the promoters of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill which originated in this House in the last Parliament but had not received the Royal Assent may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the bill in the present session of Parliament; 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 the bill shall be presented to the House by deposit in the Private Bill Office no later than the fifth day on which the House sits after this day;

That a declaration signed by the agent shall be annexed to the bill, stating that it is the same in every respect as the bill presented in this House in the last Parliament;

That on the next sitting day following presentation, the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay the bill on the Table of the House;

That in the present session of Parliament the bill shall be deemed to have passed through those stages through which it had passed in the last Parliament, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;

That no further fees shall be charged to such stages—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means);

And objection being taken to further proceedings, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Wednesday 17th October.

2 European Communities (Finance) Bill (Programming Committee).—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Programming Committee, That it had come to a Resolution in respect of the European Communities (Finance) Bill, which it had directed him to report to the House—

That, pursuant to the Programme Order of 3rd July 2001 (proceedings in Committee of the whole House, on consideration and on Third Reading of the European Communities (Finance) Bill),—

(1) proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall, so far as not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at 8.30 p.m. on the first allotted day (or, if that day is a Thursday, 5.30 p.m.);

(2) any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken on the second allotted day and, so far as not previously concluded, shall be brought to a conclusion at 10 p.m. on that day (or, if that day is a Thursday, 7 p.m.).

Report to lie upon the Table.

3 Marine Wildlife Conservation Bill.—Mr John Randall, supported by Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Henry Bellingham, Andrew Bennett, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr Colin Breed, Mrs Helen Bronton, Mr John Gummer, Mr Ellyn Lliwyd, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Anthony Steen and Dr Richard Taylor, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to nature conservation and the protection of wildlife in respect of the marine environment; to provide enforcement powers for marine wildlife conservation purposes to competent marine authorities; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 26th October and to be printed [Bill 8].

4 Patents Act 1977 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, supported by Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Oliver Letwin, Hugh Robertson, Mr Michael Jack, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr David Heath, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Andrew Murrison, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr Hugo Swire and Mr Andrew Turner, presented a Bill to amend the Patents Act 1977 to enable a court to award exemplary damages in an action for infringement of a patent: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 26th October and to be printed [Bill 9].

5 Age Equality Commission Bill.—Ms Candy Atherton, supported by Jim Knight, Andrew George, Linda Perham, Mr Roger Berry, Linda Gilroy and Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, 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 23rd November and to be printed [Bill 10].
6 Home Energy Conservation Bill.—Dr Desmond Turner, supported by Mr Don Foster, Sir Sydney Chapman, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Alan Simpson, Mr David Drew, Mr David Chaytor, Matthew Taylor, Joan Ruddock, Mr David Lepper, Mr Martin Salter and Llew Smith, presented a Bill to make further provision about energy conservation in relation to residential housing; to make further provision about the eradication of fuel poverty; to provide for the establishment of registration and licensing schemes for houses in multiple occupation; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 30th November and to be printed [Bill 11].

7 Pension Annuities (Amendment) Bill.—Mr David Curry presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the purchase of annuities in respect of private and personal pensions, defined contribution and additional voluntary contribution pension schemes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th January and to be printed [Bill 12].

8 Employee Share Schemes Bill.—Mr Mark Lazarowicz, supported by Mr John McFall, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Linda Gilroy, Ms Meg Munn, Mr Mark Hendrick, Jim Dobbin, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr David Miliband, Mr Tony Lloyd, John Barrett and Mr Andrew Love, presented a Bill to make provision relating to employee share schemes; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on 18th January and to be printed [Bill 13].

9 Industrial and Provident Societies Bill.—Mr Gareth R. Thomas (Harrow West), supported by Mr Andrew Love, Mike Gapes, Dr Doug Naysmith, Gillian Merron, Mr Ken Purchase, Phil Hope, Mr Andy Reed, Mr John McFall, Mr Ian Davidson, Paul Goggins and David Taylor, presented a Bill to enable the law relating to societies registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 to be amended so as to bring it into conformity with certain aspects of the law relating to companies; to amend the procedure whereby such a society may convert itself into, or amalgamate with one or more of its engagements to, a company; to permit a registered society whose business is conducted for the benefit of the community to provide that its assets are dedicated permanently for that purpose; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on 25th January and to be printed [Bill 14].

10 Food Labelling Bill.—Mr Eric Pickles, supported by Mr David Drew, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr David Curry, Mr Bill Rammell, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Ian Davidson, Alistair Burt, Mr Nigel Jones, Mr John Hayes and Mr Owen Paterson, presented a Bill to make further provision for relevant information about food, including information about the country of origin and standards of production of that food, to be made available to consumers, by labelling, marking or in other ways; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd November and to be printed [Bill 15].

11 Legalisation of Cannabis Bill.—Mr Jon Owen Jones, supported by Ms Diane Abbott, John Austin, Mr Tony Banks, Jeremy Corbyn, Paul Flynn, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Mike Hancock, Dr Brian Iddon, Lynne Jones, Mr Austin Mitchell and Dr Jenny Tonge, presented a Bill to legalise and regulate the sale, supply and use of cannabis for recreational and therapeutic purposes; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 26th October and to be printed [Bill 16].

12 Copyright, etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill.—Dr Vincent Cable, supported by Richard Burden, Mr William Cash, Brian Cotter, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Paul Marsden, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Lembit Opik and Mr Nicholas Winterton, 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 23rd November and to be printed [Bill 17].

13 Housing (Wales) Bill.—Mr Simon Thomas, supported by Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Adam Price and Hywel Williams, presented a Bill to enable the National Assembly for Wales to make provision about registration and licensing schemes for houses in multiple occupation, about planning regulations, registration schemes and rates of council tax applicable to second homes, about building regulations in relation to older dwellings, and about the exercise by tenants of their right to buy; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 30th November and to be printed [Bill 18].

14 Children with Disabilities (Play Areas) Bill.—Mr Adrian Sanders, supported by Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Robert Symns, Paul Flynn, Nick Harvey, Richard Younger-Ross, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Nigel Jones and Mr Colin Pickthall, presented a Bill to require local...
authorities to provide facilities suitable for use by children with disabilities when they upgrade play areas or construct new play areas. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th January and to be printed [Bill 19].

15 Public Right of Planning Appeal Bill.—Mr Nigel Evans, supported by Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Lembit Opik, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr John Bercow, Mr Bill Wigan, Mr Robert Symns, Mr David Borrow and Mr Mark Hendrick, presented a Bill to introduce a right of appeal against the grant of consent for planning applications for certain persons and in certain circumstances; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 20].

16 Football Spectators Bill.—Mr Roger Godsiff presented a Bill to amend the law on the licensing of premises for the admission of spectators to football matches; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 2nd November and to be printed [Bill 21].

17 Animal Sanctuaries (Licensing) Bill.—Mr Ian Cawsey, supported by Mr David Amess, Norman Baker, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Tim Loughton, Mr Eric Martlew, Shona McIsaac, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Martin Salter and Mr Gerry Steinberg, presented a Bill to make provision for the licensing and control of animal sanctuaries: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th January and to be printed [Bill 22].

18 Copyright (Visually Impaired Persons) Bill.—Rachel Squire presented a Bill to permit, without infringement of copyright, the transfer of copyright works to formats accessible to visually impaired persons: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th March and to be printed [Bill 23].

19 Tobacco Disclosure Bill.—Mr Frank Dobson, supported by Mr Kevin Barron, David Taylor, John Robertson, Miss Anne Begg and Dr Phyllis Starkey, presented a Bill to require the disclosure by companies selling tobacco products in the United Kingdom of full details of all scientific and market research carried out by or for them or associated companies; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 24].

20 Commonwealth Bill.—Mr David Willetts presented a Bill to amend the law with respect to the Commonwealth Institute; to make provision in connection with the admission of Cameroon and Mozambique to the Commonwealth; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 25].

21 Firearms (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Jonathan R. Shaw, supported by Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr Tony Banks, Mr David Amess, Mr Mike Hancock, Norman Baker and Mr David Hinchliffe, presented a Bill to make provision for the regulation of the purchase of air weapons: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 30th November and to be printed [Bill 27].

22 European Communities (Amendment) Bill [3rd allotted day],—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill.

(In the Committee)

A Clause (Political parties at European level (No. 1))—(Mr Richard Spring)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes: Mr Peter Luff, Mr John Randall: 194.

Tellers for the Noes: Mr Graham Stringer, Jim Fitzpatrick: 360.

23 Deferred Divisions.—The Chairman announced the results of Divisions which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Order of the House [28th June]:


Ayes: 318.

Noes: 179.

So the Question was agreed to.
Social Security.—That the draft Social Security (Literacy etc. Skills Training Pilot) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 9th July, be approved.

Ayes: 324.
Noes: 178.

So the Question was agreed to.

24 European Communities (Amendment) Bill.—Another Clause (Report on operation of Article 137 TEC, as revised)—(Mr Richard Spring)—brought up and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Western European Union and North Atlantic Treaty Organisation)—(Mr Richard Spring)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 141.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Graham Stringer, Jim Fitzpatrick: 398.

Another Clause (Referendum (No. 1))—(Mr Richard Spring)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr James Gray, Mr John Randall: 129.
Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr John Heppell: 377.

Another Clause (Effects of Nice Treaty)—(Mr William Cash)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Peter Atkinson: 181.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Dan Norris: 334.

It being after Ten o’clock, the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill, pursuant to Order.

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

Bill to be read the third time to-morrow.

25 Business of the House.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 28th June, That Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 26th October, 2nd, 23rd and 30th November 2001, 11th, 18th and 25th January, 15th March, 12th and 19th April, 10th May, 21st June and 19th July 2002;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

26 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Liverpool for improvements in the living conditions of asylum seekers in Everton was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

27 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

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

[Adjourned at 10.47 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland.—Police (Northern Ireland) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2513), dated 18th July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Competition.—Foreign Package Holidays (Tour Operators and Travel Agents) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2581), dated 12th July 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


4 Telecommunications.—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (FirstMark Carrier Services (UK) Limited) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2582),
(2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (GTS Network (Ireland) Ltd) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2584), and

Other Papers:

5 Appropriation Accounts, 2000–01.—Appropriation Account of the sums granted by Parliament for 2000–01 for Class XVIII, B (National Audit Office) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 91] [Mr Alan Williams].

6 Bristol Royal Infirmary.—Paper, entitled Learning from Bristol: The Report of the Public Inquiry into children’s heart surgery at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, 1984–1995 (Report and Summary and Recommendations) [by Command] [Cm. 5207–I and II][Mr Secretary Milburn].

7 Coroners.—Kent (Coroners’ Districts) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2570), dated 16th July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 Culture, Media and Sport.—Department for Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 18th July 2001, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for works of art lent by the National Maritime Museum to the Sea of Faces Exhibition and the loan of three clocks by John Harrison [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

9 Defence Executive Agencies.—Reports and Accounts of the—
(1) Defence Storage and Distribution Agency,
(2) Defence Vetting Agency,
(3) Disposal Services Agency, and
(4) Duke of York’s Royal Military School
for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 50, 108, 54 and 60] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

10 Education.—Accounts of the Teacher Training Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 194] [Clerk of the House].

11 Environmental Protection.—Report and Summary Financial Statement of English Nature for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

12 European Communities (No. 3, 2001).—Partnership Agreement, done at Cotonou on 23rd June 2000, between the Members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States of the one part, and the European Community and its Member States, of the other part, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5192] [Mr Secretary Straw].

13 European Communities (No. 4, 2001).—Internal Agreement, done at Brussels on 18th September 2000, between the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on Measures to be taken and Procedures to be followed for the Implementation of the ACP-EC Partnership Agreement, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5193] [Mr Secretary Straw].
14 European Communities (No. 5, 2001),—Internal Agreement, done at Brussels on 18th September 2000, between Representatives of the Governments of the Member States, meeting within the Council, on the Financing and Administration of Community Aid under the Financial Protocol to the Partnership Agreement between the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and the European Community and its Member States signed in Cotonou (Benin) on 23rd June 2000 and the Allocation of Financial Assistance for the Overseas Countries and Territories to which Part Four of the EC Treaty applies, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5194] [Mr Secretary Straw].

15 Explosives,—Report of Her Majesty’s Inspector of Explosives for Northern Ireland for 2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 86] [Mr Secretary Reid].

16 Food Standards Agency Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Meat Hygiene Service for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 143] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

17 Home Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of United Kingdom Passport Service for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 39] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

18 Housing,—(1) Reports and Accounts of—
   (i) Castle Vale Housing Action Trust, and
   (ii) Liverpool Housing Action Trust for 2000–01; and
   (2) Review and Accounts of The Housing Corporation for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

19 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Account of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 195] [Clerk of the House].

20 National Heritage,—(1) Report and Accounts of English Heritage for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell]; and
   (2) Report and Accounts of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 68] [Clerk of the House].

21 National Lottery,—(1) Accounts of the Scottish Arts Council National Lottery Distribution Fund [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Liddell]; and
   (2) Accounts of the United Kingdom Sports Council Lottery Distribution for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 186] [Clerk of the House].


23 Northern Ireland (Sentences),—Report of the Sentence Review Commissioners for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 96] [Mr Secretary Reid].


25 Police,—Report and Accounts of Police Information Technology Organisation for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 176] [Clerk of the House].

26 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Sixth, the Eighth to Tenth and the Twelfth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2000–01 [by Command] [Cm. 5201] [Mr Paul Boateng].

27 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the South Bradford East Education Action Zone for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 177] [Clerk of the House].

28 Science and Technology,—(1) Accounts of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 207] [Clerk of the House];
   (2) Accounts of the Economic and Social Research Council for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 193] [Clerk of the House].
(3) Accounts of the Research Councils' Pension Schemes for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 192] [Clerk of the House]:

(4) Report and Summary Financial Statements of the Economic and Social Research Council for 2000–01 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt]; and

(5) Report of the Medical Research Council for 2000–01 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

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

(1) FirstMark Carrier Services (UK) Limited,
(2) GTS Network (Ireland) Limited, and
(3) Nextlink UK Limited

[by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

30 Trade and Industry Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the National Weights and Measures Laboratory for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 110] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

31 Treasury Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) the Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency, and
(2) the Property Advisers to the Civil Estate

for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 136 and 134] [Mr Andrew Smith], and

(3) the Debt Management Office for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 24] [Ruth Kelly].

Papers withdrawn:

32 Special Educational Needs,—Draft Code of Practice on Special Educational Needs [laid 20th June].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Contracting Out of Functions (Tribunal Staff) Order 2001:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Gregory Barker, Mr John Burnett, Andy Burnham, Harry Cohen, Mr Parmjit Dhandha, Mr Huw Edwards, Mr Doug Henderson, Norman Lamb, Mr David Lepper, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Eric Pickles, Syd Rapson, Angela Smith and Ms Rosie Winterton.

2 Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations 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 Peter Atkinson, Mr John Baron, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Graham Brady, David Cairns, Mr Bill Etherington, Mrs Linda Gilroy, Paul Holmes, John Mann, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr John Smith, Mr Jon Trickett, Mr Tom Watson, Mr Alan Whitehead and Mr Phil Woolas.

European Standing Committees

3 European Union Document No. 13735/99, relating to a Single European Sky, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

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.

5 European Union Document No. 6671/01, relating to a strategy for a future chemicals policy, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.
6 European Union Document No. 5771/01, relating to the Sixth Environmental Action Programme of the European Community, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

7 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, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

8 European Union Document No. 14174/00, relating to general principles and requirements of food law, together with European Union Document No. 10427/00, relating to food hygiene, have been referred to European Standing Committee C.

9 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 Select Committees (Choice of Chairmen).—(1) The following Members reported from their respective Committees, That they had been chosen Chairmen of those Committees:

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(2) Valerie Davey reported from the Education and Skills Committee, That Mr Barry Sheerman had been chosen Chairman.

2 Defence,—(1) First Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Observations on the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2000–01, on the Strategic Defence Review: The Reserve Forces]; to be printed [No. 213]; and

(2) Second Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 2000–01, on the MOD’s Annual Reporting Cycle 2000–01]; to be printed [No. 214]

[Mr Bruce George].

3 Education and Skills,—First Special Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Response from the Government and from OFSTED to the Education and Employment Committee, Session 2000–01, on Standards and Quality in Education: The Annual Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools for 1999–2000]; to be printed [No. 215] [Valerie Davey].


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. 152-3] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Treasury,—(1) First Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2000–01, On Banking and the Consumer]; to be printed [No. 198]; and

(2) Second Special Report from the Committee [Responses by the Government and the Bank of England to the Ninth Report from the Committee, Session 2000–01, On The Monetary Policy Committee—An End of Term Report]; to be printed [No. 199]

[Mr John McFall].

7 Work and Pensions,—Memorandum laid before the Work and Pensions Committee [Social Security Appeals] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].
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.—(Dan Norris.)

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

Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to provide for the reorganisation of the undertakings of Barclays Bank PLC and certain of its subsidiaries; and for related purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

National Australia Group Europe Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to provide for the fusion of the undertakings of Clydesdale Bank PLC and Yorkshire Bank PLC by the transfer to Clydesdale Bank PLC of the undertaking of Yorkshire Bank PLC; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords].—The Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

3 National Australia Group Europe Bill [Lords].—The National Australia Group Europe Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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


5 Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Secretary Blunkett, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw and Mr John Denham, presented a Bill to amend section 5 of the Football (Disorder) Act 2000; 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 26].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill be printed [Bill 26–EN].

6 European Communities (Finance) Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in accordance with the Resolution of the Programming Committee of 18th July and pursuant to the Programme Order of 3rd July 2001 (Proceedings in Committee of the whole House, on consideration and on Third Reading of the European Communities (Finance) Bill)—

(1) proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall, so far as not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at 8.30 p.m. on the first allotted day (or, if that day is a Thursday, 5.30 p.m.);

(2) any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be taken on the second allotted day and, so far as not previously concluded, shall be brought to a conclusion at 10.00 p.m. on the day (or, if that day is a Thursday, 7.00 p.m.)—(Ruth Kelly);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Nick Ainger: 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Peter Luff: 108.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 European Communities (Finance) Bill [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

8 Northern Ireland.—Resolved, That the Police (Northern Ireland) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2513), dated 18th July 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 18th July, be approved.—(Jane Kennedy.)

9 Business of the House.—Resolved, That, at this day's sitting—

(1) the Motions standing on the Order Paper in the name of the Chairman of the Committee of Selection may be made notwithstanding paragraph (2)(a) of Standing Order No. 121 (Nomination of select committees);

(2) the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on any Motion relating to the membership of Select Committees not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first such motion, and such Questions shall include the questions on any amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved;

(3) the Motions may be proceeded with, though opposed, after Seven o'clock; and

(4) Standing Order No. 38 (Procedure on divisions) shall apply and the Order [28th June] 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 proceedings on the Motions.—(Mr Stephen Twigg.)

10 Catering.—Ordered, That Janet Anderson, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Tony Cunningham, Mrs Janet Dean, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr Simon Thomas and Mr Dennis Turner be members of the Catering Committee.—(Ms Karen Buck, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Bill Olner be discharged from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Mr Austin Mitchell be added to the Committee.—(Ms Karen Buck, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Foreign Affairs.—Ordered, That Donald Anderson, Mr David Chidgey, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Eric Illsley, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr John Maples, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Greg Pope, Sir John Stanley and Ms Gisela Stuart be members of the Foreign Affairs Committee.—(Ms Karen Buck, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 International Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Mr Edward Leigh be discharged from the International Development Committee and Tony Baldry be added to the Committee.—(Ms Karen Buck, on behalf of the Committee of Selection);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Graham Stringer: 304.

Tellers for the Noes, Jeremy Corbyn, John McDonnell: 55.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Edward Leigh be discharged from the International Development Committee and Tony Baldry be added to the Committee.
14 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Roy
Beggs, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Tony Clarke, Mr Stephen McCabe, Mr Eddie
McGrady, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr Peter Robinson, the Reverend
Martin Smyth, Mark Tami and Mr Bill Tynan be members of the Northern Ireland
Affairs Committee.—(Ms Karen Buck, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

15 Scottish Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr David Marshall be discharged from the Scottish Affairs
Committee and Mrs Irene Adams be added to the Committee.—(Ms Karen Buck, on behalf
of the Committee of Selection.)

16 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Ordered, That Andrew Bennett, Sir Paul
Beresford, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Gregory Campbell, Mr John Cummings, Mr Brian H.
Donohoe, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mrs Louise Ellman, Chris Grayling, Helen
Jackson, Ms Oona King, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Bill O’Brien, Dr John Pugh,
Christine Russell, Mr George Stevenson and Mr Bill Wiggin be members of the
Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee.—(Ms Karen Buck, on behalf
of the Committee of Selection.)

17 Environmental Audit.—Ordered, That Dr Brian Iddon be discharged from the
Environmental Audit Committee and Mr Colin Challen be added to the Committee.—
(Mr Stephen Twigg.)

18 Human Rights (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That Tony Cunningham be discharged from
the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee
on Human Rights and Mr Kevin McNamara be added to the Committee.—(Mr
Stephen Twigg.)

19 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—Ordered, That Helen Jackson and Julie Morgan
be discharged from the Select Committee on the Modernisation of the House of
Commons and Mr David Kidney, Mr Greg Knight and Anne Picking be added to the
Committee.—(Mr Stephen Twigg.)

20 Procedure.—Ordered, That Mr John Lyons be discharged from the Procedure Committee.—
(Mr Stephen Twigg.)

21 Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Mr Edward Leigh be a member of the Committee of Public
Accounts.—(Mr Stephen Twigg.)

22 Business of the House.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate
on the Question proposed on 28th June, That Private Members’ Bills shall have
precedence over Government business on 26th October, 2nd, 23rd and 30th November
2001, 11th, 18th and 25th January, 15th March, 12th and 19th April, 10th May, 21st June
and 19th July 2002;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

23 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Mr H. E. Fearns and others calling for objective
police procedures for investigation of allegations of abuse was presented; and ordered
to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

24 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.49 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Designs.—Draft Registered Designs Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Local Government Finance.—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report
(No. 87) on 2001–2 Special Grant for Local Authority E-Government Pathfinders [by
Act]; to be printed [No. 220] [Mr Secretary Byers].

3 Postal Services.—Draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Determination of Turnover for Penalties)
(Amendment) Order 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Byers].

4 Social Security.—Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims)
(Amendment) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Animals,—Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 9) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2623), dated 19th July 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


8 Food,—Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Marking of Meat, Meat Products, Minced Meat and Meat Preparations) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2601), dated 18th July 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


12 Police,—Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2498), dated 11th July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

13 Seeds,—Seeds (Fees) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2598), dated 18th July 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

14 Social Security,—Employment Zones (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2521), dated 12th July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


(2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Carrier 1 UK Limited) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2608),

(3) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Energis Local Access Limited) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2605),

(4) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Fibreway Limited) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2603),

(5) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Isle of Wight Cable and Telephone Company Limited) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2602),


(9) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Williams Communications UK Limited) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2607), and

(10) Telecommunication Meters (Approval Fees) (BABT) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2606),

dated 17th July 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
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Other Papers:

16 Agricultural Marketing.—Report and Accounts of Food from Britain for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

17 Aliens’ Employment.—Cabinet Office Minute under section 1(4) of the Aliens’ Employment Act 1955 relating to aliens employed in the Civil Service during 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

18 Animal (Scientific Procedures).—Report of the Animal Procedures Committee for 2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 126] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

19 Cabinet Office Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Centre for Management and Policy Studies for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 219] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

20 Coal Industry.—Report and Accounts of the Coal Authority for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

21 Criminal Justice.—Report of the Serious Fraud Office for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 116] [The Solicitor General].

22 Crown Agents.—(1) Accounts of the Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 212] [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Report of the Chairman of the Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board for 2000 [by Act] [Secretary Clare Short].

23 Culture, Media and Sport Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Royal Parks Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 42] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

24 Customs and Excise.—Report on the collection of excise duties in HM Customs and Excise, with the Government Response thereto [by Command] [Cm. 5239] [Dawn Primarolo].

25 Defence Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of—

(1) the Armed Forces Personnel Administration Agency,

(2) the Logistic Information Systems Agency, and

(3) the Naval Manning Agency

for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 77, 31 and 142] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

26 Development of Tourism.—Accounts of—

(1) the British Tourist Authority, and

(2) the English Tourist Board

for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 206 and 208] [Clerk of the House].

27 Disability Rights Commission.—Account of the Disability Rights Commission for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 210] [Clerk of the House].

28 Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall.—Accounts of the Duchy of Lancaster for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

29 Education.—Financial Statements of the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 209] [Clerk of the House].

30 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of—

(1) the Central Science Laboratory,

(2) the Intervention Board,

(3) the Veterinary Laboratories Agency, and

(4) the Veterinary Medicines Directorate

for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 125, 59, 138 and 28] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
31 Exchange Equalisation,—Exchange Equalisation Accounts for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 154] [Ruth Kelly].

32 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Government Response to the Fourth Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2000–01, on Government Policy towards the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the wider region following the fall of Milosevic, and

(2) Government Response to the Sixth Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2000–01, on Gibraltar: Follow-up

[by Command] [Cm. 5220 and 5231] [Mr Secretary Straw].

33 Foreign and Commonwealth Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of Wilton Park for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 92] [Mr Secretary Straw].

34 Gas and Electricity,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Director General for Gas and Electricity Supply: Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (OFGEM) for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 78] [Ms Secretary Hewitt]; and

(2) Resource Accounts of the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 170] [Mr Paul Boateng].

35 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) Companies House,

(2) the Driving Standards Agency,

(3) NHS Estates,

(4) the Royal Mint,

(5) the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office, and

(6) the Vehicle Inspectorate

for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 73, 58, 109, 80, 127 and 89] [Clerk of the House].

36 Health,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Health Committee, Session 2000–01, on the Provision of Information by the Government Relating to the Safety of Breast Implants [by Command] [Cm. 5241] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

37 Health Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of the—

(1) Medical Devices Agency, and

(2) NHS Pensions Agency

for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 93 and 140] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

38 Home Office Executive Agencies,—(1) Accounts of the Passport and Records Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; and

(2) Report and Accounts of—

(i) the Criminal Records Bureau, and

(ii) HM Prison Service

for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 40 and 29]

[Mr Secretary Blunkett].

39 Hong Kong,—Six-monthly Report on Hong Kong, January–June 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 5197] [Mr Secretary Straw].

40 Housing,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) Stonebridge Housing Action Trust, and

(2) Waltham Forest Housing Action Trust

for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

41 Human Rights,—Proposal for a draft Mental Health Act 1983 (Remedial) Order 2001, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

43 Intelligence Services.—Government Response to the Interim Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee, 2000–01 [by Command] [Cm. 5225] [The Prime Minister].

44 Judicial Statistics.—Judicial Statistics for England and Wales for 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 5223] [Mr Michael Wills].

45 Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance.—Report of the Law Society of Northern Ireland on Legal Aid in Northern Ireland in 1999–2000, with the Report of the Lord Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Legal Aid in Northern Ireland thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 187] [Mr Michael Wills].

46 Lord Chancellor’s Department.—Paper, entitled, Towards Effective Enforcement: A single piece of bailiff law and a regulatory structure for enforcement [by Command] [Cm. 5096] [Mr Michael Wills].

47 Museums and Galleries.—Account of the National Portrait Gallery for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 218] [Clerk of the House].

48 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Customs and Excise: Losses to the Revenue from Frauds on Alcohol Duty [by Act]; to be printed [No. 178] [Clerk of the House].

49 National Health Service (Scotland).—Summarised Accounts of the Health Boards in Scotland, NHS Trusts in Scotland, the Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service, the Health Education Board for Scotland, the State Hospitals Board for Scotland, the Scottish Council for Postgraduate Medical and Dental Education, the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland, the Clinical Standards Board for Scotland and the Scottish Ambulance Service Board for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 217] [Clerk of the House].

50 National Lottery.—(1) Account of the Arts Council for Wales Lottery Distribution for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 211] [Clerk of the House];

(2) Account of the sportscotland National Lottery Fund for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 146] [Mrs Secretary Liddell]; and

(3) Report and Accounts of the Heritage Lottery Fund and National Heritage Memorial Fund for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 107] [Clerk of the House].


52 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors.—Account of the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 169] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

53 Pensions.—Report and Accounts of the Pensions Compensation Board for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 175] [Clerk of the House].

54 Postal Services.—Report of the Postal Services Commission for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 118] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

55 Post Office.—Reports of—

(1) the Post Office Users’ National Council,

(2) the Post Office Users’ Council for Northern Ireland,

(3) the Post Office Users’ Council for Scotland, and

(4) the Post Office Users’ Council for Wales for 2000–01 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

56 Prisons (Northern Ireland).—Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Prison Service for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 124] [Mr Secretary Reid].


59 Regional Development Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) Advantage West Midlands: West Midlands Regional Development Agency,
(2) East of England Development Agency,
(3) East Midlands Development Agency,
(4) Northwest Development Agency,
(5) One North East: North East of England Regional Development Agency,
(6) SEEDA: South East of England Regional Development Agency,
(7) South West of England Regional Development Agency, and
(8) Yorkshire Forward: Yorkshire and Humber Regional Development Agency for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

60 Registration Service,—Review of the Registrar General on marriages, divorces and adoptions in England and Wales, 1999 [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

61 Reserve Forces,—Change 8 to the Regulations for the Naval and Marine Reserves (BR 64) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

62 Science and Technology,—Reports of—
(1) the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils,
(2) the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council,
(3) the Natural Environment Research Council, and
(4) the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council for 2000–01 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

63 Sex Discrimination,—Report and Accounts of the Equal Opportunities Commission for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 90] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

64 Superannuation,—(1) Civil Service Additional Voluntary Contribution Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2001,
(2) Civil Service Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2001, and
(3) Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2001 dated 19th July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

65 Telecommunications,—Licences granted under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—
(1) Broadnet UK Limited,
(2) Carrier 1 UK Limited,
(3) Energis Local Access Limited,
(4) Fibreway Limited,
(5) Isle of Wight Cable and Telephone Company Limited,
(6) ntl Group Limited,
(7) Universal Access UK Limited,
(8) Verizon Global Solutions UK Limited, and
(9) Williams Communications UK Limited [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
66 Trade and Industry.—(1) Departmental Minute, dated 18th July 2001, concerning a proposed contingent liability to cover the civil liabilities incurred by the Postal Services Commissioners in relation to their functions as Commissioners [by Command]; and

(2) Report and Accounts of the Employment Tribunals Service for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 11] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

67 Trade Union and Labour Relations.—Report of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) for 2000–01 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

68 Transfer of Functions (Ministry of Pensions).—Report on War Pensions for 2000–01 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Darling].

69 Transport, Local Government and the Regions Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the—

(1) Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency,
(2) Maritime and Coast Guard Agency,
(3) Planning Inspectorate Executive Agency, and
(4) Vehicle Certification Agency

for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 115, 81, 94 and 191] [Mr Secretary Byers].

70 Treasury.—Paper, entitled, The National Asset Register [by Command] [Cm. 5221] [Mr Andrew Smith].

71 United Nations.—(1) Afghanistan (United Nations Sanctions) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2557), and


dated 18th July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw];

(3) Afghanistan (United Nations Sanctions) (Channel Islands) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2562), and


dated 18th July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Michael Wills]; and

(5) United Nations (International Tribunal) (Former Yugoslavia) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2563), dated 18th July 2001 [by Act][Mr Secretary Blankett].

72 Work and Pensions.—Government Response to the Third Report of the Procedure Committee, Session 2000–01, on Section 82 of the Welfare Reform and Pensions Act 1999 [by Command] [Cm. 5172] [Mr Secretary Darling].

73 Work and Pensions Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of—

(1) the Appeals Service
(2) the Benefits Agency
(3) the Child Support Agency
(4) the Employment Service, and
(5) the War Pensions Agency

for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 156, 153, 87, 149 and 57] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers withdrawn:

74 Social Security.—Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 [laid 11th July].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Select Committees (Choice of Chairmen).—(1) The following Members reported from their respective Committees, That they had been chosen Chairmen of those Committees:

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(2) Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody reported from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee, That she and Andrew Bennett had been chosen Chairmen of the Committee.

2 Joint Committees (Choice of Chairmen).—Jean Corston reported from the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Human Rights, That she had been chosen Chairman of the Joint Committee.

3 Statutory Instruments.—Fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-iv] [Mr David Tredinnick].

[No. 24; WH, No. 10.]


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

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

Adjournment (Youth Justice),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.34 p.m.]
Friday 20th July 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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);

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

2 Business of the House,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 28th June, That Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 26th October, 2nd, 23rd and 30th November 2001, 11th, 18th and 25th January, 15th March, 12th and 19th April, 10th May, 21st June and 19th July 2002;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Monday 15th October.

3 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 15th October, pursuant to Order [3rd July].

Adjourned at 2.53 p.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. 6) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2640), dated 19th July 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


3 National Health Service,—(1) National Health Service Trusts (Membership and Procedure) Amendment (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2629),

(2) Health Authorities (Membership and Procedure) Amendment (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2630), and
(3) Primary Care Trusts (Membership, Procedure and Administration Arrangements) Amendment (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2631), dated 19th July [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


5 Sex Discrimination,—Sex Discrimination (Indirect Discrimination and Burden of Proof) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2660), dated 20th July 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:


7 Environment,—Report and Accounts of the Environment Agency for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

8 Environmental Protection,—Report and Financial Statements of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


10 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Central Office of Information for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 53] [Clerk of the House].

11 Local Government,—Report and Accounts of the London Pensions Fund Authority for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

12 Medicines,—Reports of the Medicines Commission, Committee on Safety of Medicines, Advisory Board on the Registration of Homoeopathic Products, Veterinary Products Committee, British Pharmacopoeia Commission and the Independent Review Panel for Advertising for 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

13 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department of Health: Inpatient and outpatient waiting in the NHS [by Act]; to be printed [No. 221] [Clerk of the House].

14 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 18th July 2001 on loans proposed to be raised by—

(i) Hull and East Riding Community Health NHS Trust, and

(ii) Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

15 Public Expenditure,—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure 2000–01: Provisional Outturn [by Command] [Cm. 5243] [Mr Andrew Smith].

16 Roads,—Report for 2000 under Section 18 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

17 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the—

(1) Blackburn with Darwen Education Action Zone,

(2) East Brighton Education Action Zone,

(3) Kitts Green and Shard End Education Action Zone,

(3) North East Lincolnshire Education Action Zone,

(4) North Southwark Education Action Zone, and

(5) Salford and Trafford Education Action Zone

for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 203, 205, 204, 200, 201 and 202] [Clerk of the House].

18 Sessional Returns, 2000–01,—Returns to Orders [26th June] 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 2000–01 [by Order]; to be printed [No. 1] [Clerk of the House].

(2) Report by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Social Fund for 2000–01
[by Command] [Cms. 5237 and 5238] [Mr Secretary Darling].

20 Transport,—Report of the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

Election Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill,—The Committee of Selection has:

(1) appointed Mr Peter Robinson as an additional Member of Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill); and
(2) discharged Mr Kevin McNamara from the Committee (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Eddie McGrady.

APPENDIX III
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Select Committees (Choice of Chairmen),—The following Members reported from their respective Committees, That they had been chosen Chairmen of those Committees:

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EXAMINERS OF PETITIONS FOR PRIVATE BILLS

Examiners of Petitions for Private Bill,—In pursuance of Standing Order 69 relating to Private Business (Appointment of Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills), the Speaker appointed Mr Thomas Vincent Mohan to be an Examiner of Petitions for Private Bills with effect from 15th October 2001.
Notice given by the Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances):

Whereas Her Majesty’s Government have represented to me, Michael Martin, Speaker of the House of Commons, that the public interest requires the House to meet at an earlier time than the 15th day of October 2001 and I am satisfied that the public interest does so require:

Now, therefore, I hereby give notice pursuant to the Standing Order (Earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances) that the House shall meet on Friday the 14th day of September 2001 at half-past Nine of the clock.

Given under my hand this 12th day of September 2001.

[No. 26.]

Friday 14th September 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Members take the Oath.—The following Members took and subscribed the Oath:
   Tam Dalyell … … … … for Linlithgow
   Paul Andrew Daisley … … … … Brent East.

2 Sittings of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments). That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Monday 15th October—(Mr Ivor Caplin).—It was agreed to.

3 Adjournment (International Terrorism).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Ivor Caplin);
   At Eleven o’clock the House observed three minutes’ silence in memory of those who lost their lives in the tragic events in the United States of America on 11th September.
   And the Question being again proposed;
   The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

4 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Angela Smith.)
   And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Two o’clock, adjourned till Monday 15th October, pursuant to Resolution [this day].

[Adjourned at 2.28 p.m.

APPENDIX

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):

Monday 23rd July 2001

1 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Third Report of the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 2000–01, on Resistance to Antibiotics [Cm. 5245] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Tuesday 24th July 2001

2 Health,—Government Response to the Third Report of the Health Committee, Session 2000–01, on Head Injury: Rehabilitation [Cm. 5226] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

3 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Fourth Report of the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 2000–01, on Human Genetic Databases: Challenges and Opportunities [Cm. 5236] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Wednesday 25th July 2001

4 Treaty Series (No. 36, 2001).—Agreement, done at Hong Kong on 25th October 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China for the Avoidance of Double Taxation on Revenues arising from the Business of Shipping Transport [Cm. 5204] [Mr Secretary Straw].
5 Treaty Series (No. 37, 2001).—Convention, done at Geneva on 17th June 1999, concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour (ILO 182) [Cm. 5213] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Thursday 26th July 2001

6 Animals.—Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals in Great Britain for 2000 [Cm. 5244] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

Friday 27th July 2001

7 Health.—Government Response to the Second Report of the Health Committee, Session 2000–01, on Public Health [Cm. 5242] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Monday 30th July 2001

8 Law Commissions.—Report of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission on Third Parties—Rights against Insurers [Cm. 5217] [Mr Michael Wills].

Tuesday 31st July 2001

9 Trade and Industry.—(1) Paper, entitled Productivity and Enterprise: Insolvency—A Second Chance, and

(2) Paper, entitled Productivity and Enterprise: A World Class Competition Regime [Cms. 5234 and 5233] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Wednesday 1st August 2001

10 European Communities (No. 6, 2001).—Protocol, done at Brussels on 30th November 2000, drawn up on the basis of Article 43(1) of the Convention on the Establishment of a European Police Office (Europol Convention) amending Article 2 and the Annex to that Convention, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5228] [Mr Secretary Straw].

11 Treaty Series (No. 38, 2001).—Framework Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 28th October 1996, for Trade and Cooperation between the European Community and its Member States, on the one hand, and the Republic of Korea on the other hand, with Minutes of the Signing and Joint Declaration [Cm. 5227] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Friday 3rd August 2001

12 European Communities (No. 7, 2001).—Convention, done at Brussels on 29th May 2000, established by the Council in accordance with Article 34 of the Treaty on European Union, on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5229] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Wednesday 8th August 2001

13 Miscellaneous (No. 9, 2001).—Agreement, done at London on 17th October 2000, on the application of Article 65 of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5247] [Mr Secretary Straw].

14 Treaty Series (No. 39, 2001).—Exchange of Notes, done at Madrid on 5th May 2000 and 5th February 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Spain extending the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters to the Isle of Man [Cm. 5246] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Friday 10th August 2001


16 Treaty Series (No. 41, 2001).—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 19th and 26th January 1998, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of New Zealand further amending the Agreement concerning Air Services done at London on 4th October 1982 [Cm. 5251] [Mr Secretary Straw].
Wednesday 15th August 2001

17 Prisons,—Prison Statistics for England and Wales for 2000 [Cm. 5250] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Wednesday 22nd August 2001

18 Treaty Series (No. 42, 2001),—Exchange of Notes, done at Asuncion on 17th June 1993, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Paraguay amending the Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments which was signed at London on 4th June 1981 [Cm. 5254] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Tuesday 28th August 2001

19 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [Cm. 5253] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Wednesday 5th September 2001

20 Education,—Paper, entitled Schools: Achieving Success [Cm. 5230] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

Thursday 6th September 2001

21 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the merger situation of Octagon Motorsports Limited and British Racing Drivers Club Limited [Cm. 5252] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Wednesday 12th September 2001

22 Treaty Series (No. 43, 2001),—Exchange of Notes, done at Oslo on 21st June 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway amending the Agreement relating to the Amendment of the Agreement of 10th May 1976 relating to the Exploitation of the Frigg Field Reservoir and the Transmission of Gas therefrom to the United Kingdom [Cm. 5258] [Mr Secretary Straw].

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

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

Monday 13th August 2001

   [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Monday 23rd July 2001


26 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Life-Saving Appliances) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2642), dated 19th July 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].


Tuesday 24th July 2001

28 County Courts,—High Court and County Courts Jurisdiction (Amendment No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2685), dated 24th July 2001 [Mr Michael Wills].

   (2) Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2665), dated 6th July 2001, and

31 Rating and Valuation,—(1) Non-Domestic Rating (Former Agricultural Premises) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2585), and

Thursday 26th July 2001

32 Health and Safety,—Health and Safety (Fees) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2626), dated 19th July 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].

33 Legal Aid and Advice,—Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment No. 3) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (S.R. (N.I.), 2001, No. 290), dated 24th July 2001 [Ms Rosie Winterton].

34 Magistrates’ Courts,—(1) Greater London Magistrates’ Courts Authority (Constitution) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2712), and
(2) Magistrates’ Courts Committees (Constitution) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2711),
dated 23rd July 2001 [Mr Michael Wills].


Friday 27th July 2001

36 Social Security,—Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2676), dated 23rd July 2001 [Mr Secretary Darling].


38 Taxes,—(1) Overseas Insurers (Tax Representatives) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2726), dated 26th July 2001, and
(2) Personal Portfolio Bonds (Tax) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2724), dated 27th July 2001
[Ruth Kelly].

Monday 30th July 2001


40 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2555), dated 18th July 2001 [Mr Secretary Prescott].


Tuesday 31st July 2001

42 Children and Young Persons,—(1) Day Care and Child Minding (Functions of Local Authorities: Information, Advice and Training) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2746), and
dated 27th July 2001 [Secretary Estelle Morris].

(3) Education Maintenance Allowance (Pilot Areas) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2750), dated 31st July 2001, and
44 Road Traffic,—Community Drivers’ Hours (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2741), dated 30th July 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].

Wednesday 1st August 2001

45 Landlord and Tenant,—Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2751), dated 30th July 2001 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


Thursday 2nd August 2001


50 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2779), dated 31st July 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].


Friday 3rd August 2001

52 Education,—(1) Education (Mandatory Awards) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2800), dated 1st August 2001
   (3) Sussex Downs College (Government) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2799), dated 31st July 2001, and
[Secretary Estelle Morris].


54 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Dental Charges) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2807), dated 3rd August 2001 [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Monday 6th August 2001

57 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (EC Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2809), dated 1st August 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].

Tuesday 7th August 2001

58 Local Government,—Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2812), dated 1st August 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].


60 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Bournemouth) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2819), and
(2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Cumbria) (Borough of Barrow-in-Furness) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2818), dated 3rd August 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].

Wednesday 8th August 2001

61 Children and Young Persons,—Children (Leaving Care) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2874), dated 8th August 2001 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Thursday 9th August 2001

(2) Blackburn with Darwen Education Action Zone (Extension and Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2862), dated 3rd August 2001
(3) Breaking the Cycle Bridgwater Education Action Zone (Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2856), dated 3rd August 2001
(4) CBHT/Lambeth Education Action Zone (Extension and Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2871), dated 3rd August 2001
(6) Education (Grants etc.) (Dance and Drama) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2857), dated 3rd August 2001
(12) Leicester (South and West) Education Action Zone (Extension and Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2869), dated 3rd August 2001
(17) North Somerset Education Action Zone (Extension and Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2858), dated 3rd August 2001, and
[Secretary Estelle Morris].


Friday 10th August 2001

64 Education,—(1) Education (Grant) (Financial Support for Students) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2894), dated 4th August 2001
(3) Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) (No. 4) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2899), dated 10th August 2001
(4) Education (Student Support) (Dance and Drama) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2893), dated 4th August 2001
(8) Learning and Skills Council for England (Supplementary Functions) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2877), dated 8th August 2001, and
[Secretary Estelle Morris].

Wednesday 15th August 2001


Thursday 16th August 2001

69 European Communities,—EC Competition Law (Articles 84 and 85) Enforcement Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2916), dated 15th August 2001 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Monday 20th August 2001


Tuesday 21st August 2001

71 Medicines,—Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) (Electronic Communications) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2889), dated 20th August 2001 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

National Health Service,—
(1) National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) (Electronic Communications) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2887),
(2) National Health Service (General Medical Services) (Electronic Communications) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2890), and
(3) National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) and (Misuse of Drugs) (Electronic Communications) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2888), dated 20th August 2001 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Wednesday 22nd August 2001


Friday 24th August 2001

74 Financial Services and Markets,—
(7) Public Offers of Securities (Exemptions) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2955), dated 22nd August 2001
[Ruth Kelly].

75 Road Traffic,—Community Drivers’ Hours (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2959), dated 23rd August 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].

Tuesday 28th August 2001

76 Social Security,—Social Security (Medical Evidence) and Statutory Maternity Pay (Medical Evidence) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2931), dated 20th August 2001 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Wednesday 29th August 2001

77 Education,—Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) (No. 5) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2962), dated 23rd August 2001 [Secretary Estelle Morris].


79 Highways,—Dartford–Thurrock Crossing (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2973), dated 22nd August 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].

80 Water Resources,—Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2954), dated 21st August 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].

Thursday 30th August 2001


Tuesday 4th September 2001

82 Children and Young Persons,—Foster Placement (Children) and Adoption Agencies Amendment (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2992), dated 2nd September 2001 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

83 Competition,—Competition Act 1998 (Section 11 Exemption) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2993), dated 28th August 2001 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

84 Legal Services Commission,—(1) Community Legal Service (Financial) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2997), and
(2) Community Legal Service (Funding) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2996),
dated 31st August 2001 [Ms Rosie Winterton].

Thursday 6th September 2001


86 Customs and Excise,—(1) Excise Duty Points (Duty Suspended Movements of Excise Goods) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3022), and
(2) Gaming Duty (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3021),
dated 5th September 2001 [Mr Paul Boateng].

87 Plant Health,—Plant Health (Forestry) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2995), dated 29th August 2001 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

88 Social Security,—(1) Social Security Amendment (Personal Allowances for Children and Young Persons) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2980), and
(2) Social Security (Incacity) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2979),
dated 30th August 2001 [Mr Secretary Darling].
Friday 7th September 2001

89 Road Traffic.—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Stoke-on-Trent) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3059), and
(2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Oldham) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3058), dated 5th September 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].

Monday 10th September 2001

90 Children and Young Persons.—Children (Leaving Care) Social Security Benefits Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3074), dated 10th September 2001 [Mr Secretary Darling].


92 Local Government.—Local Authorities (Companies) (Amendment No. 2) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3042), dated 5th September 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].

(2) National Assistance (Residential Accommodation) (Disregarding of Resources) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3067), and

94 National Health Service.—(1) National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) and (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3066), and
(2) National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3065), dated 10th September 2001 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

95 Social Security.—Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3023), dated 4th September 2001 [Mr Secretary Darling].


Tuesday 11th September 2001


98 Financial Services and Markets.—(1) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Gibraltar) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3084), and


100 Social Security (Northern Ireland).—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 8) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3086), dated 11th September 2001 [Dawn Primarolo].

Thursday 13th September 2001


Other Papers:

Monday 30th July 2001

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Friday 14th September 2001:

Other Papers:

104 Air Force (Constitution).—Queen’s Order in respect of Royal Air Force Pensions and Regulations and Regulations regarding Directed Early Retirement and Redundancy [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

105 European Communities (No. 8, 2001).—Protocol, done at Brussels on 25th May 1999, amending the Convention of 23 July 1990 on the Elimination of Double Taxation in connection with the Adjustment of Profits of Associated Enterprises, with Final Act, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5255] [Mr Secretary Straw].

106 General Medical Council.—Accounts of the General Medical Council for 2000 [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

107 Government Trading Funds.—Treasury Minute, dated 14th September 2001, establishing a further financial objective desirable of achievement by The Buying Agency Trading Fund for the period from 1 January 2000 to 31 March 2001 [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].


109 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors.—Report and Accounts of the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

110 Police and Criminal Evidence.—Draft Code of Practice on Visual Recording of Interviews with Suspects [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

111 Public Petitions.—(1) Observations by the Minister of State for Health on the Petition [17th July] from residents of South Yorkshire and others against the closure of the cardiothoracic transplant facilities at the Northern General Hospital

(2) Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions on the Petition [4th July] from the Hartlebury 449 Safety Action Group for traffic calming measures on the A449 trunk road, and

(3) Observations by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Petition [4th July] from Users of British Sign Language and others for recognition of British Sign Language as an official language

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

112 Railways.—Annual Report of the Rail Passengers Council for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

113 Regulation of Investigatory Powers.—Draft Code of Practice on Accessing Communications Data [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

114 Severn Bridges.—Financial Statements for Severn River Crossing plc for 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

115 Superannuation.—Civil Service Additional Voluntary Contribution Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
Notice given by the Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances):

Whereas Her Majesty’s Government have represented to me, Michael Martin, Speaker of the House of Commons, that the public interest requires the House to meet at an earlier time than the 15th day of October 2001 and I am satisfied that the public interest does so require:

Now, therefore, I hereby give notice pursuant to the Standing Order (Earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances) that the House shall meet on Thursday the 4th day of October 2001 at half-past Nine of the clock.

Given under my hand this 25th day of September 2001.

[No. 27.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Sittings of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments). That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Monday 15th October—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—It was agreed to.

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

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

3 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 15th October, pursuant to Resolution [this day].

[Adjourned at 6.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

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

Monday 17th September 2001

1 Human Rights,—Annual Report for 2001 by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on Human Rights [Cm. 5211] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Wednesday 19th September 2001

2 Work and Pensions,—Annual Report for 2001 by the Department for Work and Pensions on Opportunity for All—Making Progress [Cm. 5260] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Tuesday 25th September 2001

3 Immigration and Asylum,—Draft Code of Practice for Channel Tunnel Freight Shuttle Wagons [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Thursday 27th September 2001

4 Treaty Series (No. 44, 2001),—First Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2001 [Cm. 5256] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Treaty Series (No. 45, 2001),—Agreement, done at London on 6th July 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Paraguay concerning Mutual Assistance in Relation to Drug Trafficking [Cm. 5259] [Mr Secretary Straw].
Friday 28th September 2001

6 Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy.—Government Response to the Report of the BSE Inquiry [Cm. 5263] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Monday 1st October 2001

7 European Communities.—Paper, prepared by the Commission of the European Communities, entitled European Governance [Mr Secretary Straw].

8 Honours, Decorations and Medals.—Paper, entitled The Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service Medal: Royal Warrant [Cm. 5264] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

Wednesday 3rd October 2001

9 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the Eleventh and the Thirteenth to the Sixteenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2000–01 [Cm. 5261] [Mr Paul Boateng].

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

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

Wednesday 26th September 2001

[Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Monday 17th September 2001


12 Prisons and Young Offenders Centres.—Life Sentence Review Commissioners’ Rules 2001 (S.R., (N.I.), 2001, No. 317), dated 11th September 2001 [Mr Secretary Reid].

Thursday 20th September 2001

13 Education.—Education (Funding for Teacher Training) Designation Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3202), dated 20th September 2001 [Secretary Estelle Morris].


15 Environmental Protection.—(1) Environmental Protection (Controls on Injurious Substances) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3141), and


Friday 21st September 2001

17 Education.—(1) Eastbourne College of Arts and Technology (Dissolution) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3154), and

18 Environmental Protection.—Waste (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3189), dated 19th September 2001 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
(2) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Stage II) Designation (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3195), dated 20th September 2001,
(3) Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Stage III) Designation (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3196), dated 20th September 2001, and
[Secretary Margaret Beckett].

20 Education,—(1) Brooke House Sixth Form College (Government) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3213), and
(2) Brooke House Sixth Form College (Incorporation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3212),
dated 21st September 2001 [Secretary Estelle Morris].


23 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3208), dated 20th September 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].


Wednesday 26th September 2001

26 Immigration and Asylum,—Carriers' Liability (Clandestine Entrants) (Application to Rail Freight) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3232), dated 25th September 2001 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Thursday 27th September 2001


Friday 28th September 2001

30 Electricity,—(1) Electricity (Class Exemptions from the Requirement for a Licence) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3270),
(2) Electricity from Non-Fossil Fuel Sources Saving Arrangements (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3268),
(3) Electricity from Non-Fossil Fuel Sources (Scotland) Saving Arrangements Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3269), and
dated 28th September 2001 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


32 Road Traffic,—Community Drivers' Hours (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3260), dated 27th September 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].
Monday 1st October 2001

33 Animals.—(1) Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export of Vehicles) (Disinfection of Tyres) (Amendment) (No. 7) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3285), and
(2) Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 9) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3284), dated 28th September 2001 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

34 Data Protection.—Data Protection (Notification and Notification Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3214), dated 20th September 2001 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Tuesday 2nd October 2001

35 Disabled Persons.—Disability Discrimination (Providers of Services) (Adjustment of Premises) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3253), dated 26th September 2001 [Mr Secretary Darling].

36 Electricity.—Fossil Fuel Levy (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3286), dated 1st October 2001 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Wednesday 3rd October 2001


40 Housing.—Housing (Right to Acquire) (Electronic Communications) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3257), dated 26th September 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

Tuesday 18th September 2001

41 Customs and Excise.—Export of Goods (Control) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3166), dated 18th September 2001 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Thursday 4th October 2001:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

42 London Government.—Draft Greater London Authority (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

43 Climate Change Levy.—Air Passenger Duty and Other Indirect Taxes (Interest Rate) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3337), dated 4th October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

44 Customs and Excise.—Excise Duty (Payments in Case of Error or Delay) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3299), dated 2nd October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].


Other Papers:

46 Air Force (Constitution).—Amendment (No. 3) to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Export Control Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam and Mr Nicholas Winterton additional Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.
Notice given by the Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances):

Whereas Her Majesty’s Government have represented to me, Michael Martin, Speaker of the House of Commons, that the public interest requires the House to meet at an earlier time than the 15th day of October 2001 and I am satisfied that the public interest does so require:

Now, therefore, I hereby give notice pursuant to the Standing Order (Earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances) that the House shall meet on Monday the 8th day of October 2001 at Six of the clock.

Given under my hand this 7th day of October 2001.

[No. 28.]

The House met at at Six o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Sittings of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Monday 15th October—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—It was agreed to.

2 Adjournment (Coalition against International Terrorism).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mrs Anne McGuire);

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

3 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the adjournment of the House may be proceeded with, though opposed, until midnight—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

4 Adjournment (Coalition against International Terrorism),—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;

The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

Tuesday 9th October 2001

And it being midnight, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till Twelve o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till Monday 15th October, pursuant to Resolution [yesterday].

[Adjourned at 12 midnight.]

APPENDIX

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 5th October 2001

1 Legal Services Commission,—Criminal Defence Service (Funding) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3341), dated 5th October 2001 [Mr Michael Wills].

2 Public Passenger Transport,—Quality Partnership Schemes (Existing Facilities) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3317), dated 3rd October 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].
Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 8th October 2001:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Agriculture,—Food Industry Development (Amendment) (England) Scheme 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3339), dated 5th October 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


5 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3340), dated 4th October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


(2) Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3330), dated 3rd October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

7 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Evidence of Bad Character in Criminal Proceedings [by Command] [Cm. 5257] [Mr Michael Wills].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill.—The Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

2 Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money provided under any other enactment—(Mr Nick Ainger)—It was agreed to.

3 Business of the House,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 28th June, That Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 26th October, 2nd, 23rd and 30th November 2001, 11th, 18th and 25th January, 15th March, 12th and 19th April, 10th May, 21st June and 19th July 2002;

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

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

Ordered, That Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 26th October, 2nd, 23rd and 30th November 2001, 11th, 18th and 25th January, 15th March, 12th and 19th April, 10th May, 21st June and 19th July 2002.

4 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.24 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented 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 10th October 2001

1 Treaty Series (No. 46, 2001),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 30th November 1994 and 27th January 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands concerning the Status of Personnel seconded to the European Drugs Unit in the Hague, and Exchange of Notes, done at London on 6th and 14th February 1996, extending the Agreement for an indefinite period [Cm. 5265] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Treaty Series (No. 47, 2001),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 10th and 29th March 1993, between the between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic extending the European Convention on Extradition of 13th December 1957 to Certain French Territories [Cm. 5266] [Mr Secretary Straw].

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

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

Friday 12th October 2001

3 Sea Fisheries,—Fishing Vessels (Decommissioning) Scheme 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3390), dated 10th October 2001 [Secretary Margaret Beckett]
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Tuesday 9th October 2001


Wednesday 10th October 2001


7 Police.—Police (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3293), dated 28th September 2001 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Thursday 11th October 2001

8 Building and Buildings.—(1) Building (Approved Inspectors etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3336), and
(2) Building (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3335), dated 4th October 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].

9 Local Government.—Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (England) (No. 4) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3347), dated 4th October 2001 [Mr Secretary Byers].

10 Social Security.—Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3368), dated 9th October 2001 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Friday 12th October 2001

11 Agriculture.—Feeding Stuffs and Feeding Stuffs (Enforcement) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3389), dated 12th October 2001 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

12 National Health Service.—National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3386), dated 12th October 2001 [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Other Papers:

Tuesday 9th October 2001

(2) Terrorism (United Nations Measures) (Channel Islands) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3363),
(3) Terrorism (United Nations Measures) (Isle of Man) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3364), and
(4) Terrorism (United Nations Measures) (Overseas Territories) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3366),
dated 9th October 2001 [Mr Robin Cook].

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

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

16 European Communities.—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership Agreement between the Members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States and the European Community and its member States (The Cotonou Agreement)) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

17 International Immunities and Privileges.—(1) Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (European School) Order 2001
(2) draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization) Order 2001
(3) draft European Communities (Imunities and Privileges of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization) Order 2001, and
(4) draft European Communities (Privileges of the European School) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

18 Food,—Poultry Meat, Farmed Game Bird Meat and Rabbit Meat (Hygiene and Inspection) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3399), dated 14th October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

19 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (District of Herefordshire) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3397), dated 11th October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

20 Building Societies,—Account of the Building Societies Commission, 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 252] [Clerk of the House].

21 Friendly Societies,—Account of the Friendly Societies Commission for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 251] [Clerk of the House].

22 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of—

(1) the Imperial War Museum,
(2) the National Gallery, and
(3) the Tate Gallery
for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; and

(4) Account of the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument];
to be printed [Nos. 250, 253, 255 and 254] [Clerk of the House].

23 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) The Auction of Radio Spectrum for the Third Generation of Mobile Telephones; and

(2) Policy Development: Improving Air Quality
[by Act]; to be printed [No. 233 and 232] [Clerk of the House].


25 Reserve Forces,—Report, dated 11th October 2001, under section 54(1) 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].

26 Police,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Constabulary for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 230] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

27 Post Office,—Report and Accounts of the Post Office for 2000–01 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

28 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. 7) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3285),

Fossil Fuel Levy (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3286),

Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 9) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3284),

Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Suspension of Devolved Government) (No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3230),
Terrorism (United Nations Measure) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3365),
Terrorism (United Nations Measure) (Channel Islands) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3363),
Terrorism (United Nations Measure) (Isle of Man) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3364), and
Terrorism (United Nations Measure) (Overseas Territories) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3366)

[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

29 Trade and Industry,—Departmental Minute, dated 11th October 2001, concerning a proposed contingent liability to cover the civil liabilities incurred by the Postal Services Commissioners in relation to their functions as Commissioners [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

30 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Government Response to the Sixth Report of the Environment, Transport and the Regions Committee, Session 2000–01, on Rail Investment: Renewal, Maintenance and Development of the National Rail Network [by Command] [Cm. 5283] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers withdrawn:

31 Trade and Industry,—Departmental Minute, dated 18th July 2001, concerning a proposed contingent liability to cover the civil liabilities incurred by the Postal Services Commissioners in relation to their functions as Commissioners [laid 19th July].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Export Control Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr James Gray and Mr Richard Page from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Charles Hendry and Mr Robert Key.

2 Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr James Cran and Mr John Taylor from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Crispin Blunt and Mr John Hayes.

3 Draft Contracting Out of Functions (Tribunal Stav

4 Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers' Compensation) (Payment Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Graham Brady, Linda Gilroy, Mr Mark Oaten and Jon Trickett from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Kevin Brennan, Mr William Cash, Tony Cunningham and Mr Stephen O'Brien.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Memorandum laid before the Health Committee [Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2001]; to be printed [No. 242] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Memoranda laid before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [PPG 17: Sport, Open Space and Recreation]; to be printed [No. 238-II] [ordered to be printed in the adjournment, pursuant to S. O. No. 137 (Select committees (adjournment of the House))][Clerk of the House].
Tuesday 16th October 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Death of a Member,—The Speaker made the following communication to the House:
   
   I regret to have to report to the House the death of Mr Jamie Charles Cann, Member for Ipswich. I am sure that Members on all sides of the House will join me in mourning the loss of a colleague and in extending our sympathy to the honourable Member's family and friends.

2 Equitable Life Assurance Society,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the Report of the Financial Services Authority on the review of the regulation of the Equitable Life Assurance Society from 1st January 1999 to 8th December 2000, which Her Majesty's Government is submitting as evidence to the inquiry conducted by Lord Penrose.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

3 Adjournment (Coalition against International Terrorism),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick);
   
   And it being Ten o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

4 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)
   
   And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Ten o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Draft Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce (Abolition) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Constitutional Law,—Draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

3 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Amendment of Enactment) Order 2001; and
   
   (2) draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001
   
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Other Papers:

4 Equitable Life Assurance Society,—Report of the Financial Services Authority on the review of the regulation of the Equitable Life Assurance Society from 1st January 1999 to 8th December 2000, which Her Majesty's Government is submitting as evidence to the inquiry conducted by Lord Penrose [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 244] [Ruth Kelly].

5 Health,—Department of Health Minute, dated 15th October 2001, concerning a proposed contingent liability in relation to any legal action against the Chair and members of the independent inquiry team into matters raised by Mr M. Al-Fallouji [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 International Development,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the International Development Committee, Session 2000–01, on Corruption [by Command] [Cm. 5280] [Secretary Clare Short].

7 Police (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Office of the Oversight Commissioner for 2001 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 241] [Mr Secretary Reid].

8 Treaty Series (No. 48, 2001),—European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages, done at Strasbourg on 5th November 1992 [by Command] [Cm. 5269] [Mr Secretary Straw].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Export Control Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Charles Hendry and Mr Robert Key members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill, in place of Mr James Gray and Mr Richard Page.

2 Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Crispin Blunt and Mr John Hayes members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill, in place of Mr James Cran and Mr John Taylor.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Picketts Lock]; to be printed [No. 264-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licensing) Order 2001]; to be printed [No. 265-i] [Mr Peter L. Pike].

3 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Work of the Lord Chancellor’s Department]; to be printed [No. 269] [Mr Chris Mullen].

4 Statutory Instruments.—Fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-v] [Mr David Tredinnick].

5 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—(1) Memoranda laid before the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Empty Homes]; to be printed [No. 240-II]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Committee [PPG 17: Sport, Open Space and Recreation]; to be printed [No. 238-i] [Andrew Bennett].

6 Treasury.—(1) Third Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee (Session 2000–01) on The Royal Mint]; to be printed [No. 266];

   (2) Fourth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee (Session 2000–01) on the Government Actuary’s Department]; to be printed [No. 267]; and

   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Financial Services Authority]; to be printed [No. 268-i] [Mr John McFall].

7 Welsh Affairs.—First Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Government’s Response to the First Report from the Committee (Session 2000–01), Wales in the World: the Role of the UK Government in promoting Wales abroad]; to be printed [No. 270] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 30; WH, No. 11.]

Tuesday 16th October 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 Ian Pearson);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
Wednesday 17th October 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Selection.—Ordered, That Mr James Cran be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr John Hayes be added to the Committee.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2001.

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

3 Marine Wildlife Conservation Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Marine Wildlife Conservation Bill be printed [Bill 8–EN].

4 Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Bill,—Mr Secretary Byers, supported by the Prime Minister, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Secretary Clare Short, Mr Secretary Reid, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mrs Secretary Liddell, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Secretary Estelle Morris, Secretary Tessa Jowell, Mr Nick Raynsford and Dr Alan Whitehead, presented a Bill to exclude from the operation of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 and the Sex Discrimination (Northern Ireland) Order 1976 certain matters relating to the selection of candidates by political parties: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 28].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Bill be printed [Bill 28–EN].

5 Protection of Property (Static Devices) Bill,—Michael Fabricant presented a Bill to allow a property owner to erect static devices with warning signs for the protection of his property; and to indemnify the property owner from prosecution or liability if a person or persons committing a criminal act on his property is injured by a static protection device: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 29].

6 Environmental Audit Bill,—Mr David Chaytor, supported by Mr Harold Best, Mrs Helen Clark, Mr Colin Challen, Sue Doughty, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Ian Lucas, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Mr Simon Thomas, Joan Walley and David Wright, presented a Bill to require the Comptroller and Auditor General to examine and report on the environmental impact of public expenditure, and the environmental performance of government departments and certain other public bodies against targets set by Ministers; to provide for the establishment of an environmental auditor general to carry out such functions and report thereupon to the House of Commons; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 30th November and to be printed [Bill 30].

7 European Communities (Amendment) Bill [4th allotted day],—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the European Communities (Amendment) Bill;

And a Motion being 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 [11th July], And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Smith, Mr Ivor Caplin: 392.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Charles Hendry: 158.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

8 Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill,—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill, the Standing Committee on the Bill shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.—(Dan Norris.)

9 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of and visitors to Canvey Island, Essex, against the proposed building of a Southern By-pass Road connecting Roscommon Way to Western Esplanade was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.48 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Investigatory Powers,—Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Technical Advisory Board) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Prisons,—Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Specified Organisations) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3411), dated 12th October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Legal Aid and Advice,—Legal Aid in Criminal and Care Proceedings (Costs) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3425), dated 16th October 2001 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

5 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3384), dated 10th October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

6 Broadcasting,—Statement of Principles and Administrative Arrangements for Qualifying Revenue and Multiplex Revenue by the Independent Television Commission [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Government Response to the First Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2000–01, on The Operation of the National Lottery, and

(2) Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2000–01, on Tourism—the Hidden Giant—and Foot and Mouth [by Command] [Cm. 5270 and 5279] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

8 Fisheries,—Report and Accounts of the Sea Fish Industry Authority for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

9 Health,—Department of Health Minute, dated 16th October 2001, concerning a proposed contingent liability consequent upon an indemnity granted to a member of the Independent Review into issues arising from the management of homes for adults with severe learning disabilities in Newcastle-upon-Tyne [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

10 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Milk Development Council for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Mr John Butterfill and Mr Eric Illsley Chairmen; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Clive Betts, Andy Burnham, Mr Tony Clarke, Mr John Denham, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr John Grogan, Simon Hughes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Dr Andrew Murrison, Bob Russell, Mr Andrew Selous, Dr Howard Stoate and David Wright.
2 Draft Drug Abstinence Order (Responsible Officer) (No. 2) Order 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on
        Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the
        Committee, viz.: Mr Bob Ainsworth, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Harold Best, Mr Jim
        Cousins, Sandra Gidley, Mr Nick Hawkins, Simon Hughes, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Boris
        Johnson, Mr David Kidney, John McDonnell, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Paul Marsden,
        Julie Morgan, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr Hugo Swire.

3 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 87) (House of Commons
   Paper No. 220), on 2001–02 Special Grant for Local Authority E-Government
   Pathfinders:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Third Standing Committee on
        Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the
        Committee, viz.: Mr Julian Brazier, Roger Casale, Mr Mark Field, Mr Adrian Floco,
        Don Foster, Linda Gilroy, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Malcolm Moss,
        James Plaskitt, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Siôn Simon, David Taylor, Dr Alan
        Whitehead, Mr Phil Woolas and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

4 Draft Greater London Authority (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Order 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on
        Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Nigel Beard Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the
        Committee, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Tom Brake, Mr Julian Brazier, Ms Karen Buck,
        Mr Edward Davey, Linda Gilroy, Ms Oona King, Mr Eric Pickles, Bridget Prentice,
        Andrew Rosindell, Joan Ruddock, Mr Brian Sedge more, Dr Rudi Vis, Angela
        Watkinson, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Phil Woolas.

5 Draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment Claims) (Amendment)
   Regulations 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Paul Clark and Mr Bill
   Etherington from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated
   in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Jeff Ennis and Mr
   Dave Watts.

Grand Committees

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

7 Welsh Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has nominated Mr Nigel Evans and
   Mr Robert Walter as additional Members to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee.

European Standing Committees

8 European Standing Committee A.—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Committee of
   Selection, That it had nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Standing
   Committee A, viz.: Mr David Chaytor, Mrs Janet Dean, Jim Dobbie, Mr Michael Jabez
   Foster, Dr Ian Gibson, Matthew Green, Mr Mark Hohan, Norman Lamb, Mr Owen
   Paterson, Lawrie Quinn, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Peter Viggers and Dr Rudi Vis.

9 European Standing Committee B.—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Committee of
   Selection, That it had nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Standing
   Committee B, viz.: John Barrett, Annette Brooke, David Cairns, Dr Hywel Francis, Jane
   Griffiths, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Boris Johnson, Mr David
   Lepper, Dr Nick Palmer, Anne Picking, Mr Robert Walter and Mr John Wilkinson.

10 European Standing Committee C.—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Committee of
    Selection, That it had nominated thirteen Members to serve on European Standing
    Committee C, viz.: Mr David Borrow, Kevin Brennan, Mr Ivan Henderson, Stephen
    Hesford, Mr Michael Jack, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr Iain Luke, Dr Andrew Morrison,
    Geraldine Smith, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr Anthony D. Wright
    and Richard Younger-Ross.

11 European Union Document No. 10207/01, relating to the EU Action Plan on Drugs
    2000–2004, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.
12 European Union Documents Nos. 8261/01 and 9326/01, relating to the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

Private Business

13 Committee on Unopposed Bills (Panel).—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Committee of Selection, That it 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 Adrian Bailey, Mr Nigel Beard, Mr Peter Bottomley, Mr John Butterfill, Mrs Helen Clark, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Brian Jenkins, Helen Jones, John McDonnell, Mr Andrew Mackinlay, Mr David Marshall, Syd Rapson, Sir Robert Smith, Jon Trickett, Mr Robert Walter and Mrs Ann Winterton.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) First Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Government’s Reply to the Eighth Report from the Agriculture Committee, Session 2000–01, on New Covent Garden Market]; to be printed [No. 272];

(2) Second Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Reply to the Seventh Report from the Agriculture Committee, Session 2000–01, on The Implementation of IACS in the European Union]; to be printed [No. 273]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Foot and Mouth Disease and other matters]; to be printed [No. 274-i]

[Mr David Curry].

2 European Scrutiny,—Second Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-ii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

3 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Public Expenditure]; to be printed [No. 281] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

4 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [Select Committees]; to be printed [No. 224-i] [Mr Robin Cook].

5 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Handling Clinical Negligence Claims in England]; to be printed [No. 280-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Select Committees (Choice of Chairmen).—The following Members reported from their respective Committees, That they had been chosen Chairmen of those Committees:

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7 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Passenger Rail Franchising]; to be printed [No. 239-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 31; WH, No. 12.]

Wednesday 17th October 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—(Angela Smith); 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 Export Control Bill.—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Export Control Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 32].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 283].

2 Proceeds of Crime Bill.—Mr Secretary Blunkett, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Reid, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mrs Secretary Liddell and Mr Bob Ainsworth, presented a Bill to establish the Assets Recovery Agency and make provision about the appointment of its Director and his functions (including Revenue functions), to provide for confiscation orders in relation to persons who benefit from criminal conduct and for restraint orders to prohibit dealing with property, to allow the recovery of property which is or represents property obtained through unlawful conduct or which is intended to be used in unlawful conduct, to make provision about money laundering, to make provision about investigations relating to benefit from criminal conduct or to property which is or represents property obtained through unlawful conduct or to money laundering, to make provision to give effect to overseas requests and orders made where property is found or believed to be obtained through criminal conduct, 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 31].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Proceeds of Crime Bill be printed [Bill 31–EN].

3 European Communities (Finance) Bill [2nd allotted day].—The European Communities (Finance) Bill was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed.

4 Parliament,—Resolved, That the draft Ministerial and Other Salaries Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 9th July, be approved.—(Mr Stephen Twigg.)

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

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

[Adjourned at 3.56 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Draft Maternity and Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Charities.—Draft Charities (The Bridge House Estates) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Education.—Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) (No. 7) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3435), dated 17th October 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

4 Electricity.—(1) Central Electricity Generating Board (Dissolution) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3421), and

(2) Electricity Council (Dissolution) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3420), dated 16th October 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

6 Companies.—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on Companies in 2000–01 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Giving confidently: The role of the Charity Commission in regulating charities [by Act]; to be printed [No. 234] [Clerk of the House].

8 National Lottery.—Report and Accounts of the New Opportunities Fund for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 222] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [The New Centre]; to be printed [No. 262-i] [Tony Wright].

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

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

[No. 32; WH, No. 13.]

Thursday 18th October 2001.

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

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

Adjournment (Early Years—First Report from the Education and Employment Committee, Session 2000–01).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 23rd October.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
Friday 19th October 2001.

By direction of the Speaker, the House met at half-past Ten o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill.—Mr David Amess reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 22nd October; and to be printed [Bill 33].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 286].

2 Adoption and Children Bill.—Mr Secretary Milburn, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mrs Secretary Liddell, Jacqui Smith and Ms Rosie Winterton, presented a Bill to restate and amend the law relating to adoption; to make further amendments of the law relating to children; to amend section 93 of the Local Government Act 2000; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 22nd October and to be printed [Bill 34].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Adoption and Children Bill be printed [Bill 34–EN].

3 Adjournment (Clean Fuels),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Graham Stringer);

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

4 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

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

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.41 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Supply Estimates, 2001–02.—Revised Summer Supplementary Estimates for 2001–02 for the Home Office [by Command] [Cm. 5262] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel), the Speaker nominated Miss Ann Widdecombe to be an additional member of the Chairmen’s Panel during the present Session of Parliament.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMISSION

Mr Edward Leigh, Chairman of the Committee of Public Accounts, has been appointed an ex officio member of the Public Accounts Commission, pursuant to section 2(2) of the National Audit Act 1983.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable).—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords]
National Australia Group Europe Bill [Lords].

Bills to be read a second time.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Drug Abstinence Order (Responsible Officer) (No. 2) Order 2001.

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

3 Homelessness Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Homelessness Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Rough sleepers)—(Mr Geo Clifton-Brown)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Accommodation during reviews of homelessness decisions)—(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 (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.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 3, after the word ‘authority’,” to insert the words ‘and its strategic partners, to include registered social landlords and housing co-operatives, landlords of houses in multiple occupation registered with the authority under the Housing Act 1996, members of landlords’ forums, and voluntary organisations and other relevant bodies (“strategic partners”).—(Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 22 to 25) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

4 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Pneumoconiosis etc. (Workers’ Compensation) (Payment of Claims) (Amendment) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 19th July, be approved—(Mr Nick Ainger):—It was agreed to.

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

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 Companies,—Draft Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Animals,—(1) Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Export of Vehicles) (Disinfection of Tyres) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3452) and
   (2) Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 10) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3451), dated 22nd October [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Disabled Persons,—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (North Western Trains Class 175/0 and Class 175/1 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3434), dated 22nd October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

4 Education,—(1) Education (City Academies) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3445), dated 19th October 2001, and
   (2) Education (School Performance Information) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3446), dated 22nd October 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

5 Food,—Colours in Food (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3442), dated 17th October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 National Assistance Services,—National Assistance (Residential Accommodation) (Additional Payments and Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3441), dated 19th October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

7 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2000–01, on Staging International Sporting Events [by Command] [Cm. 5288] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

8 Government Trading Funds,—Accounts of the Medicines Control Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 229] [Clerk of the House].

9 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on the Eighth Programme of Law Reform [by Act]; to be printed [No. 227] [Mr Michael Wills].

10 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the—
   (1) CFBT/Lambeth Education Action Zone,
   (2) Easington and Seaham Education Action Zone,
   (3) Halifax Education Action Zone,
   (4) Middlesbrough Education Action Zone,
   (5) Newham Education Action Zone,
   (6) Nottingham Education Action Zone,
   (7) Southend Education Action Zone,
   (8) Thetford Education Action Zone, and
   (9) Wednesbury Education Action Zone
for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 258, 277, 259, 256, 257, 279, 261, 260 and 278] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Drug Abstinence Order (Responsible Officer) (No. 2) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Brian Iddon and Mr David Kidney from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Dr Hywel Francis and Mr Khalid Mahmood.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Income Tax Self Assessment]; to be printed [No 296-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

2 Select Committees (Election of Chairmen).—Mr Michael Fabricant reported from the Information Committee, That he had been elected Chairman of the Committee.


[No. 35.]

Tuesday 23rd October 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Controverted Elections (Fermanagh and South Tyrone, Election Petition).—The Speaker acquainted the House, That, as required by section 144 of the Representation of the People Act 1983, he had received the following Certificate from the Judges appointed to try the Election Petition relating to the Fermanagh and South Tyrone constituency election of 7th June last.

We, the Right Honourable Sir Douglas Robert Carswell, Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland, and the Right Honourable Sir William Paschal McCollum, one of Her Majesty’s Lord Justices of Appeal in Northern Ireland, being the judges selected pursuant to section 108(1) of the Judicature (Northern Ireland) Act 1978 and section 123 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 to be the judges for the trial of parliamentary election petitions, do hereby certify, pursuant to section 144(2) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, that Michelle Gildernew, being the Member whose election was complained of in the petition presented by James Leslie Cooper on 27th June 2001, was duly elected.

Dated this 19th day of October 2001.

And the said Certificate was ordered to be entered in the Journals of the House.

2 Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 301].

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Frank Cook reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Contracting Out of Functions (Tribunal Staff) Order 2001.

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

4 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, Mr Andrew Love, John Cryer, Ms Karen Buck, Mike Gapes, Linda Perham, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody and Mrs Louise Ellman do prepare and bring it in.

5 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 26th October and to be printed [Bill 35].

6 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.

Conduct of Ministers in the Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the culture of spin in the Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions; condemns the attitude and advice of the Special Adviser to the Secretary of State, Ms Jo Moore, and Ministers who acted upon her advice, thus perpetuating that
culture throughout Government; agrees with the Chairman of the Public Administration Committee that Ms Moore’s e-mail of 11th September was ‘incompatible with any idea of public service’; believes that as long as Ms Moore retains the confidence of Ministers, she brings Her Majesty’s Government into disrepute; and calls on the Secretary of State to dismiss her forthwith—(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 ‘believes that Ms Jo Moore’s e-mail of 11th September was horrible, wrong and stupid; notes that she has been dealt with under the Department’s disciplinary procedures and that the Permanent Secretary has given her an official warning as to her conduct and that she has expressed her heartfelt regret and offered a full apology; welcomes the decisive action that Ministers have taken in regard to Railtrack which will be welcomed by the travelling public; rejects the policies of the Opposition, who would have continued to pour money into propping up the company, thus amplifying the problems caused by the way they privatised the rail industry; and further welcomes the work of DTLR ministers in developing positive policies, to improve the position of local government, to tackle problems of homelessness and urban regeneration and to develop proposals for regional government and contrasts this with the policies of the Opposition who decimated local government, ignored the problems of deprived communities and centralised power’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Byers.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Angela Smith: 340.

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, Angela Smith, Mr Tony McNulty: 342.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 205.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House believes that Ms Jo Moore’s e-mail of 11th September was horrible, wrong and stupid; notes that she has been dealt with under the Department’s disciplinary procedures and that the Permanent Secretary has given her an official warning as to her conduct and that she has expressed her heartfelt regret and offered a full apology; welcomes the decisive action that Ministers have taken in regard to Railtrack which will be welcomed by the travelling public; rejects the policies of the Opposition, who would have continued to pour money into propping up the company, thus amplifying the problems caused by the way they privatised the rail industry; and further welcomes the work of DTLR ministers in developing positive policies, to improve the position of local government, to tackle problems of homelessness and urban regeneration and to develop proposals for regional government and contrasts this with the policies of the Opposition who decimated local government, ignored the problems of deprived communities and centralised power.

7 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 Drug Abstinence Order (Responsible Officer) (No. 2) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 17th July, be approved—(Mr Nick Ainger):—It was agreed to.

8 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Joan Martin, residents of Beaconsfield and others for re-establishment of British sovereignty ceded to the European Commission was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

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. Education,—Draft Special Educational Needs Code of Practice [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2. Education,—Education (Special Educational Needs) (England) (Consolidation) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3455), dated 22nd October 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

3. Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Safety Signs and Signals) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3444), dated 20th October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

4. Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3401), dated 15th October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5. Social Security,—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 9) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3454), dated 22nd October 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

6. Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 9) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3456), dated 22nd October 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].


Other Papers:

8. Companies,—Financial Statements of Investors in People UK for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

9. Criminal Justice,—Report and Accounts of the Parole Board for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 235] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

10. Development of Tourism,—Report and Accounts of the British Tourist Authority for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].


12. Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Fifth Report of the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2000–01, on Genetics and Insurance [by Command] [Cm. 5286] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

13. Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communications 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

Reports from Select Committees

1. Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Picketts Lock]; to be printed [No. 264-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2. Home Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Work of the Home Office]; to be printed [No. 302]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Government’s drugs policy: is it working?]; to be printed [No. 303-II]

[Mr Chris Mullin].


3 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [The Humanitarian Crisis in Afghanistan and the Surrounding Region]; to be printed [No. 300-i] [Tony Baldry].

4 Standards and Privileges.—First Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr Geoffrey Robinson: Supplementary Report], with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 297] [Sir George Young].

5 Statutory Instruments.—Sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-vi] [Mr David Tredinnick].

6 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Economic Impact of the End of Life Vehicles Directive]; to be printed [Nos. 299-i and -ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

7 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [PPG 17: Sport, Open Space and Recreation]; to be printed [No. 238-ii] [Andrew Bennett].

8 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Wales Office Departmental Report and other Departmental Matters]; to be printed [No. 298-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 35; WH, No. 14.]

Tuesday 23rd October 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 Graham Stringer.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

[No. 36.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 87) (House of Commons Paper No. 220) on 2001–02 Special Grant for Local Authority E-Government Pathfinders.

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

2 Standing Orders (Public Business).—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business be printed [No. 275].

3 Relationships (Civil Registration).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for civil registration of a relationship between two people who are cohabiting, and for such registration to afford certain legal rights; and for connected purposes.—(Jane Griffiths);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Evan Harris, Chris McCafferty: 179.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Marion Roe, Mr Andrew Rosindell: 59.
So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Jane Griffiths, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Simon Thomas, Chris McCafferty, Mr Chris Smith, Glenda Jackson, Mr David Lepper, Dr Phyllis Starkey and Dr Nick Palmer do prepare and bring in the Bill.

4 Relationships (Civil Registration) Bill.—Jane Griffiths accordingly presented a Bill to provide for civil registration of a relationship between two people who are cohabiting, and for such registration to afford certain legal rights; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 23rd November and to be printed [Bill 36].

5 Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Bill.—The Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

6 Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Bill:

Committal

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

Programming of proceedings

2. All proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or any further messages from the Lords) shall be programmed.

Proceedings in Standing Committee

3.—(1) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 8th November 2001.

(2) The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

4.—(1) Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after their commencement.

(2) Sessional Order B (programming committees) made by the House on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—[Mrs Anne McGuire];

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Fraser Kemp: 322.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Charles Hendry: 70.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—[Mr John Heppell.] And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.39 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Dangerous Drugs.—(1) Draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Modification) Order 2001, and

(2) draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 2001

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Race Relations.—(1) Race Relations Act 1976 (General Statutory Duty) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3457), and

dated 23rd October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
Other Papers:

3 National Lottery,—(1) Accounts of the Community Fund for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 307] [Clerk of the House]; and
   (2) Report and Summary Financial Statement of the Community Fund for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

4 Railways,—Report and Accounts of the British Railways Board from 1st April 2000 to 31st January 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the—
   (1) Leicester Education Action Zone,
   (2) Wakefield Education Action Zone, and
   (3) Withernsea Education Action Zone
   for 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 294, 293 and 295] [Clerk of the House].

6 Treasury Executive Agencies,—Resource Accounts of National Savings for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 121] [Mr Paul Boateng].

7 Treasury,—Treasury Minute, dated 24th October 2001, directing a raising of the limit on the amount of the Bank of England’s fiduciary note issue [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

8 Treaty Series (No. 49, 2001),—Amendments, done at London on 24th April 1998, to the Convention and Operating Agreement on the International Mobile Satellite Organization [by Command] [Cm. 5274] [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 Treaty Series (No. 50, 2001),—Convention, done at Geneva on 26th June 1973, concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment (ILO 138) [by Command] [Cm. 5275] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Registered Designs Regulations 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Vera Baird, Mr Gregory Barker, Mr John Baron, Ms Karen Buck, Dr Vincent Cable, Brian Cotter, Mr Charles Hendry, Kate Hoey, Helen Jackson, Miss Melanie Johnson, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Ian Pearson, Phil Sawford, Mr Brian Sedgemore and Mr Nigel Waterson.

2 Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order 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 Crispin Blunt, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Mark Field, Mr John Hayes, Jane Kennedy, Mr David Kidney, Shona McIsaac, Ms Meg Munn, Lembit Opik, Syd Rapson, Chris Ruane, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr David Trimble, Dr Desmond Turner, David Winnick and Derek Wyatt.

3 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 87) (House of Commons Paper No. 220), on 2001–02 Special Grant for Local Authority E-Government Pathfinders,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr James Plaskitt from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Dr Nick Palmer.

4 Draft Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce (Abolition) Regulations 2001 and the draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations and draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Adrian Flook, Barbara Follett, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr David Hay, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Ian Lucas, Chris McCafferty, Alice Mahon, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Keith Simpson and Mr Roger Williams.

5 Draft Greater London Authority (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Karen Buck and Angela Watkinson from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Dr Andrewurrison and Linda Perham.

6 Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Technical Advisory Board) Order 2001:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth 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 Bob Ainsworth, Mr Richard Allan, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr David Cameron, Jim Dobbin, Mr Mark Francois, David Hamilton, Mr Nick Hawkins, Simon Hughes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Gordon Prentice, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Mark Todd and Mr Mike Wood.

7 Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Amendment of Enactment) Order 2001:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order 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.: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr John Hayes, Mr Mark Hendrick, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Brian Jenkins, Jane Kennedy, Mr Stephen McCabe, Shona McIsaac, Lembit Öpik, Mr Ernie Ross, Andrew Selous, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Graham Stringer and Mr David Trimble.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Russell Brown, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr George Galloway, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Kevan Jones, Jane Kennedy, Shona McIsaac, Lembit Öpik, Christine Russell, Andrew Selous, Mr Alan Simpson and Mr Graham Stringer.

9 Draft European Communities (Privileges of the European School) Order 2001, the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (European School) Order 2001, the draft European Communities (Immunities and Privileges of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation) Order 2001, the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation) Order 2001 and the draft Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2001:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Seventh 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.: Mrs Patsy Calton, Mr Ivor Caplin, Geraint Davies, Julia Drown, Caroline Flint, Andrew George, Peter Hain, Mr Dai Havard, Mr Eric Joyce, Rob Marris, Mr George Mudie, Mr John Randall, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Mr Richard Spring, Angela Watkinson and Mr Bill Wiggin.

10 Fishing Vessels (Decommissioning) Scheme 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3390):
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Scheme to the Eighth 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 Nick Ainger, Andrew George, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr KevinHughes, Mr Philip hugs, Mr Peter Mandelson, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Mr Mark Simmonds, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Hugo Swire, Mark Tami, Paddy Tipping and Richard Younger-Ross.

11 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership Agreement between the Members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States and the European Community and its Member States (The Cotonou Agreement)) Order 2001:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Derek Conway Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Allan, John Austin, Hilary Benn, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Nick Hawkins, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Calum Macdonald, Dan Norris, Diana Organ, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Andrew Rosindell, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Dr Jenny Tonge, Jon Trickett and Mr Dennis Turner.

12 Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—The Committee of Selection has nominated thirteen Members representing English constituencies to serve on the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, viz.: Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Henry Bellingham, Ms Karen Buck, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Nigel Evans, Andrew George, Norman Lamb, John Mann, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Ian Pearson, Lawrie Quinn, Mr Anthony Steen and Derek Wyatt.

Private Business

13 Standing Orders Committee,—The Committee of Selection has nominated eight Members to serve on the Standing Orders Committee under Standing Order 103 relating to Private Business (Appointment of Standing Orders Committee), viz.: Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Brian Jenkins, Helen Jones, Ann McKechin, Mr Bill O’Brien, Mr Ernie Ross, Sir Robert Smith and Mr Nicholas Winterton.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Department for Education and Skills: the next four years]; to be printed [No. 304-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Kyoto Protocol and other environmental issues]; to be printed [No. 306-i] [Mr David Curry].

3 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The Role of the Private Sector in the NHS]; to be printed [No. 306-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

4 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [Select Committees]; to be printed [No. 224-ii] [Mr Robin Cook].

5 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Purchasing Professional Services]; to be printed [No. 309-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Empty Homes]; to be printed [No. 240-i];

(2) A Memorandum laid before the Committee concerning the activities of an estate agent in the Manchester area; to be printed [No. 240-III] [Andrew Bennett]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Passenger Rail Franchising and the Future of Railway Infrastructure]; to be printed [No. 239-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

7 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-committee of the Treasury Committee [The 2001 Census in England and Wales]; to be printed [No. 310-i] [Mr John McFall].

8 Welsh Affairs,—Second Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Response of the National Assembly for Wales to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2000-01, on Wales in the World: the Role of the UK Government in Promoting Wales Abroad]; to be printed [No. 311] [Mr Martyn Jones].

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—(Angela Smith);

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 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Nigel Beard reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Greater London Authority (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Order 2001.

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

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

International Development Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed 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; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the law relating to the age at which certain persons become eligible to receive travel concessions on journeys on public passenger transport services; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 International Development Bill [Lords].—The International Development Bill [Lords] was read the first time, pursuant to Standing Order No. 80 (Privilege (bills brought from the Lords)); and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 37].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the International Development Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 37–EN].

4 Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Bill [Lords].—The Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 38].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 38–EN].

5 Opposition Day [3rd allotted day: first part].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the leader of the second largest opposition party in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Student Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that the best possible education of its citizens is both a principal duty of, and an immeasurable benefit to, any civilised society, and therefore deplores the rising levels of student debt and the resulting disincentive to continue in education post-school; condemns the failure of the Government to invest in Higher Education all the extra resources provided by the abolition of maintenance grants and the introduction of tuition fees; regrets that the conclusions drawn from reviews of student finance in Scotland and Wales have been ignored in Westminster; congratulates the Scottish Executive on abolishing tuition fees and restoring grants for students from low income backgrounds; believes that part-time students and students in Further Education should be treated fairly in comparison with full-time students in Higher Education; notes the recent decision by the Government to review student finance more widely; and calls upon the Government to abolish tuition fees in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and to put in place a fully funded support system, which will encourage more students, particularly those from low income backgrounds, to go into higher education—(Mr David Rendel),
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the approach the Government has taken to higher education since 1997, particularly the extra investment the Government is making in Higher Education, meaning an extra £1.7 billion of publicly planned funding in the six years to 2003–04; further welcomes the Government’s commitment to widening participation so that half of under-30 year olds will benefit from the opportunities of higher education by the end of the decade; supports the Government’s reforms of student support, introduced in 1998, which have increased the resources available to higher education establishments; agrees with the principle, underlying these reforms, that those who benefit from the considerable advantages that higher education can offer are asked to contribute when they can afford to; recognises that the Government has always been committed to monitor and to review the impact of these reforms; and further welcomes the Secretary of State for Education and Skills’ recent announcement of this review’, instead thereof.—(Margaret Hodge.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Tom Brake: 42.
Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr Graham Stringer: 301.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the approach the Government has taken to higher education since 1997, particularly the extra investment the Government is making in Higher Education, meaning an extra £1.7 billion of publicly planned funding in the six years to 2003–04; further welcomes the Government’s commitment to widening participation so that half of under-30 year olds will benefit from the opportunities of higher education by the end of the decade; supports the Government’s reforms of student support, introduced in 1998, which have increased the resources available to higher education establishments; agrees with the principle, underlying these reforms, that those who benefit from the considerable advantages that higher education can offer are asked to contribute when they can afford to; recognises that the Government has always been committed to monitor and to review the impact of these reforms; and further welcomes the Secretary of State for Education and Skills’ recent announcement of this review.

6 Social Security (S.I., 2001, No. 3210),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Social Security (Jobcentre Plus Interviews) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3210), dated 21st September 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th September, be annulled—(Mr David Willetts);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Nigel Jones: 38.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr John Heppell: 302.

So the Question was negatived.

7 European Food Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 14174/00, a draft Council regulation laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food; and supports the Government’s objective of the introduction of effective arrangements to re-establish and maintain consumer confidence in the regulation of food safety at European Union level—(Ms Hazel Blears);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents)—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 14174/00, a draft Council regulation laying down the general principles and requirements of food law, establishing the European Food Authority and laying down procedures in matters of food; and supports the Government’s objective of the introduction of effective arrangements to re-establish and maintain consumer confidence in the regulation of food safety at European Union level.
8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.52 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. 88) on Special Grant for Activities Undertaken by Beacon Councils [by Act]; to be printed [No. 305] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Road Traffic.—Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 5) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3486), dated 23rd October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

3 Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs,—Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 2000–01, on Cemeteries [by Command] [Cm. 5281] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

4 Insolvency,—Statements prepared pursuant to section 409 of the Insolvency Act 1986 of the sums received and paid by the Secretary of State under section 403, and of the sums credited and debited to the Investment Account by the National Debt Commissioners for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 312] [Clerk of the House].

5 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) Modern Policy-Making: Ensuring Policies Deliver Value for Money, and
(2) Non-Competitive Procurement in the Ministry of Defence [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 289 and 290] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Registered Designs Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Karen Buck from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Lynne Jones.

2 Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Meg Munn from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Denzil Davies.

3 Draft Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce (Abolition) Regulations 2001 and the draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Barbara Follett from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Dennis Skinner.

4 Draft European Communities (Privileges of the European School) Order 2001, the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (European School) Order 2001, the draft European Communities (Immunities and Privileges of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation) Order 2001, the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation) Order 2001 and the draft Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Julia Drown and Mr George Mudie from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Ross Cranston and Mr Alan Simpson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Service Reform]; to be printed [No. 263-i] [Tony Wright].

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

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

Adjournment (Genetics and Insurance—Fifth Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2000–01),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 30th October.

[Adjourned at 5.41 p.m.]

Friday 26th October 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Marine Wildlife Conservation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Marine Wildlife Conservation 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 Legalisation of Cannabis Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Legalisation of Cannabis Bill;

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 25th January.

3 Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill.—The Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

4 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

Treaty Series (No. 51, 2001),—Exchange of Notes, done at Abidjan on 16th September 1997 and Niamey on 18th November 1997, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Niger concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Niger Debt Agreement No. 9 (1996)) [by Command] [Cm. 5284] [Mr Secretary Straw].

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Registered Designs Regulations 2001.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001.

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

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce (Abolition) Regulations 2001 and the draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001.

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

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Technical Advisory Board) Order 2001.

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),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the Adoption and Children Bill:

Committal

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

Programming of proceedings

2. All proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) shall be programmed.

Proceedings in Special Standing Committee

3.—(1) Proceedings in the Special Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 17th January 2002.

(2) Standing Order No. 91(1) (Special standing committees) shall apply with the omission of the word “morning”.

Consideration and Third Reading

4.—(1) Proceedings on consideration and 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.

(2) Sessional Order B (Programming committees) made by the House on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Dan Norris: 317.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Julian Brazier: 70.

So the Question was agreed to.

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—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

8 Contracting Out,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to
Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft
Contracting Out of Functions (Tribunal Staff) Order 2001, which was laid before this
House on 28th June, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

9 Local Government Finance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith,
pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation),
That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 87) (House
of Commons Paper No. 220), on 2001–02 Special Grant for Local Authority E-
Government Pathfinders, which was laid before this House on 19th July, be approved—
(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

10 London Government,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant
to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the
draft Greater London Authority (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Order 2001,
which was laid before this House on 4th October, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire):
It was agreed to.

11 Defence,—Ordered, That Dr Julian Lewis be discharged from the Defence Committee and
Mr James Cran be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the
Committee of Selection.)

12 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Stephen O’Brien be discharged
from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Mrs Gillian Shephard
be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of
Selection.)

13 Trade and Industry,—Ordered, That Mr John Whittingdale be discharged from the Trade
and Industry Committee and Mr Andrew Lansley be added to the Committee.—(Mr
John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report
(No. 81) on 2001/2002 Special Grant for Gypsy Sites Refurbishment [by Act]; to be
printed [No. 276] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Social Security,—Social Security Amendment (Capital Disregards) (No. 2) Regulations 2001
(S.I., 2001, No. 3481), dated 23rd October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

3 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Defence Transport and
Movements Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor
General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 231] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

4 Health,—Department of Health Minute, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon
indemnification for members of the Independent Review into issues arising from the
treatment of and standards of care provided to Caroline Bacon [by Command] [Mr
Secretary Milburn].

5 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government
and the Regions on the Petition [17th October] from residents of and visitors to Canvey
Island, Essex, against the proposed building of a Southern By-pass Road connecting
Roscommon Way to Western Esplanade [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of
the House].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Chris Ruane, David Winnick and Derek Wyatt from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr David Borrow, Jane Griffiths and Gillian Merron.

2 Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Amendment of Enactment) Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Brian Jenkins from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr David Clelland.

3 Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Specified Organisations) Order 2001 (S.I. 2001, No. 3411).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bill Etherington from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution David Cairns.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The Role of the Private Sector in the NHS]; to be printed [No. 308-ii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Human Rights,—First Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Homelessness Bill], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 314] [Jean Corston].

[No. 40.]

Tuesday 30th October 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords].—The Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

2 National Australia Group Europe Bill [Lords].—The National Australia Group Europe Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Jimmy Hood reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Amendment of Enactment) Order 2001.

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

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Specified Organisations) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3411).

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:

British Overseas Territories Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about the name ‘British overseas territories’ and British citizenship so far as relating to the British overseas territories; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

British Overseas Territories Bill [Lords].—The British Overseas Territories Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 40].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the British Overseas Territories Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 40–EN].

6 Animal Health Bill.—Secretary Margaret Beckett, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Mr Secretary Milburn, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Michael Wills and Mr Elliot Morley, presented a Bill to amend the Animal Health Act 1981. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 39].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Animal Health Bill be printed [Bill 39–EN].
8 Firearms (Replica Weapons).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restrict the availability and use of ball bearing guns and similar replica weapons: And that Mr David Atkinson, Mr David Amess, Annette Brooke, Sir Sydney Chapman, Tom Cox, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Mike Hancock, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Bob Spink, Adam Price and Mr John Wilkinson do prepare and bring it in.

9 Firearms (Replica Weapons) Bill.—Mr David Atkinson accordingly presented a Bill to restrict the availability and use of ball bearing guns and similar replica weapons: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 30th November and to be printed [Bill 41].

10 Proceeds of Crime Bill.—The Proceeds of Crime Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

11 Proceeds of Crime Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June]. That the following provisions shall apply to the Proceeds of Crime Bill:

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

Programming of proceedings
2. All proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further message from the Lords) shall be programmed.

Proceedings in Standing Committee

3.—(1) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 5th February 2002.

   (2) The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

4.—(1) Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be completed in two allotted days.

   (2) An allotted day is one on which the Bill is put down as first Government Order of the day—(Mrs Anne McGuire);

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Phil Woolas: 353.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 152.

So the Question was agreed to.

12 Proceeds of Crime Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Proceeds of 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 Proceeds of Crime Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

   (a) any expenditure incurred by any Minister of the Crown under the Act;

   (b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

13 Proceeds of 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 Proceeds of Crime Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

   (a) the imposition of charges by provisions relating to financial investigators and to training;

   (b) the imposition of charges to tax (including charges with retrospective effect) by provisions allowing a source of income not to be identified or specified;

   (c) the imposition of charges to tax by provisions relating to the vesting of property by recovery order;

   (d) payments into the Consolidated Fund—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

14 Designs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Registered Designs Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 19th July, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.
15 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 16th October, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

16 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 (Technical Advisory Board) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 17th October, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

17 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 Intervention Board for Agricultural Produce (Abolition) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 16th October, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

18 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft National Assembly for Wales (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 16th October, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

19 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Derby, Harrow, Wembley and others seeking legislation for further restrictions on the sale of fireworks was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.47 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Dentists,—Draft Dentists Act 1984 (Amendment) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

2 Legal Services Commission,—Draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Michael Wills].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Animals,—Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 10) (Fees) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3509), dated 30th October 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Health and Safety,—Carriage of Explosives by Rail Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2001 (S.R. (N.I.), 2001, No. 387), dated 17th October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

5 Road Traffic,—Community Drivers’ Hours (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (Temporary Exception) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3508), dated 29th October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

6 Charities,—Report and Accounts of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 237] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

7 Dentists,—Paper, entitled Report of the Public Consultation on Proposals to Amend the Dentists Act 1984 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


9 Judicial Appointments,—Report by the Lord Chancellor on Judicial Appointments for 2000–01 [by Command] [Cm. 5248] [Mr Michael Wills].

10 Justices of the Peace,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of the Magistrates’ Courts Service for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 225] [Mr Michael Wills].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Specified Organisations) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3411).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alan Simpson from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr James Plaskitt.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Home Affairs Committee,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Government’s Drugs Policy: is it working?]; to be printed [No. 318-i] [Mr Chris Mullin].

2 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [The Humanitarian Crisis in Afghanistan and the Surrounding Region]; to be printed [No. 300-ii] [Tony Baldry].

3 Standards and Privileges,—(1) Second Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr Roy Beggs], with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 319]; and

   (2) Third Report from the Committee [Complaint against Mr John Maxton], with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 320]
   [Sir George Young].

4 Statutory Instruments,—Seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-vii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

5 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [PPG 17: Sport, Open Space and Recreation]; to be printed [No. 238-iii] [Andrew Bennett].

6 Treasury,—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee (Session 2000–01) on HM Customs and Excise: Collection of Excise Duties]; to be printed [No. 315];

   (2) Sixth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Committee (Session 2000–01) on Equitable Life and the Life Assurance Industry: an Interim Report]; to be printed [No. 316];

   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Regulation of Equitable Life]; to be printed [No. 317-i]
   [Mr John McFall].

[No. 40; WH, No. 17.]

Tuesday 30th October 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.—(Angela Smith.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.53 p.m.]
[No. 41.]

Wednesday 31st October 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Health (Air Travellers),—Ordered. That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for research and development, and dissemination of information and advice, relating to flight-related deep vein thrombosis and other medical considerations affecting air travellers; and for connected purposes: And that Mr David Kidney, Mrs Janet Dean, Julia Drown, Dr Ian Gibson, Dr Evan Harris, Dr Brian Iddon, Lynne Jones, Mr John Smith and Bob Spink do prepare and bring it in.

2 Health (Air Travellers) Bill,—Mr David Kidney accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for research and development, and dissemination of information and advice, relating to flight-related deep vein thrombosis and other medical considerations affecting air travellers; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 23rd November and to be printed [Bill 42].

3 Personal Statement (Standards and Privileges),—Mr Geoffrey Robinson made a personal statement; and then he withdrew.

4 Standards and Privileges,—Ordered, That this House—

(i) approves the First Report of the Committee on Standards and Privileges (House of Commons Paper No. 297); and

(ii) accordingly suspends Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Member for Coventry North West, from the service of the House for three weeks.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

5 Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Voters: specified documents)—(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 (Registration: notification of multiple registrations)—(Mr Crispin Blunt)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 10, after the word ‘completed’, to insert the words—

‘(aa) the National Insurance number of each such person, if they have one’.—(Mr Crispin Blunt.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Charles Hendry: 175.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Smith, Dan Norris: 262.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 36, after the word ‘application’, to insert the words ‘is made on a form supplied by the Chief Electoral Office for Northern Ireland containing such marking or coding as he may determine.’—(Mr Crispin Blunt.)

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 Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [10th July]:—It was agreed to.

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

6 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform,—Ordered, That Mr Ian Stewart be discharged from the Select Committee on Deregulation and Regulatory Reform and Mr Dai Havard be added.—(Mr John Heppell.)
7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John Heppell.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—(1) Milk Marketing Board (Residual Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3507), dated 28th October 2001, and


[by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Environmental Protection,—Passenger Car (Fuel Consumption and CO2 Emissions Information) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3523), dated 30th October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

3 Chancellor of the Exchequer’s Departments,—Resource Accounts of—

(1) the Government Actuary’s Department, and

(2) the National Investment and Loans Office

for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 284 and 321] [Mr Paul Boateng].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Executive Agencies,—Resource Accounts of the Intervention Board Executive Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 123] [Mr Paul Boateng].

5 National Lottery,—(1) Report and Accounts of The Millennium Commission for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 223];

(2) Report and Financial Statement of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell]; and

(3) Report and Statement of Account of sportscotland Lottery Fund for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

6 Regulation of Investigatory Powers,—Reports of—

(1) the Intelligence Services Commissioner, and

(2) the Interception of Communications Commissioner

for 2000 [by Command] [Cms. 5297 and 5296] [The Prime Minister].

7 Treasury Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Office for National Statistics for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 171] [Ruth Kelly].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Adoption and Children Bill:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr David Hinchliffe, Mrs Marion Roe and Mr George Stevenson Chairmen of the Special Standing Committee on the Bill; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mrs Liz Blackman, Mr Julian Brazier, Kevin Brennan, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Jim Fitzpatrick, Sandra Gidley, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Tim Loughton, Mr Andrew Love, Margaret Moran, Ms Meg Munn, Mr Jonathan R. Shaw, Angela Smith, Jacqui Smith, Mr Robert Walter and Ms Rosie Winterton.

2 Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Mrs Irene Adams and Mr David Amess Chairmen; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mrs Patsy Calton, Barbara Follett, Dr Ian Gibson, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Linda Gilroy, Stephen Hayesford, Mr Mark Hoban, Rosemary McKenna, Mrs Theresa May, Julie Morgan, Mr George Osborne, Mr Nick Raynsford, Joan Ruddock, Mr Paul Tyler, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Phil Woolas.

3 Proceeds of Crime Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale, Mr John McWilliam and Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-five Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Bob Ainsworth, Vera Baird, Norman Baker, Annette Brooke, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mrs Helen Clark, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Mark Field, Mr George Foulkes, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Nick Hawkins, Stephen Hayesford, Mr Boris Johnson, Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Ian Lucas, Mr Stephen McCabe, Mrs Anne McGuire, John Robertson, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Dr Howard Stoate, Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West), Mr David Tredinnick, Mr Tom Watson and Mr David Wilshire.

4 Proceeds of Crime Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bob Ainsworth, Norman Baker, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mrs Anne McGuire, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Tom Watson and Mr David Wilshire members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

5 Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Bacon, Mr John Burnett, John Cryer, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mike Gapes, Mr Barry Gardiner, Norman Lamb, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Laura Moffatt, Linda Perham, Mr Robert Syms and Ms Rosie Winterton.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Orders to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: John Austin, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Desmond Browne, Richard Burden, David Burnside, Jim Dowd, Clive Efford, Mr Mark Field, Mr John Hayes, Mr David Heyes, Shona McIsaac, Lembit Öpik, Hugh Robertson, Llew Smith, Mr Graham Stringer and Derek Wyatt.

7 Draft Maternity and Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2001:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Brian Cotter, Michael Fabricant, Sandra Gidley, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Dai Havard, Alan Johnson, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr John Lyons, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Ian Pearson, Lawrie Quinn, Chris Ruane, Mr Paul Truswell, Mr Bill Wiggin, Mrs Betty Williams and Mr Shaun Woodward.

8 Draft Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Howard Flight, Linda Gilroy, Matthew Green, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Kerry Pollard, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Mr Marsha Singh, Rachel Squire, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr Robert N. Wareing, Dr Alan Whitehead, Mr Phil Woolas and Tony Worthington.

9 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 88) (House of Commons Paper No. 305) on Special Grant for Activities Undertaken by Beacon Councils:

(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 Tony Banks, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Colin Challen, Mr Peter Duncan, Mr Mark Field, Linda Gilroy, Mr George Howarth, Alan Keen, Mr Tony McWalter, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Stephen Pound, Dr John Pugh, Mr Adrian Sanders, Dr Alan Whitehead, David Winnick and Mr Phil Woolas.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Fifth 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 Bob Ainsworth, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Gregory Barker, Mr John Baron, Mr John Battle, Mr Tam Dalyell, Barbara Follett, Sandra Gidley, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Simon Hughes, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Mrs Anne McGuire and Dr Howard Stoate.

11 Draft European Communities (Privileges of the European School) Order 2001, the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (European School) Order 2001, the draft European Communities (Immunities and Privileges of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation) Order 2001, the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation) Order 2001 and the Draft Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mohammed Sarwar from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Harry Cohen.

12 Fishing Vessels (Decommissioning) Scheme 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3390).—The Speaker has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Scheme, in place of Mr Joe Benton.

European Standing Committees

13 European Union Document No. 7218/01, relating to common rules for the internal market in electricity and natural gas, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Further Education: Follow-up]: to be printed [No. 322-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Impact of Foot and Mouth Disease]: to be printed [No. 323-i] [Mr David Curry].

3 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Departmental Responsibilities for Sustainable Development]: to be printed [No. 326] [Mr John Horam].

4 European Scrutiny.—(1) Third Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-iii]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Scrutiny of Justice and Home Affairs Documents]: to be printed [No. 325] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 30th October [British-US Relations]: to be printed [No. 327-i] [Mr Donald Anderson].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs.—(1) First Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Government Observations on the Fifth Report of the Committee, Session 2000–01, on Miscellaneous Financial Matters and the Government’s Response to the Committee’s Third Report, Session 1999–2000]: to be printed [No. 332]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Introduction of the Aggregates Tax in Northern Ireland]: to be printed [No. 335-i] [Mr Michael Mates].

7 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Losses to the Revenue from Frauds on Alcohol Duty]: to be printed [No. 331-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
8 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Drinks Industry in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 324-i] [Mrs Irene Adams].

9 Select Committees (Choice of Chairmen),—Mr David Lepper reported from the Broadcasting Committee, That he had been chosen Chairman of the Committee.

10 Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Passenger Rail Franchising and the Future of Railway Infrastructure]; to be printed [No. 239-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

(NO. 41; WH, No. 18.)

Wednesday 31st October 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.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

(NO. 42.)

Thursday 1st November 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Ipswich Writ,—Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the Borough Constituency of Ipswich in the room of Jamie Charles Cann, deceased.—(Hilary Armstrong.)

2 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Amess reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Communities (Privileges of the European School) Order 2001, the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (European School) Order 2001, the draft European Communities (Immunities and Privileges of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization) Order 2001, the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization) Order 2001 and the draft Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2001.

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

3 Adjournment (Coalition against International Terrorism).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell);

Mr Tam Dalyell 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 Paul Marsden, Mr Kerry Pollard: 13.

Tellers for the Noes, John McDonnell, Mr Simon Thomas: 373.

So the Question was negatived.

4 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.41 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Financial Services and Markets,—(1) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Law Applicable to Contracts of Insurance) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3542), and


dated 1st November 2001 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Linda Gilroy, Mrs Theresa May, Mr Nick Raynsford, Joan Ruddock, Mr Paul Tyler and Mr Phil Woolas members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.


4 Draft Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Linda Gilroy, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Phil Woolas from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Ruth Kelly, Helen Southworth and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

5 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership Agreement between Members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States and the European Community and its Member States (The Cotonou Agreement)) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Austin from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Todd.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Administration,—(1) First Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Participation: Issues and Innovations: The Government’s Response to the Committee’s Sixth Report of Session 2000–01], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 334]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The New Centre]; to be printed [No. 262-ii]

[Tony Wright].

Thursday 1st November 2001.

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

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

Adjournment (Debt relief and poverty reduction in developing countries).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 6th November.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]
Friday 2nd November 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Patents Act 1977 (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day for the Second Reading of the Patents Act 1977 (Amendment) Bill was discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

2 Food Labelling Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Food Labelling Bill;

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

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 15th March.

3 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Angela Smith.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 5th November.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 National Health Service,—Family Health Services Appeal Authority (Change of Name) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3562), dated 1st November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

2 Health,—Department of Health Minute, dated 30th October 2001, concerning a contingent liability in respect of reimbursement of hospital costs of United Kingdom citizens injured in the United States in the incidents of 11th September 2001 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

3 Regulatory Impact Assessments,—List of Regulatory Impact Assessments for 1st January to 30th June 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 5276] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Treasury Solicitor’s Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of The Government Property Lawyers for—

(1) 1998–99, and
(2) 1999–2000,

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 249 and 248] [The Solicitor General].

5 Treaty Series (No. 52, 2001),—Exchange of Notes, done at Ljubljana on 15th and 18th May 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Slovenia concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Slovenia Debt Agreement No. 1 (1999)) [by Command] [Cm. 5300] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Treaty Series (No. 53, 2001),—Convention, done at Geneva on 25th June 1958, concerning Discrimination in respect of Employment and Occupation (ILO 111) [by Command] [Cm. 5301] [Mr Secretary Straw].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees


2 Fishing Vessels (Decommissioning) Scheme 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3390).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Terry Rooney from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Scheme); and nominated in substitution Mr Martin Caton.
[No. 44.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Selection,—Ordered, That Ms Karen Buck be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Joan Ryan be added to the Committee.—(Keith Hill.)


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

3 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Fishing Vessels (Decommissioning) Scheme 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3390).

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

4 Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Bill [Lords],—The Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

5 Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Travel Concessions (Eligibility) 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 Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.

6 Education,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Special Educational Needs Code of Practice, which was laid before this House on 23rd October, be approved—(Mr Stephen Timms);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents):—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Special Educational Needs Code of Practice, which was laid before this House on 23rd October, be approved.

7 Liaison,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That,

(1) With effect for the current Parliament, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 121 (Nomination of select committees), the Chairman for the time being of each of the Select Committees listed in paragraph (2) below shall be a member of the Liaison Committee;

(2) The Committees to which paragraph (1) above applies are:

Accommodation and Works
Administration
Broadcasting
Catering
Culture, Media and Sport
Defence
Deregulation and Regulatory Reform
Education and Skills
Environmental Audit
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
European Scrutiny
Finance and Services
Foreign Affairs
Health
Home Affairs
Joint Committee on Human Rights (the Chairman being a Member of this House)
Information
(3) Mr Alan Williams shall also be a member of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Robin Cook);

The Question was amended, in line 38, by leaving out the words ‘shall also be a member’, and inserting the words ‘and Mr Richard Allan shall also be members’, instead thereof.—(Mr Paul Tyler.)

And the Main Question, so amended, being put;

Ordered, That,

(1) With effect for the current Parliament, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 121 (Nomination of select committees), the Chairman for the time being of each of the Select Committees listed in paragraph (2) below shall be a member of the Liaison Committee;

(2) The Committees to which paragraph (1) above applies are:

- Accommodation and Works
- Administration
- Broadcasting
- Catering
- Culture, Media and Sport
- Defence
- Deregulation and Regulatory Reform
- Education and Skills
- Environmental Audit
- Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- European Scrutiny
- Finance and Services
- Foreign Affairs
- Health
- Home Affairs
- Joint Committee on Human Rights (the Chairman being a Member of this House)
- Information
- International Development
- Northern Ireland Affairs
- Procedure
- Public Accounts
- Public Administration
- Science and Technology
- Scottish Affairs
- Selection
- Standards and Privileges
- Statutory Instruments
- Trade and Industry
- Transport, Local Government and the Regions
- Treasury
- Welsh Affairs
- Work and Pensions; and

(3) Mr Alan Williams and Mr Richard Allan shall also be members of the Liaison Committee.

8 Administration.—Ordered, That Julie Morgan be discharged from the Administration Committee and Mr Iain Luke be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Paul Stinchcombe be discharged from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Paddy Tipping be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
10 International Development.—Ordered, That Mr Nigel Jones be discharged from the
International Development Committee and Mr Alistair Carmichael be added to the
Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Mr Nick Gibb be added to the Committee of Public
Accounts.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

12 Environmental Audit.—Ordered, That Tim Loughton be discharged from the Environmental
Audit Committee and Mr Gregory Barker be added to the Committee.—(Mr Fraser Barker.)

13 Standards and Privileges.—Ordered, That Tony Baldry and Mr David Chidgey be discharged
from the Committee on Standards and Privileges and Richard Ottaway and Mr David
Heath be added to the Committee.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

14 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—Ordered, That Mrs Angela Browning be
discharged from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons and
Mr John Taylor be added to the Committee.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

15 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.18 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals,—Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 11) Regulations
2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3584), dated 5th November 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret
Beckett].

2 Financial Services and Markets,—Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Dissolution of
3582), dated 5th November 2001 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

3 Health and Safety,—Carriage of Explosives (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland)
[Mr Secretary Reid].

4 Housing,—Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001,
No. 3561), dated 4th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3500), dated 31st October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

6 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Designation of Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking
Area) (County of Cumbria) (City of Carlisle) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3565), dated
4th November 2001; and

(2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

7 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government
and the Regions on the Petition [14th February] from citizens of South Gloucestershire
in support of South Gloucestershire’s Community Transport Schemes [by Standing
Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged
Mr George Osborne from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and
nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Lansley.

2 Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Suspension of Devolved Government) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001,
No. 2884), the Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Restoration of Devolved Government) Order
2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2895), the Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Suspension of Devolved
Government) (No. 2) Order 2001, (S.I., 2001, No. 3230) and the Northern Ireland Act
2000 (Restoration of Devolved Government) (No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3231).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Hayes from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Julian Brazier.

3 Fishing Vessels (Decommissioning) Scheme 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3390).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Fiona Mactaggart and Paddy Tipping from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Scheme); and nominated in substitution John Mann and Mr Andy Reed.

4 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership Agreement between the Members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States and the European Community and its Member States (The Cotonou Agreement)) Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Prisk from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—(1) First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Managing Risk in Government Departments]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 336];

(2) Second Report from the Committee [Improving Construction Performance]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 337]; and

(3) part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Landfill Tax Credit Scheme (Part 4 of the Report on HM Customs and Excise Appropriation Account 1999–2000)]; to be printed [No. 338-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].


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

PRAYERS.

1 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licensing) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 28th June, should be amended before a draft Order is laid before the House.

2 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Derek Conway reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Partnership Agreement between the Members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States and the European Community and its Member States (The Cotonou Agreement)) Order 2001.

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

3 Movement of Farm Animals,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to limit journey times in respect of the transport of animals to slaughter; to promote the establishment of a network of local slaughterhouses; to limit the frequency with which animals may be brought to market in any twenty-day period; and for connected purposes: And that David Taylor, Mr Adrian Bailey, Colin Burgon, Mr David Drew, Paul Flynn, Judy Mallaber, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Bob Russell, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr Mark Todd do prepare and bring it in.

4 Movement of Farm Animals Bill.—David Taylor accordingly presented a Bill to limit journey times in respect of the transport of animals to slaughter; to promote the establishment of a network of local slaughterhouses; to limit the frequency with which animals may be brought to market in any twenty-day period; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 43].
Opposition Day [4th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

The Government’s Education and Lifelong Learning Policies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That this House notes the mounting evidence of crisis throughout education; deplores the Government’s conduct in first ignoring evidence of fraud involving Individual Learning Accounts and subsequently stopping ILAs without notice; regrets the growth of paperwork that is driving good teachers out of schools; further regrets the failure of the Government to allow parents a real choice of schools for their children in many parts of the country; condemns the Government’s system of student support, which has discouraged applicants from poorer families, and urges the Government to institute a proper public consultation on its replacement; congratulates those teachers and students who are achieving good results despite the Government’s interference; and believes that standards will not be improved if the Government maintains its current policy of constant interference in the day-to-day running of education.—(Mr Damian Green);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘notes that by 1997 the education system had suffered from 18 years of neglect, schools funding had been cut, nearly half of 11 year olds were failing to reach expected levels in maths and English, teacher numbers had fallen by 30,000, nearly half a million infants were in large classes and roughly seven million adults suffered from inadequate basic skills; welcomes the substantial progress made since then, including: education spending rising as a share of GDP to 5 per cent., record results at Key Stage 2, 11,000 more teachers in schools and infant and primary class sizes reduced; further notes that recruitment to initial teacher training rose by 5 per cent. last year, the second year’s rise after eight years of decline; supports the Government’s plans for continued investment in and reform of education, and its central goals of transforming secondary education to ensure higher standards for all, giving more people the chance to learn; further supports the Government’s pledge to expand higher education so that 50 per cent. of 18 to 30 year olds can benefit from higher education by 2010; welcomes the announcement of a review of the student support system in the light of this recent pledge; recognises the success of Individual Learning Accounts, while understanding the necessary public interest case for suspending them; and believes that the Government’s education policies form a coherent and radical programme that will deliver its ambitious targets and move the education system away from the neglect and waste of individuals’ talents between 1979 and 1997’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Estelle Morris.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question; David Maclean rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to. And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 186.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Tony McNulty: 316.

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 Tony McNulty: 308.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 190.

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 by 1997 the education system had suffered from 18 years of neglect, schools funding had been cut, nearly half of 11 year olds were failing to reach expected levels in maths and English, teacher numbers had fallen by 30,000, nearly half a million infants were in large classes and roughly seven million adults suffered from inadequate basic skills; welcomes the substantial progress made since then, including: education spending rising as a share of GDP to 5 per cent., record results at Key Stage 2, 11,000 more teachers in schools and infant and primary class sizes reduced; further notes that recruitment to initial teacher training rose by 5 per cent. last year, the second year’s rise after eight years of decline; supports the Government’s plans for continued investment in and reform of education, and its central goals of transforming secondary education to ensure higher standards for all, giving more people the chance
to learn; further supports the Government’s pledge to expand higher education so that 50 per cent. of 18 to 30 year olds can benefit from higher education by 2010; welcomes the announcement of a review of the student support system in the light of this recent pledge; recognises the success of Individual Learning Accounts, while understanding the necessary public interest case for suspending them; and believes that the Government’s education policies form a coherent and radical programme that will deliver its ambitious targets and move the education system away from the neglect and waste of individuals’ talents between 1979 and 1997.

6 International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Communities (Privileges of the European School) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 15th October, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.

7 International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (European School) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 15th October, be approved—(Mr 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 European Communities (Immunities and Privileges of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 15th October, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.

9 International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 15th October, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.

10 International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 17th October, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.

11 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Amendment of Enactment) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 16th October, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.

12 Prisons.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998 (Specified Organisations) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3411), dated 12th October 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 17th October, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.

13 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Suspension of Devolved Government) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2884), dated 10th August 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th August, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.

14 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Restoration of Devolved Government) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2995), dated 11th August 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th August, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.

15 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Suspension of Devolved Government) (No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3230), dated 21st September 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th September, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.

16 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Restoration of Devolved Government) (No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3231), dated 22nd September 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th September, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.
17 Sea Fisheries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Fishing Vessels (Decommissioning) Scheme 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3390), dated 10th October 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th October, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.

18 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.52 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(3) Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3576), and

(4) Police Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3578), dated 5th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Proceeds of Crime Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West) from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Wayne David.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform.—First Report from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licensing) Order 2001]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 265] [Mr Peter Pike].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Animal Health Bill]; to be printed [No. 339-i] [Mr David Curry].

3 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee and Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Government’s Drugs Policy: Is it Working?]; to be printed [No. 318-ii] [Mr Chris Mullin].

4 Statutory Instruments.—Eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-viii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

5 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Departmental Reports Review]; to be printed [No. 340-i] [Mr John McFall].

6 Welsh Affairs.—Memorandum from the Wales Office laid before the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Primary Legislative Process as it affects Wales] [Mr Martyn Jones].
[No. 45; WH, No. 20.]


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. 46.]

Wednesday 7th November 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the promoters of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill which originated in this House in the last Parliament but had not received the Royal Assent may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session of Parliament; 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 the Bill shall be presented to the House by deposit in the Private Bill Office no later than the fifth day on which the House sits after this day;

That a declaration signed by the agent shall be annexed to the Bill, stating that it is the same in every respect as the Bill presented in this House in the last Parliament;

That on the next sitting day following presentation, the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay the Bill on the Table of the House;

That in the present Session of Parliament the Bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it has passed in the last Parliament, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;

That no further fees shall be charged to such stages—(The Chairman of Ways and Means);

And objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Thursday 15th November at Four o’clock.

2 Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill,—Derek Conway reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 12th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 346].

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Maternity and Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2001.

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

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001.

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

5 Employment Bill,—Ms Secretary Hewitt, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Darling, Mrs Secretary Liddell, Secretary Estelle Morris, Alan Johnson and Malcolm Wicks, presented a Bill to make provision for statutory rights to paternity and adoption leave and pay; to amend the law relating to statutory maternity leave and pay; to amend the Employment Tribunals Act
1996; to make provision for the use of statutory procedures in relation to employment disputes; to amend the law relating to particulars of employment; to make provision about compromise agreements; to make provision for questionnaires in relation to equal pay; to make provision in connection with trade union learning representatives; to amend section 110 of the Employment Rights Act 1996; to make provision about fixed-term work; to amend the law relating to maternity allowance; to make provision for work-focused interviews for partners of benefit claimants; to make provision about the use of information for, or relating to, employment and training; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 44].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Employment Bill be printed [Bill 44–EN].

6 Hospital Inspectorate.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish an independent inspectorate of hospitals to provide independent inspection of waiting lists, waiting times, hospital efficiency and clinical cleanliness—(Tony Baldry);

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 Tony Baldry, Mr David Amess, Mr David Cameron, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Robert Jackson, Mr Boris Johnson and Mr Andrew Mackay do prepare and bring in the Bill.

7 Hospital Inspectorate Bill.—Tony Baldry accordingly presented a Bill to establish an independent inspectorate of hospitals to provide independent inspection of waiting lists, waiting times, hospital efficiency and clinical cleanliness: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 23rd November and to be printed [Bill 45].

8 International Development Bill [Lords].—The International Development Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time, and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

9 International Development Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to International Development 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 Development Bill [Lords], 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 Tony McNulty):—It was agreed to.

10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from members of non-profit-making members’ clubs in South East Bolton against proposals to remove jackpot machines from such clubs was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Rehabilitation of Offenders.—Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Animals (Scientific Procedures),—Supplement, issued by the Secretary of State under section 21 of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986, to the Code of Practice for the Housing and Care of Animals in Designated Breeding and Supplying Establishments [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

3 House of Lords,—Paper, entitled The House of Lords—Completing the Reform [by Command] [Cm. 5291] [The Prime Minister].

4 Police (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Police Authority for Northern Ireland, including Accounts of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Fund and the Police Property Fund, for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 341] [Clerk of the House].

5 Probation Board (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 344] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Marine Wildlife Conservation Bill:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee C, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Gregory Barker, David Cairns, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mrs Helen Clark, Mr Jim Cousins, Andrew George, Linda Gilroy, Mr Mark Hendrick, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Michael Meacher, Dr Nick Palmer, Lawrie Quinn, Mr John Randall, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Simon Thomas and Paddy Tipping.

2 Draft Dentists Act 1984 (Amendment) Order 2001:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman; and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Hazel Blears, Richard Burden, Mr Simon Burns, Julia Drown, Michael Fabricant, Jim Fitzpatrick, Sandra Gidley, Chris Grayling, Dr Evan Harris, Jim Knight, Ms Meg Munn, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Martin Salter, Ms Claire Ward and Mr David Wilshire.

3 Draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001:

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

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr John Burnett, Mr William Cash, Mr Iain Coleman, Jon Cruddas, Mr Terry Davis, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Neil Gerrard, Alan Keen, Norman Lamb, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Patrick Mercer, Laura Moffatt, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Graham Stringer, Dr Rudi Vis and Mr Michael Wills.

4 Draft Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mohammed Sarwar from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Paddy Tipping.

5 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 81) (House of Commons Paper No. 276) on 2001–02 Special Grant for Gypsy Sites Refurbishment,—The Speaker has allocated the Special Grant Report to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 88) (House of Commons Paper No. 305) on Special Grant for Activities Undertaken by Beacon Councils).
European Standing Committees

6 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 24th October 2001 submitted by HM Treasury, relating to 2002 Draft Budget, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee and Memorandum laid before the Committee [The Threat from Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 348-i] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Department for Education and Skills: the next four years]; to be printed [No. 304-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Impact of Foot and Mouth Disease]; to be printed [No. 323-ii] [Mr David Curry].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Fourth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-iv]; and

(2) Fifth Report from the Committee [Convention to Prepare for the 2004 Inter-Governmental Conference]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-v]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Democracy and Accountability in the EU and the Role of National Parliaments]; to be printed [No. 347-i] [Mr Michael Connarty].

5 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Progress on Resource Accounting]; to be printed [No. 349-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Scotland Office Departmental Report 2001]; to be printed [No. 345-ii] [Mrs Irene Adams].

7 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee on 6th November [Empty Homes]; to be printed [No. 240-ii] [Andrew Bennett]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee on 7th November [Passenger Rail Franchising and the Future of Railway Infrastructure]; to be printed [No. 239-iv] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

8 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [The Office of Government Commerce]; to be printed [No. 350-ii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 46; WH, No. 21.]

Wednesday 7th November 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 Gerry Sutcliffe.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Bill.—Mr David Amess reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 46].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 352].

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

Land Registration Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about Land Registration; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Land Registration Bill [Lords].—The Land Registration Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 48].

The Bill stood referred to a Second Reading Committee, pursuant to Standing Order No. 59 (Law Commission bills).

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Land Registration Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 48–EN].

4 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill,—Mr Secretary Milburn, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Robin Cook, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mrs Secretary Liddell, Mr Secretary Reid, Mr John Hutton and Ms Hazel Blears, presented a Bill to amend the law about the National Health Service; to establish and make provision in connection with a Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health; to make provision in relation to arrangements for joint working between NHS bodies and the Prison Service, and between NHS bodies and local authorities in Wales; to make provision in connection with the regulation of health care professions; 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 47].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill be printed [Bill 47–EN].

5 Town and Country Planning,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2718), dated 25th July 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1st August, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

6 Building and Buildings,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Building (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3335), dated 4th October 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th October, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

7 Export Control Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Export Control Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (General restriction on purposes of control orders)—(Nigel Griffiths)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Clause, in line 4, to leave out from the word ‘order’ to the end of line 6 and insert the words—

‘(a) has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament, and

(b) provides—

(i) for the order to expire, or

(ii) for the provision imposing them to cease to have effect,’ instead thereof.—(Mr Robert Key.)

Question put, That the Amendment to the proposed Clause be made.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Laurence Robertson: 117.
Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr John Heppell: 251.
Clause added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Exercise of licensing power under control orders)—(Nigel Griffiths)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.
Amendments (Nos. 1 to 8) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 28) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 27, after the word ‘function,’; to insert the words—
‘(bb) the time necessary to process applications;’.—(Mr Robert Key.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Other Amendments (Nos. 9 to 25) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 39) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 11, at the end, to insert the words—
‘Sustainable development
 An adverse effect on the sustainable development of the country to which the goods were exported, or the technology was transferred.’.—(Dr Vincent Cable.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Annette Brooke: 92.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr John Heppell: 237.
Other Amendments (Nos. 26 and 27) made to the Bill.
The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Council Tax.—Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rating (Demand Notices) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3554), dated 1st November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

   (2) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Control of Transfers of Business Done at Lloyd’s) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3626),
   (3) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Disclosure of Confidential Information) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3624), and
dated 7th November 2001 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly] and

3 Food,—Animals and Animal Products (Examination for Residues and Maximum Residue Limits) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3590), dated 5th November 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Plant Health,—Potatoes Originating in Egypt (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3574), dated 4th November 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5 Road Traffic,—The Goods Vehicles (Authorisation of International Journeys) (Fees) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3606), dated 5th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

6 Covent Garden Market,—Statement of remuneration and allowances payable to members of the Covent Garden Market Authority [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

7 Immigration,—Paper, entitled Control of Immigration: Statistics United Kingdom 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 5315] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Better Regulation: Making Good Use of Regulatory Impact Assessments, and

(2) Innovation in PFI Financing: The Treasury Building Project [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 329 and 328] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Dentists Act 1984 (Amendment) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Julia Drown, Sandra Gidley and Ms Meg Munn from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Valerie Davey, Mr Alan Reid and Llew Smith.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 88) (House of Commons Paper No. 305) on Special Grant for Activities Undertaken by Beacon Councils and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 81) (House of Commons Paper No. 276) on 2001/02 Special Grant for Gypsy Sites Refurbishment,—The Committee of Selection has discharged David Winnick from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Reports); and nominated in substitution Mr David Miliband.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The Role of the Private Sector in the NHS]; to be printed [No. 308-iii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Emergency Anti-Terrorism Bill]; to be printed [No. 351-i] [Mr Chris Mullin].

3 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Service Reform]; to be printed [No. 263-ii] [Tony Wright].

[No. 47; 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 (Fourth Report from the Education and Employment Committee, Session 2000–01, entitled Higher Education: Access, and the Sixth Report from the Education and Employment Committee, Session 2000–01, entitled Higher Education: Student Retention).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Ivor Caplin);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 13th November.

[Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.]
Friday 9th November 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment (Drugs Strategy).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell);

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

2 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Keith Hill.)

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

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (City Academies) (Subject Areas) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3631), dated 8th November 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].


(2) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Savings, Modifications and Consequential Provisions) (Rehabilitation of Offenders) (Scotland) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3640), and


(7) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Misleading Statements and Practices) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3645), and


(9) Financial Services and Markets Tribunal (Legal Assistance) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3632), and

(10) Financial Services and Markets Tribunal (Legal Assistance Scheme—Costs) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3633), dated 8th November 2001 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

5 Insolvency,—(1) Bankruptcy (Financial Services and Markets Act 2000) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3634), and

6 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3628), dated 7th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

7 Plant Breeders’ Rights.—Plant Breeders’ Rights (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3630), dated 8th November 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


9 Rehabilitation of Offenders.—Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2001 (S.R. (N.I.), 2001, No. 400), dated 7th November 2001 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Other Papers:

10 Competition Commission.—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed merger between Duralay International Holdings Ltd and Gates Consumer & Industrial (part of the Tomkins PLC group) [by Command] [Cm. 5289] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

11 Treaty Series (No. 54, 2001).—Third Amendment, adopted at Washington on 30th May 1990, of the Articles of Agreement of the International Monetary Fund [by Command] [Cm. 5302] [Mr Secretary Straw].

12 Treaty Series (No. 55, 2001).—Exchange of Notes, done at Islamabad on 1st August 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Pakistan Debt Agreement No. 2 (2001)) [by Command] [Cm. 5305] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers withdrawn:

13 Proposal for a draft Mental Health Act 1983 (Remedial) Order [laid 19th July].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 88) (House of Commons Paper No. 305) on Special Grant for Activities Undertaken by Beacon Councils, and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 81) (House of Commons Paper No. 276) on 2001/02 Special Grant for Gypsy Sites Refurbishment.

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

2 Football Spectators Bill,—Ordered, That the Football Spectators Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th January.

3 Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill,—Mr Secretary Blunkett, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Reid, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mrs Secretary Liddell and Beverley Hughes, presented a Bill to amend the Terrorism Act 2000; to make further provision about terrorism and security; to provide for the freezing of assets; to make provision about immigration and asylum; to amend or extend the criminal law and powers for preventing crime and enforcing that law; to make provision about the control of pathogens and toxins; to provide for the retention of communications data; to provide for implementation of Title VI of the Treaty on European Union; 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 49].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill be printed [Bill 49–EN].

4 Animal Health Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Animal Health 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 Animal Health Bill because it is inappropriate to legislate on this matter before an independent inquiry into the causes and handling of the foot and mouth epidemic has been established and before the Government's internal inquiries have reported; because the Bill confers undue powers on officials; and because it makes no provision for controls to prevent the importation of disease', instead thereof.—(Mr Peter Ainsworth.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr John Randall: 180.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Jim Fitzpatrick: 308.

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, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Fraser Kemp: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Julian Brazier: 181.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

5 Animal Health Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June]. That the following provisions shall apply to the Animal Health Bill:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.
Programming of proceedings

2. All proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further message from the Lords) shall be programmed.

Proceedings in Standing Committee

3.—(1) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 4th December 2001.

(2) The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

4.—(1) 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.

(2) 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.

(3) Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—(Mr Tony McNulty);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Jim Fitzpatrick: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 178.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Animal Health Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Animal Health 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 Animal Health Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown in consequence of the Act—(Mr Tony McNulty);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Fraser Kemp: 289.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Julian Brazier: 177.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Animal Health Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown in consequence of the Act.

7 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) (Partnership Agreement between the Members of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States and the European Community and its Member States (The Cotonou Agreement)) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 15th October, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty):—It was agreed to.

8 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Maternity and Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 18th October, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty):—It was agreed to.

9 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 22nd October, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty):—It was agreed to.

10 European Scrutiny.—Ordered, That Angus Robertson be added to the European Scrutiny Committee.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

11 Administration.—Ordered, That Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown be discharged from the Administration Committee and Mr John Hayes be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
12. Education and Skills.—Ordered, That Mr Laurence Robertson be discharged from the Education and Skills Committee and Mr John Baron be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13. International Development.—Ordered, That Alistair Burt be discharged from the International Development Committee and Mr Robert Walter be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14. Science and Technology.—Ordered, That Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Tom Harris, Mr David Heath, Mr Mark Hoban, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Tony McWalter, Dr Andrew Murrison, Geraldine Smith, Bob Spink and Dr Desmond Turner be members of the Science and Technology Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.23 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3. European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 3) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3495), dated 31st October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

4. Legal Services Commission,—Community Legal Service (Financial) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3663), dated 30th October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Michael Wills].


6. Ministers of the Crown,—(1) Transfer of Functions (Fishery Harbours) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3503), dated 31st October 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett]; and

(2) Transfer of Functions (War Pensions etc.) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3506), dated 31st October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

7. Civil Aviation,—Statement of determination on pension for Sir John Dent, former Chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

8. National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on NIRS2: Contract extension [by Act]; to be printed [No. 355] [Clerk of the House].


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Burnett, Mr William Cash, Mr Iain Coleman, Jon Cruddas, Mr Terry Davis, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Neil Gerrard, Alan Keen, Norman Lamb, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Patrick Mercer, Laura Moffatt, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Graham Stringer, Dr Rudi Vis and Mr Michael Wills from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations).
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Further Education: Follow-up]; to be printed [No. 322-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Cancellation of the Benefits Payment Card Project]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 358];
   (2) Fourth Report from the Committee [The Re-negotiation of the PFI-type deal for the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 359]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Implementation of the National Probation Service Information Systems Strategy]; to be printed [No. 357-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel), the Speaker has nominated Mr James Cran to be a member of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session of Parliament and discharged Mr Humfrey Malins and Mr Jonathan Sayeed from the Panel.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 152.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Ian Pearson: 394.

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 Ivor Caplin: 335.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr John Randall: 193.

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 that many of the problems of the railways stem from the years of underfunding of the industry by the previous Conservative Government and the shambles of their rushed and ideologically driven privatisation of Railtrack; welcomes the decisive action that Ministers have taken in regard to Railtrack which will be welcomed by the travelling public; congratulates the Government for developing contingency plans for the industry as soon as it was told of the company’s plight; rejects the policies of the Opposition, who would have offered the company a blank cheque and even now wish to pay over £1 billion to compensate shareholders; and welcomes the work of Ministers in developing positive policies to take the industry forward in terms of a successor to Railtrack and to put the interests of passengers first.

The Government’s Stakeholder Pension Scheme.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets the Government’s failure to deliver stakeholder pensions to its target group of ‘those with moderate incomes of between £10,000 and £20,000 a year’; condemns the failure to reform the obligation to purchase an annuity at age 75, which is a disincentive to taking out stakeholders and other forms of personal pension; regrets the spread of means-testing which acts as a disincentive to saving; condemns the burdens on company pension schemes which are causing employers to close them to new members; and calls on the Government to review its pension policies so as to reverse the decline in funded pensions—(Mr David Willetts);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the Government’s reformed framework for pensions, which ensures that today’s pensioners share in the country’s rising prosperity and that tomorrow’s pensioners are encouraged to save for their retirement, building on the foundation of the basic state pension; believes that pensioner poverty must be tackled through the minimum income guarantee; supports the reform of SERPS to create the State Second Pension which will give more help to low paid earners and people with broken work records, such as carers and disabled people; further supports stakeholder pensions which provide a low cost, flexible option for moderate or higher earners who do not have access to a good occupational scheme; welcomes the Government’s plans to ensure that pensioners with modest savings or a small occupational pension are rewarded for their thrift through the new pension credit; and supports the need for an effective system of financial regulation through the FSA and other measures to build public confidence’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Darling.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 194.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Graham Stringer: 328.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Graham Stringer: 324.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 194.

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 Government’s reformed framework for pensions, which ensures that today’s pensioners share in the country’s rising prosperity and that tomorrow’s pensioners are encouraged to save for their retirement, building on the foundation of the basic state pension; believes that pensioner poverty must be tackled through the minimum income guarantee; supports the reform of SERPS to create the State Second Pension which will give more help to low paid earners and people with broken work records, such as carers and disabled people; further supports stakeholder pensions which provide a low cost, flexible option for moderate or higher earners who do not have access to a good occupational scheme; welcomes the Government’s plans to ensure that pensioners with modest savings or a small occupational pension are rewarded for their thrift through the new pension credit; and supports the need for an effective system of financial regulation through the FSA and other measures to build public confidence.

3 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. 88) (House of Commons Paper No. 305) on Special Grant for Activities Undertaken by Beacon Councils, which was laid before this House on 25th October, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty)—It was agreed to.

4 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. 81) (House of Commons Paper No. 276) on 2001/02 Special Grant for Gypsy Sites Refurbishment, which was laid before this House on 29th October, be approved—(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 [28th June].

5 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) Mrs Jonete S. Coates and others in support of speed-reducing measures on the Tollerton Road in Huby, Yorkshire; and

(2) readers of the Wilts and Gloucestershire Standard newspaper against reductions in the quality of NHS provision at Cirencester Hospital were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.03 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Civil Aviation.—Statement of determination on pension for spouses of Civil Aviation Authority Board Members [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Culture, Media and Sport.—Government Response to the Second Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2000–01, on The Communications White Paper [by Command] [Cm. 5316] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

3 Parliamentary Commissioner.—Fourth Report of the Parliamentary Ombudsman, Session 2001–02, on Access to Official Information: Declarations made under the Ministerial Code of Conduct [by Act]; to be printed [No. 353] [Clerk of the House].

4 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [23rd October] from Joan Martin, residents of Beaconsfield and others for re-establishment of British sovereignty ceded to the European Commission [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—First Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Unpicking the Lock: World Athletics Championships in the UK], 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. 264][Mr Gerald Kaufman].
2 Defence.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [The Threat from Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 348-ii]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Transfer of War Pensions Agency]
   [Mr Bruce George].

3 Statutory Instruments.—Ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-ix] [Mr David Tredinnick].

4 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Energy Policy: Security of Supply]; to be printed [Nos. 364-i and -ii] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

5 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Regulation of Equitable Life]; to be printed [No. 317-ii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 50; WH, No. 23.]

Tuesday 13th November 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.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.56 p.m.

[No. 51.]

Wednesday 14th November 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 National Australia Group Europe 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 National Australia Group Europe 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 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Dentists Act 1984 (Amendment) Order 2001.

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

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 2001 and the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Modification) Order 2001.

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

4 Motor Vehicles (Prohibition on Use of Hand-held Mobile Telephones).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it an offence to use a hand-held mobile telephone while driving a motor vehicle; and for connected purposes: And that Janet Anderson, Mr John McFall, Bridget Prentice, Mrs Betty Williams, Jim Dowd, Mr Paul Keetch, Sir Sydney Chapman, Alice Mahon, Mr Siôn Simon, Andy Burnham, Lawrie Quinn and Barbara Follett do prepare and bring it in.

5 Motor Vehicles (Prohibition on Use of Hand-held Mobile Telephones) Bill.—Janet Anderson accordingly presented a Bill to make it an offence to use a hand-held mobile telephone while driving a motor vehicle; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th April and to be printed [Bill 50].
6 Welsh Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Orders Nos. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales)) and 108 (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings)), That—

1. The matter of the Pre-Budget Statement and its implications for Wales be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration;

2. The Committee shall meet on Wednesday 28th November at half-past Ten o’clock and between Four o’clock and Six o’clock at Westminster to take questions under Standing Order No. 103 (Welsh Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)) and to consider the matter of the Pre-Budget Statement and its implications for Wales under Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales))—(Mr Fraser Kemp);—It was agreed to.

7 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 November at half-past Ten o’clock to consider a substantive Motion for the adjournment of the Committee—(Mr Fraser Kemp);—It was agreed to.

8 Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 15, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) This section applies to arrangements made by a registered political party which, in respect of elections for a single representative for a geographical area, confer preference on a female candidate who possesses equivalent or substantially equivalent merits to a male candidate but only if such candidatures are the subject of an assessment that takes account of the specific personal situations of the candidates, including their relationship with that specific geographical area.’.—(Mr Andrew Lansley.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

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 [28th June]:

Local Government Finance.—That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 81) (House of Commons Paper No. 276) on 2001/02 Special Grant for Gypsy Sites Refurbishment, which was laid before this House on 29th October, be approved.

Ayes: 357.
Noes: 1.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 4, to leave out the words ‘subsections (2)’ and insert the words—

‘(a) for subsection (2) is substituted the following—

‘(2) But—

(a) no application under section 14B of the Football Spectators Act 1989 (banning orders made on a complaint) may be made, and

(b) no power conferred on a constable by section 21A or 21B of that Act (summary measures) may be exercised,

after the end of the period of four years beginning with the day on which section 1 of the Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Act 2001 enters into force”, and

(b) subsections (3)’, instead thereof.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Charles Hendry: 106.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Nick Ainger: 278.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Nick Ainger: 270.
Tellers for the Noes, Bob Russell, Tom Brake: 51.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

11 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, in respect of the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security 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 Ian Pearson.)

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Pearson.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 9.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Electricity,—Draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Efficiency Obligations) Order 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Income Tax,—(1) Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Lithuania) Order 2001, and
(2) draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan) Order 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

3 Local Government,—Draft The Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

4 Terrorism,—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Enforcement of External Orders) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Animals,—Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 12) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3684), dated 14th November 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


Other Papers:

8 Agriculture,—Report and Accounts of the Meat and Livestock Commission for 2000-01 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

9 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Government Response to the Eleventh Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 2000-01, on Walking in Towns and Cities [by Command] [Cm. 5277] [Mr Secretary Byers].

10 Honduras (No. 1, 2001),—Agreement, done at Tegucigalpa on 28th June 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Honduras concerning Air Services, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5310] [Mr Secretary Straw].
11 Provisional Orders (Scotland).—Report by the Secretary of State for Scotland, the Lord Chairman of Committees in the House of Lords and the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936, that they have taken into consideration the representation which has been made to the Secretary of State for Scotland by HSBC Investment Bank Holdings plc that they desire to obtain the Parliamentary powers specified in the schedule therein, to be operative in Scotland and elsewhere, and that it is expedient that such powers should be confirmed by one enactment because it is necessary to provide for the proper regulation of the affairs of HSBC Investment Bank plc, HSBC Bank plc and HSBC Republic Bank (UK) Limited carried on or operating in Scotland and elsewhere and are of the opinion that the said powers could be more properly obtained by the promotion of a Private Bill than by the promotion of a Private Bill and a draft Provisional Order under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

12 Sports Councils.—Financial Statements of the United Kingdom Sports Council for 2000–01 [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Mrs Irene Adams and Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Tom Brake, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Don Foster, Chris Grayling, Mr Brian Jenkins, Ms Sally Keeble, Andy King, Mr George Mudie, Mr Greg Pope, Sir Raymond Powell, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr John Spellar, Mr Andrew Turner, Mr Bill Tyan, Mrs Betty Williams and Mr Phil Woolas.

2 International Development Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D, and has appointed Mr David Amess and Mr Win Griffiths Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Hilary Benn, Mr Tom Clarke, Tony Cunningham, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Jim Knight, Norman Lamb, Mr Edward Leigh, Dr Julian Lewis, Ann McKechin, Mr Andrew Rosindell, Chris Ruane, Mr Graham Stringer, Dr Jenny Tonge and Mr Dennis Turner.

3 Animal Health Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E, and has appointed Mr Eric Ilsley and Derek Conway Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Colin Breed, Mrs Angela Browning, Tony Cunningham, Mr David Drew, Mr Huw Edwards, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Patrick Hall, Mr Elliot Morley, Diana Organ, Albert Owen, Mr Andy Reed, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Bill Wiggin, Mr Roger Williams and Mrs Ann Winterton.

4 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (Exceptions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First 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 Tony Banks, Hugh Bayley, Mr Keith Bradley, Annette Brooke, Ms Karen Buck, Mr John Burnett, Mr Tony Colman, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Boris Johnson, Mrs Anne McGuire, Kali Mountford, Mr James Paice, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Mr Clive Soley and Mr Andrew Turner.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order and Regulations to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Gregory Barker, Mr Julian Brazier, Paul Clark, Mr Mark Field, Matthew Green, Glenda Jackson, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr Malcolm Moss, Ms Meg Munn, Mr Kerry Pollard, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr David Stewart, Joan Walley, David Winnick and Mr Phil Woolas.
6 Draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr David Chidgey Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr John Burnett, Mr William Cash, Mr Iain Coleman, Jon Cruddas, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Alan Meale, Patrick Mercer, Laura Moffatt, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Frank Roy, Rachel Squire, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Michael Wills and Richard Younger-Ross.

7 Draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Modification) Order 2001 and the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Barbara Follett, Mr Brian Jenkins and Dr Howard Stoate from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Ivan Henderson and Ms Gisela Stuart.

European Standing Committees

8 The unnumbered European Union document, European Communities Draft Budget for 2002, has been referred to European Standing Committee B in place of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum submitted by HM Treasury on 24th October, which was referred on 7th November.

9 European Standing Committee B,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Annette Brooke from European Standing Committee B; and nominated in substitution Hywel Williams.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Department for Education and Skills: the next four years]; to be printed [No. 304-iii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Pre-Budget Report]; to be printed [No. 363-i] [Mr John Horam].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Establishment of DEFRA and other matters]; to be printed [No. 366-i] [Mr David Curry].

4 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. 152-vi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Emergency Anti-Terrorism Bill]; to be printed [No. 351-ii] [Mr Chris Mullin].

6 Human Rights,—Second Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Antiterrorism, Crime and Security Bill], together with Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 372] [Jean Corston].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Introduction of Aggregates Tax in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 333-iii] [Mr Michael Mates].

8 Public Accounts,—(1) Fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 2000]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 368];
(2) Sixth Report from the Committee [Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 2000—The Role of the Equipment Capability Customer]; 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. 369]; and
(3) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Non-competitive Procurement in the Ministry of Defence]; to be printed [No. 370-i]
[Mr Edward Leigh].

9 Scottish Affairs,—(1) First Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Drinks Industry in Scotland]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 324]; and
10 Select Committees (Choice of Chairman).—Dr Ian Gibson reported from the Science and Technology Committee, That he had been chosen Chairman of the Committee.

11 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [PPG 17: Sport, Open Space and Recreation]; to be printed [No. 238-iv] [Andrew Bennett]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Passenger Rail Franchising and the Future of Railway Infrastructure]; to be printed [No. 239-v] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

12 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [HM Customs and Excise: The Roques report]; to be printed [No. 371-i] [Mr John McFall].
1. Cases in which proceedings are active in United Kingdom courts shall not be referred to in any motion, debate or question.
   (a)(i) Criminal proceedings are active when a charge has been made or a summons to appear has been issued, or, in Scotland, a warrant to cite has been granted.
   (ii) Criminal proceedings cease to be active when they are concluded by verdict and sentence or discontinuance, or, in cases dealt with by courts martial, after the conclusion of the mandatory post-trial review.
   (b)(i) Civil proceedings are active when arrangements for the hearing, such as setting down a case for trial, have been made, until the proceedings are ended by judgment or discontinuance.
   (ii) Any application made in or for the purposes of any civil proceedings shall be treated as a distinct proceeding.
   (c) Appellate proceedings, whether criminal or civil, are active from the time when they are commenced by application for leave to appeal or by notice of appeal until ended by judgment or discontinuance.

But where a ministerial decision is in question, or in the opinion of the Chair a case concerns issues of national importance such as the economy, public order or the essential services, reference to the issues or the case may be made in motions, debates or questions.

2. Specific matters which the House has expressly referred to any judicial body for decision and report shall not be referred to in any motion, debate or question from the time when the Resolution of the House is passed until the report is laid before the House.

3. For the purposes of this Resolution—
   (a) Matters before Coroners Courts or Fatal Accident Inquiries shall be treated as matters within paragraph 1(a);
   (b) ‘Motion’ includes a motion for leave to bring in a bill; and
   (c) ‘Question’ includes a supplementary question. —(Mr Stephen Twigg.)

4 Human Rights (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That Standing Order No.152B (Human Rights (Joint Committee)) be amended as follows:
   Line 40, at end insert the words “, except that for the purposes of taking evidence, the quorum shall be two”. —(Mr Stephen Twigg.)

5 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 7th November, That the promoters of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill which originated in this House in the last Parliament but had not received the Royal Assent may, notwithstanding anything in the Standing Orders or practice of this House, proceed with the Bill in the present Session of Parliament; 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 the Bill shall be presented to the House by deposit in the Private Bill Office no later than the fifth day on which the House sits after this day;
   That a declaration signed by the agent shall be annexed to the Bill, stating that it is the same in every respect as the Bill presented in this House in the last Parliament;
   That on the next sitting day following presentation, the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay the Bill on the Table of the House;
   That in the present Session of Parliament the Bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it has passed in the last Parliament, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;
   That no further fees shall be charged to such stages;
   And the Question being again proposed;—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.
   And the Question being put;
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr George Osborne: 156.
   Tellers for the Noes, John Cryer, Mr Kelvin Hopkins: 33.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith, and to desire their concurrence.

6 Human Rights.—Ordered, That Mr Richard Shepherd be added to the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Human Rights.—(Mr Ian Pearson.)
7 Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That, during proceedings on the Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Bill [Lords], the Standing Committee on the Bill shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.—(Mr Ian Pearson.)

8 Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund. —Ordered, That Baron MacGregor of Pulham Market, Mrs Sylvia Heald and Mr A. J. Beith be discharged as Managing Trustees of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund and Mr Peter Lilley, Ms Gisela Stuart and Mr John Burnett be appointed as Managing Trustees in pursuance of section 1 of the Parliamentary and other Pensions Act 1987.—(Mr Ian Pearson.)

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Pearson.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.55 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation,—Draft Transport Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Health Professions,—Draft Health Professions Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

3 Nurses and Midwives,—Draft Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licensing) Order 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

5 Road Traffic,—Draft Driving Licences (Disqualification until Test Passed) (Prescribed Offence) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

6 Defence Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of Defence Estates for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 282] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 Health Professions.—Paper, entitled Report on the public consultation of proposals to establish the new Health Professions Council [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

8 Museums and Galleries.—Accounts of the National Museum of Science and Industry for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 365] [Clerk of the House].

9 Nurses and Midwives.—Paper, entitled Report on the public consultation of proposals to establish the new Nursing and Midwifery Council [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 International Development Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Hawkins from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mrs Caroline Spelman.

2 Animal Health Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Colin Breed, Mr Huw Edwards, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Andy Reed, Mr Graham Stringer and Mrs Ann Winterton members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Hugh Bayley from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Frank Field.

4 Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., No. 2718) and the Building (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3335).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Meg Munn from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order and Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Kelvin Hopkins.
Grand Committees

5 Welsh Grand Committee.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meetings on Wednesday 28th November.

6 Scottish Grand Committee.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of its meetings on Wednesday 28th November.

European Standing Committees

7 The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of the unnumbered European Union document, European Communities Draft Budget for 2002.

8 The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document Nos. 5619/01, relating to the Commission Green Paper entitled “Towards a European Strategy for the Security of Energy Supply”, and 7218/01, relating to common rules for the internal market in electricity and natural gas.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The Role of the Private Sector in the NHS]; to be printed [No. 308-iv] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Home Affairs.—First Report from the Home Affairs Committee [The Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill]; to be printed, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [No. 351] [Mr Chris Mullin].

3 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [The Humanitarian Crisis in Afghanistan and the Surrounding Region]; to be printed [No. 300-iii] [Tony Baldry].

4 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Service Reform]; to be printed [No. 263-iii] [Tony Wright].

5 Select Committees (Choice of Chairmen).—Mr Alan Williams reported from the Liaison Committee, That he had been chosen Chairman of the Committee.

[No. 52; WH, No. 25.]


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

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

Adjournment (Housing).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 20th November.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment (Public Bodies).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Ivor Caplin);

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

2 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes past One o’clock, adjourned till Monday 19th November.

[Adjourned at 1.27 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation,—(1) Draft Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) Order 2001; and (2) draft Carriage by Air Acts (Implementation of the Montreal Convention 1999) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licensing) Order 2001, together with a statement by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Social Security,—Income Support (General) and Jobseeker’s Allowance Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3651), dated 8th November 2001 [by Act][Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers withdrawn:

4 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licensing) Order 2001 [laid 15th November].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bill Tynan from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Dave Watts.

2 Adoption and Children Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Liz Blackman, Mr Julian Brazier, Jim Fitzpatrick, Sandra Gidley, Tim Loughton, Mr Andy Love and Jacqui Smith members of the Programming Sub-Committee of the Special Standing Committee on the Bill.

3 Animal Health Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nick Ainger a member of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill, in place of Mr Graham Stringer.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 European Standing Committee B.—Mrs Marion Roe reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the Draft General Budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2002 (Volumes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9); and supports the Government's efforts to maintain budget discipline in the Community.

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

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

Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about commonhold land and to amend the law about leasehold property; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords].—The Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 51].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 51–EN].

4 Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security 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 Ivor Caplin, Mr Nick Ainger: 458.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Douglas Hogg: 5.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

5 Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill:

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Programming of proceedings

2. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House and all remaining proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further message from the Lords) shall be programmed.

Proceedings in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading

3.—(1) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be completed in two allotted days and (so far as not previously concluded) shall be brought to a conclusion at midnight on the second day.

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

Programming Committee

4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—(Mr Ian Pearson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Nick Ainger: 319.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Douglas Hogg, Mr Andrew Stunell: 74.

So the Question was agreed to.
6 Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill [Money];

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

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
   (a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown by virtue of the Act, and
   (b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment;

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

7 Human Rights.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Human Rights Act 1998 (Designated Derogation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3644), dated 11th November 2001, which was laid before this House on 12th November, be approved—(Beverley Hughes);

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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 November, pursuant to Order [28th June].

8 Dangerous Drugs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Modification) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 24th October, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

9 Dangerous Drugs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 24th October, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

10 Dentists.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Dentists Act 1984 (Amendment) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 30th October, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

11 Finance and Services.—Ordered, That Mrs Irene Adams, Mr Stuart Bell, Derek Conway, Michael Fabricant, Keith Hill, Mr David Lepper, Mr Thomas McAvoy, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Mrs Marion Roe, Mr Andrew Stunell and Mr Dennis Turner be members of the Finance and Services Committee.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

12 Information.—Ordered, That Mr Michael Connarty and Julia Drown be discharged from the Information Committee and John Mann and Jim Sheridan be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from ‘Residents Against Dibden Bay Port’ opposing the choice of venue for the public inquiry into Associated British Ports’ application to build a container terminal at Dibden Bay was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock on Monday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-six minutes to One o’clock on Tuesday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.34 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Mental Health,—Mental Health Act 1983 (Remedial) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3712), dated 18th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

2. Rehabilitation of Offenders,—Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3. Channel Tunnel,—Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements) (Amendment No. 4) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3707), dated 17th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Other Papers:

6. Aircraft and Shipbuilding,—Report and Accounts of British Shipbuilders for 2000–01 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


8. Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the Petition [18th July] from residents of Liverpool for improvements in the living conditions of asylum seekers in Everton [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].


Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Bill [Lords].—(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr George Stevenson an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill; and (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Brian Jenkins from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr David Stewart.

2. Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mohammad Sarwar from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Fiona Mactaggart.

Grand Committees

3. Welsh Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Robert Walter from the Welsh Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Greg Knight.

Programming Committees

4. Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill (Programming Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Ivan Henderson, Beverly Hughes, Simon Hughes and Mrs Anne McGuire members of the Programming Committee in respect of the Bill.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Inpatient and Outpatient Waiting in the NHS]; to be printed [No. 376-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 55.]

Tuesday 20th November 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 National Australia Group Europe Bill [Lords].—The National Australia Group Europe Bill [Lords] was read the third time and passed, without Amendment.

2 Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill (Programming Committee).—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Programming Committee, That it had come to a Resolution in respect of the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill, which it had directed him to report to the House:

That, pursuant to the Programme Order of 19th November (Proceedings in Committee of the whole House, on consideration and on Third Reading of the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill),—

(1) proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall, so far as not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at Eleven o’clock on the second allotted day;

(2) those proceedings shall be taken on each of the allotted days as shown in the second column of the following Table and shall be taken in the order so shown, and shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) at the times specified in the third column of the Table.

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3 Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Bill [Lords].—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Travel Concessions (Eligibility) 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. 385].

4 Extradition (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law on extradition: And that Mr John Maples, Sir George Young, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr Francis Maude, Richard Ottaway and Mr Andrew Tyrie do prepare and bring it in.

5 Extradition (Amendment) Bill.—Mr John Maples accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law on extradition: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 30th November and to be printed [Bill 52].

6 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill;
And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time;

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give a Second Reading to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill because it is irrelevant in the face of a worsening health care crisis; will lead to increased bureaucracy; increases political interference by augmenting the role of the Secretary of State; fails to deal with the downward spiral of morale afflicting health professionals; imposes unnecessary structural change which will further detract from patient care; and abolishes the community health councils, which have served the interests of patients and communities’, instead thereof.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 192.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Nick Ainger: 320.

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 Nick Ainger: 310.
Tellers for the Noes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 200.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

7 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill:

**Committal**

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

**Programming of proceedings**

2. All proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further message from the Lords) shall be programmed.

**Proceedings in Standing Committee**

3. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on 18th December 2001.

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

**Consideration and Third Reading**

5. Proceedings on consideration and 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 that day.

6. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—(Mr Ian Pearson);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Nick Ainger: 354.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 148.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions 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 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State under the Act, and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr Ian Pearson).—It was agreed to.
9 Draft General Budget of the European Communities 2002.—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 draft General Budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2002 (Volumes 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9); and supports the Government’s efforts to maintain budget discipline in the Community—(Mr Ian Pearson):—It was agreed to.

10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Canvey Island against the proposed erection of a mobile telephone antenna and cabin was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Pearson.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.15 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

4 Cereals Marketing,—Report and Accounts of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Department of Health on the Petition [13th February] from mothers, midwives, families and residents of South Cumbria in support of the Helme Chase Maternity Unit [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

6 Regulatory Reform,—Proposal under the Regulatory Reform Act 2001 for a Regulatory Reform (Voluntary Aided Schools Liabilities and Funding) (England) Order 2002, together with a statement by the Department for Education and Skills [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

7 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:

Railway Administration Order Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3352)
[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

8 Tribunals and Inquiries,—Report of the Council on Tribunals for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 343] [Mr Michael Wills].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2718) and the Building (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3335).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Malcolm Moss from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order and Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Foreign Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [British–US Relations]; to be printed [No. 327-ii]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 384-i]
   [Donald Anderson].

2 Home Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Government’s Drugs Policy: Is It Working?]; to be printed [No. 318-iii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill]
   [Mr Chris Mullin].

3 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [The Humanitarian Crisis in Afghanistan and the Surrounding Region]; to be printed [No. 300-iv] [Tony Baldry].

4 Statutory Instruments.—Tenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-x] [Mr David Tredinnick].

5 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Energy Policy: Security of Supply]; to be printed [Nos. 364-iii and -iv] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

6 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Departmental Estimates and Annual Report 2001 and Recent Policy Developments]; to be printed [No. 373-i] [Andrew Bennett].

7 Treasury.—Seventh Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee (Session 2000–01) on The International Monetary Fund: A Blueprint for Parliamentary Accountability]; to be printed [No. 379] [Mr John McFall].

8 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Transport in Wales]; to be printed [No. 378-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 55; WH, No. 26.]

Tuesday 20th November 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 Graham Stringer.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee.—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the draft Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licensing) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 16th November, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

2 Marine Wildlife Conservation Bill,—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Marine Wildlife Conservation Bill, and made an Amendment thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 15th March; and to be printed [Bill 54].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 390].

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2718) and the Building (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3335).

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

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

Private Bills (Revival),—The Lords concur with the Commons in their Message [15th November] relating to the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.

5 Litter and Fouling of Land by Dogs,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision relating to litter and the fouling of land by dogs and to allow a local authority to retain the revenue from fixed penalty notices for such offences issued in its area for the purposes of enforcement: And that Mr Bob Blizzard, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Alan Meale, Lawrie Quinn, Joan Ryan and Mr Jonathan R. Shaw do prepare and bring it in.

6 Litter and Fouling of Land by Dogs Bill,—Mr Bob Blizzard accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision relating to litter and the fouling of land by dogs and to allow a local authority to retain the revenue from fixed penalty notices for such offences issued in its area for the purposes of enforcement: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 53].

7 Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, in accordance with the resolution of the Programming Committee of 20th November and pursuant to the Programme Order of 19th November (Proceedings in Committee of the whole House, on consideration and on Third Reading of the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill)—

(1) proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall, so far as not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at Eleven o’clock on the second allotted day;

(2) those proceedings shall be taken on each of the allotted days as shown in the second column of the following Table and shall be taken in the order so shown, and shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) at the times specified in the third column of the Table.

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                                —(Beverley Hughes);
                                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 [28th June].
                                The House divided.
                                Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr John Heppell: 334.
                                Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Charles Hendry: 213.
                                So the Question was agreed to.

8 Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill.

(In the Committee)
A Clause (Duration)—(Mr Oliver Letwin)—brought up and read the first time.
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.
And it being Six o’clock, the Chairman put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [this day].
Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Charles Hendry: 216.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Ian Pearson: 351.
The Chairman then put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.
Clause No. 123 (Commencement).
Amendments (Nos. 72, 42, 66, and 73 to 75) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Question put, That Clause No. 1 stand part of the Bill and that Schedule No. 1 be the first Schedule to the Bill.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Ivor Caplin: 362.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Douglas Hogg, Mr Richard Shepherd: 5.
Clause No. 2 (Amendments relating to section 1).
Amendments (Nos. 60 and 61) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 3 agreed to.
Schedule No. 2 (Terrorist property: amendments).
Amendments (Nos. 46, 47 and 62) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 4 to 6, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 7 to 17, Schedule No. 4 and Clauses Nos. 18 to 20 agreed to.
Clause No. 21 (Suspected international terrorist: certification).
Amendment (No. 69) proposed, in page 10, line 35, after the word ‘State’, to insert the word ‘reasonably’.—(Mr Secretary Blankett.)
Deferred Divisions.—The Chairman announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Order of the House [28th June]:

Human Rights.—That the Human Rights Act 1998 (Designated Derogation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3644), dated 11th November 2001, which was laid before this House on 12th November, be approved.

Ayes: 331.
Noes: 74.
So the Question was agreed to.

Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill.—Question proposed, That the Amendment (No. 69) be made.

And it being half-past Eight o’clock, the Chairman put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That the Amendment be made, put and agreed to.

The Chairman then put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour:

Another Amendment (No. 98) proposed, in page 11, to leave out lines 12 and 13.—(Mr Oliver Letwin.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Charles Hendry: 177.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Ian Pearson: 361.

Question put, That the Clause, as amended, stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Phil Woolas: 341.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Douglas Hogg, Mr Richard Shepherd: 77.

Question put, That Clauses Nos. 22 to 24 stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Phil Woolas: 347.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin McNamara, Jeremy Corbyn: 70.

Clause No. 25 (Certification: appeal).
Amendment (No. 70) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 26 (Certification: review).
Amendment (No. 71) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Question put, That Clauses Nos. 27 to 35 stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Phil Woolas: 325.
Tellers for the Noes, Annette Brooke, Tom Brake: 89.

Clauses Nos. 106 to 108 agreed to.

Clause No. 109 (Implementation of the third pillar).
Amendment (No. 102) proposed, in page 65, line 19, after the word ‘may’, to insert the word ‘not’.—(Mr Oliver Letwin.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Ten o’clock, the Chairman put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tom Brake, Mr Charles Hendry: 210.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Phil Woolas: 344.

The Chairman then put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Question put, That Clauses Nos. 109 and 110 stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Phil Woolas: 343.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Charles Hendry, Tom Brake: 203.

Clause No. 111 (Use of noxious substances to cause harm and intimidate).
Amendments (Nos. 38 to 41) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 112 to 114 agreed to.
Clause No. 115 (Information about acts of terrorism).
Amendment (No. 68) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 116 to 119 agreed to.

The Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Ian Pearson reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and moved, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again to-morrow.

11 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 26th November, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Lords Messages have been received.—(Mr Ian Pearson.)

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Pearson.)

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

[Adjourned at 11 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Contracting Out.—Draft Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Highway Functions) (England) Order 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Highways.—Draft Street Works (Charges for Occupation of the Highway) (England) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Dangerous Drugs.—Controlled Drugs (Substances Useful for Manufacture) (Intra-Community Trade) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3683), dated 14th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Other Papers:

5 Appropriation Accounts, 2000–01.—Appropriation Account of the sums granted by Parliament for 2000–01 for Class VI (Ministry of Defence), with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 335-VI] [Mr Paul Boateng].

6 Defence Executive Agencies,—Resource Accounts of the Armed Forces Pension Scheme for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 245] [Mr Paul Boateng].

7 Lord Chancellor’s Department Executive Agencies,—Resource Accounts of the Public Record Office for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 362] [Mr Paul Boateng].

8 Miscellaneous (No. 10, 2001).—Declaration, done at Paris on 7th June 2001, by Certain European Governments on the Ariane Launcher Production Phase, with Final Document, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5321] [Mr Secretary Straw].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Mr Alan Hurst and Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairmen; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Richard Bacon, Ms Hazel Blears, Andy Burnham, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Colin Challen, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Mike Hall, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Dai Havard, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr John Hutton, Laura Moffat, Dr Andrew Morrison, Dr Richard Taylor, Gareth Thomas (Cwlyd West), Mr Don Touhig, Ms Claire Ward and Sir George Young.

2 Land Registration Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Bill; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr John Burnett, Mr William Cash, Mr Tony Clarke, Tom Cox, Mr Mark Field, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Lynne Jones, Rob Marris, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Bill Rammell, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Graham Stringer and Mr Michael Wills.

3 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr David Atkinson, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Keith Bradley, Annette Brooke, Ms Karen Buck, Mr John Burnett, John Cryer, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Frank Field, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Ivan Henderson, Fiona Mactaggart, Mrs Anne McGuire, Kali Mountford, Mr Denis Murphy and Mr James Paice.

4 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Lithuania) Order 2001 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr John Baron, Mr Nigel Beard, Mr Christopher Chope, Brian Cotter, Mr David Crausby, Mr Edward Davey, Helen Jackson, Mr Peter Luff, Mr George Mudie, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primrolo, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Mohammed Sarwar, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Andrew Turner and Mr Bill Tynan.

5 Draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001,—

The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Burnett from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Norman Lamb.

6 Draft Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 and the draft Health Professions Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders 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.: Ms Diane Abbott, Miss Anne Begg, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr David Cameron, Mrs Janet Dean, Jim Fitzpatrick, Sandra Gidley, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr John Hutton, Mr Eric Joyce, Ian Lucas, Syd Rapson, Joan Walley, Ms Claire Ward and Mr David Wilshire.

7 Draft The Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth 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.: Janet Anderson, Mr Julian Brazier, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Nick Gibb, Linda Gilroy, Mr John Grogan, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Malcolm Moss, Sir Raymond Powell, Dr John Pugh, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr John Smith, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Phil Woolas.

8 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Enforcement of External Orders) 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.: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Roger Berry, Jon Cruddas, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Paul Farrelly, Paul Goggins, Mr Dominic Grieve, Beverly Hughes, Simon Hughes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Judy Mallaber, Mr Mark Simmonds, Mr David Tredinnick, Brian White and Mr James Wray.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Nigel Beard Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Tom Brake, Mr Julian Brazier, Roger Casale, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Ann Clwyd, Mr Don Foster, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Paul Goodman, Chris Grayling, Kate Hoey, Mr David Jamieson, Ms Oona King, Bridget Prentice, Ms Debra Shipley, Mr Dave Watts and Mr Phil Woolas.

10 Draft Driving Licences (Disqualification until Test Passed) (Prescribed Offence) 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.: Tom Brake, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Ian Davidson, Julia Drown, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Don Foster, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Andrew Rosindell, Mr Frank Roy, Andrew Selous, Geraldine Smith, Mr John Spellar, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Dave Watts and Mr Phil Woolas.

11 Draft Transport Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2001:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr David Chidgey Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Hugh Bayley, Mr Julian Brazier, Tom Brake, Mr Chris Bryant, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Tony Colman, Mr Don Foster, Patrick Hall, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr George Osborne, Mr Mark Prisk, Joyce Quin, Mr Dave Watts and Mr Phil Woolas.

European Standing Committees

12 European Union documents Nos. 12692/01 and 12693/01, relating to a Single European Sky, have been referred to European Standing Committee A together with European Union document No. 13735/99 already referred to the Committee on 18th July 2001.

13 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 14th November 2001, submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry, relating to Animal Testing and Cosmetic Products, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform,—(1) Second Report from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee [The draft Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licensing) Order 2001]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 388]; and
   (2) First Special Report from the Committee [Further Report on the Handling of Regulatory Reform Orders]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 389]
   [Mr Peter Pike].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Department for Education and Skills: The Next Four Years]; to be printed [No. 304-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Work of the Countryside Agency]; to be printed [No. 386] [Mr David Curry].

4 European Scrutiny,—Seventh Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-vii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Public Accounts,—(1) Seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Sale of Part of the UK Gold Reserves], 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. 396];
   (2) Eighth Report from the Committee [Office of Water Services (OFWAT): Leakage and Water Efficiency]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 397]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The PFI Project of the Treasury Building]; to be printed [No. 398-i]
   [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Science and Technology,—(1) First Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2000–01, The Scientific Advisory System]; to be printed [No. 360];
   (2) Second Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2000–01, Are We Realising Our Potential?]; to be printed [No. 361]; and
   (3) Third Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2000–01, Wave and Tidal Energy]; to be printed [No. 377]
   [Dr Ian Gibson].

7 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Empty Homes]; to be printed [No. 240-iii] [Andrew Bennett]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [London Underground]; to be printed [No. 387-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

8 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [The 2001 Census in England and Wales]; to be printed [No. 310-ii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 56; WH, No. 27.]


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 John Heppell.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills.—The Orders of 15th November relating to the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill being read;

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

2 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, pursuant to the Orders of 15th 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 Education Bill,—Secretary Estelle Morris, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Andrew Smith, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr Ivan Lewis, presented a Bill to make provision about education, training and childcare: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 55].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Education Bill be printed [Bill 55–EN].

4 Telecommunications Transmitters (Restrictions on Planning Applications) Bill,—Mr Frank Field presented a Bill to permit a local planning authority to decline to determine an application for the development of telecommunications transmission antennae in certain circumstances: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 56].

5 British Overseas Territories Bill [Lords],—The British Overseas Territories Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

6 Insolvency (S.I., 2001, No. 3352),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Railway Administration Order Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3352), dated 6th October 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th October, be revoked—(Mr Eric Pickles);

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

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

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 Social Security,—Draft Social Security (Loss of Benefit) Regulations 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Fire Services,—Firemen’s Pension Scheme (Pension Sharing) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3691), dated 13th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

3 Legal Aid and Advice,—Civil Legal Aid (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3735), dated 14th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Michael Wills].

4 National Health Service,—(1) Abolition of the NHS Tribunal (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3744),

(2) Family Health Services Appeal Authority (Primary Care Act) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3743),
(3) National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment (No. 6) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3741),

(4) National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment (No. 4) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3742),

(5) National Health Service (General Medical Services Supplementary List) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3740), and

(6) National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3739) dated 22nd November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Pensions,—Occupational Pensions (Revaluation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3690), dated 15th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Bacon from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr John Baron.

2 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Anne McGuire from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Angela Smith.

3 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Lithuania) Order 2001 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gerry Sutcliffe from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Pearson.

4 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Enforcement of External Orders) Order 2001,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [The Provisions of the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill relating to the Ministry of Defence Police]; to be printed [No. 382-i] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Departmental Responsibilities for Sustainable Development]; to be printed [No. 326-ii] [Mr John Horam].

3 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The Role of the Private Sector in the NHS]; to be printed [No. 308-vi] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Second Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Government Response to the Committee’s Fourth Report, Legal Aid in Northern Ireland, Session 2000–01]; to be printed [No. 400];

(2) Third Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report, The Parades Commission, Session 2000–01]; to be printed [No. 401]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Introduction of the Aggregates Tax in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 333-iii] [Mr Michael Mates].

5 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Service Reform]; to be printed [No. 263-iv] [Tony Wright].

6 Select Committees (Choice of Chairmen).,—Mr Stuart Bell reported from the Finance and Services Committee, That he had been chosen Chairman of the Committee.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment (Social inclusion and sport),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Richard Caborn.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 27th November. [Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Age Equality Commission Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Age Equality Commission Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read a second time,—It was negatived.

2 Copyright, etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill,—The Copyright, etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

3 Relationships (Civil Registration) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Relationships (Civil Registration) Bill;

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the business.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

4 Health (Air Travellers) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Health (Air Travellers) Bill;

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

And it being after half-past Two o’clock, and objection having been taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 25th January.

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

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 Three o’clock, till Monday 26th November. [Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals,—The Sheep and Goats Spongiform Encephalopathy (England and Wales) (Compensation) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3749), dated 22nd November 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Education,—Education (Teachers’ Qualifications and Health Standards) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3737), dated 22nd November 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

3 Medicines,—Medicines (Products for Animal Use—Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3751), dated 22nd November 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
4 National Health Service,—Family Health Services Appeal Authority (Procedure) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3750), dated 22nd November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Social Security,—Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3721), dated 19th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

6 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Cars) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3754), and

(2) Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3753)

dated 22nd November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

Other Papers:

7 Access to Justice,—Amendment (No. 3) to the Funding Code, presented pursuant to sections 9(2) and 9(5) of the Access to Justice Act 1999 [by Act] [Mr Michael Wills].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Andy Burnham, Mr Simon Burns, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr John Hutton and Ms Claire Ward members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Lithuania) Order 2001 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Geoffrey Robinson from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr James Plaskitt.

3 Draft Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 and the draft Health Professions Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Janet Dean and Ian Lucas from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Clive Betts and James Purnell.
First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Frank Cook reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001.

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

Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr James Cran reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Lithuania) Order 2001 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan) Order 2001.

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

Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Chidgey reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001.

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

Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001 and the draft Health Professions Order 2001.

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

Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 36 and 37 agreed to.

Clause No. 38 (Religious hatred offences).

Amendment (No. 153) proposed, in page 19, line 15, to leave out the words ‘RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS HATRED’ and insert the words ‘HATRED OFFENCES’.—(Simon Hughes.)

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

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Ian Pearson: 328.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Sir Robert Smith: 209.

And it being after half-past Six o’clock, the Chairman, pursuant to Order [21st November], put the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Clauses Nos. 39 to 42 agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 43 and 44 agreed to.

Clause No. 45 (Customs and Excise prosecutions for biological weapons offences).

Amendments (Nos. 23 and 24) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 46 (Customs and Excise prosecutions for chemical weapons offences).

Amendments (Nos. 25 and 26) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 47 (Use etc. of nuclear weapons).

Amendment (No. 27) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 48 to 52 agreed to.

Clause No. 53 (Customs and Excise prosecutions).

Amendments (Nos. 28 and 29) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 54 to 57 agreed to.

Clause No. 58 (Pathogens and toxins in relation to which requirements under Part 7 apply).
Amendments (Nos. 30 and 31) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Schedule No. 5 (Pathogens and toxins).
Amendments (Nos. 43 to 45) made.
Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 59 (Duty to notify Secretary of State before keeping or using any dangerous substance).

Amendment (No. 139) proposed, in page 29, line 17, to leave out the words ‘one month’ and insert the words ‘fourteen days’.—(Norman Baker.)

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

Clause No. 60 (Power to require information about security of dangerous substances).
Amendments (Nos. 138 and 32) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clauses Nos. 61 to 70 agreed to.
Schedule No. 6 agreed to.

Clause No. 71 (Other appeals).
Amendment (No. 33) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 72 agreed to.

Clause No. 73 (Orders and regulations).
Amendment (No. 34) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 74 (Interpretation).
Amendment (No. 35) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 75 (Power to extend Part 7 to animal or plant pathogens, pests or toxic chemicals).
Amendments (Nos. 36 and 37) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 76 agreed to.

Clause No. 77 (Regulation of security of civil nuclear industry).

Amendment (No. 51) proposed, in page 38, line 41, after the word ‘commission’, to insert the words ‘the Scottish Executive and National Assembly for Wales’.—(Mr Elfyn Llwyd.)

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

Clause No. 78 agreed to.

Clause No. 79 (Prohibition of disclosures in relation to nuclear security).

It being Eight o’clock, the Chairman put the Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Question put, That Clauses Nos. 79 to 87 stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Phil Woolas, Mr Nick Ainger: 334.

Clause No. 88 agreed to.
Clause No. 89 (Searches, examinations and fingerprinting: England and Wales).

Amendment (No. 143) proposed, in page 47, line 17, after the word ‘station’, to insert the words ‘in connection with a terrorist investigation’.—(Mr James Paice.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Andrew Stunell: 199.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Fraser Kemp: 330.

Clause agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 90 to 92 agreed to.

Clause No. 93 (Powers to require removal of disguises: Great Britain).

Amendment (No. 124) proposed, in page 53, to leave out lines 31 to 33 and insert the words—

‘(a) incidents involving serious violence may take place in any locality in his area, and’.—(Andrew Bennett.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 63 and 64) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 94 (Powers to require removal of disguises: Northern Ireland).

Amendment (No. 65) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clauses Nos. 95 and 96 agreed to.

Clause No. 97 (Jurisdiction of MoD police).

Amendment (No. 57) proposed, in page 59, line 18, after the word ‘offence’, to insert the words ‘involving the use or threat of violence against any person’.—(Mr Chris Mullin.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 166) proposed, in page 59, line 18, after the word ‘offence’, to insert the words ‘which he might reasonably assume to be terrorism’.—(Mr James Paice.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr John Randall: 206.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Angela Smith: 338.

And it being after Eleven o’clock, the Chairman put the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Clauses Nos. 97 to 100 agreed to.

Schedule No. 7 (Transport police and MoD police: further provisions).

Amendments (Nos. 76 to 82 and 128) made.

Schedule, as amended, agreed to.

Question put, That Clauses Nos. 101 to 105, 120 and 121 stand part of the Bill, Schedule No. 8 be the Eighth Schedule to the Bill, and Clause No. 122 stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Smith, Jim Fitzpatrick: 340.


Clause No. 124 (Extent).

Amendment (No. 67) made.
Clause, as amended, and Clause No. 125 agreed to.

A Clause (Review of sections 21 to 23)—(Mr Secretary Blankett)—brought up and added.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

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

The House, according to Order [19th November], proceeded to consider the Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 10, to leave out the word ‘criminal’ and insert the word ‘terrorism’, instead thereof.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Sir Robert Smith: 213.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Tony McNulty: 330.

Amendment (No. 2) made to the Bill, in page 15, line 31, at the end, by inserting the words—

‘( ) Sections 21 to 23 shall by virtue of this subsection cease to have effect at the end of 10th November 2006.’.—(Mr Secretary Blankett.)

Another Amendment (No. 3) made to the Bill, in page 78, line 6, by leaving out the words ‘under this section’.—(Mr Secretary Blankett.)

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

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And it being midnight, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [19th November], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Tony McNulty: 323.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Douglas Hogg, Sir Robert Smith: 79.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

Human Reproductive Cloning Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to prohibit the placing in a woman of a human embryo which has been created otherwise than by fertilisation; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

7 Human Reproductive Cloning Bill [Lords].—The Human Reproductive Cloning Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time this day and to be printed [Bill 57].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Human Reproductive Cloning Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 57–EN].

8 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 [15th November] of the Liaison Committee—(Jim Fitzpatrick).—It was agreed to.

9 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, in respect of the Human Reproductive Cloning Bill [Lords], notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to be moved in Committee may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.39 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Clean Air.—Smoke Control Areas (Authorised Fuels) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3745), dated 22nd November 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Disability Discrimination.—Draft Code of Practice on Rights of Access: Goods, Facilities, Services and Premises [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:

4 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Managing the relationship to secure a successful partnership in PFI projects [by Act]; to be printed [No. 375] [Clerk of the House].

5 National Lottery.—(1) Report, and

(2) Summary Financial Statement

of the Arts Council of Wales for 2000-01 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 National Health Service and Health Care Professionals Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Sir George Young from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Peter Atkinson.

2 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Roger Godsiff from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Christine Russell.

3 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Lithuania) Order 2001 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bill Tynan from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Andy King.

4 Draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Hilton Dawson and Rachel Squire from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey and Tony Cunningham.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Radioactive Waste Policy Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Radioactive Waste Policy]; to be printed [No. 407-i] [Mr David Curry].

2 Human Rights.—(1) Third Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Proceeds of Crime Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 405]; and

(2) Fourth Report from the Committee [Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 406] [Jean Corston].

3 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Better Regulation: Making Good Use of Regulatory Impact Assessments]; to be printed [No. 408-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
Tuesday 27th November 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 International Development Bill [Lords].—Mr Win Griffiths reported from Standing Committee D. That it had gone through the International Development 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. 410].

2 Home Energy Conservation Bill.—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Home Energy Conservation Bill be printed [Bill 11–EN].

3 New Member makes Affirmation.—Christopher David Mole, Member for Ipswich, made the Affirmation required by law.

4 Compulsory Voting.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Representation of the People Act 1983 to make voting compulsory in all Parliamentary elections; and for connected purposes—(Mr Gareth R. Thomas):

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 Mr Gareth R. Thomas, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Paul Marsden, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, David Winnick, Linda Perham, Mr Tom Watson, Mark Tami, Mr Tony Colman and Martin Linton do prepare and bring in the Bill.

5 Compulsory Voting Bill.—Mr Gareth R. Thomas accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Representation of the People Act 1983 to make voting compulsory in all Parliamentary elections; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 58].

6 Employment Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Employment 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 regrets that a wider debate has not taken place on how the benefits and burdens arising from the Employment Bill are shared between individuals and the workplace; declines to give a Second Reading to the Bill because, although it contains welcome measures which promote family friendly practices in the workplace and which seek to improve dispute resolution procedures, it depends excessively on secondary legislation which is likely to impose significant extra burdens on business, especially small businesses; and because it will impose extra costs on business, further damaging British competitiveness at a time when manufacturing industry is already in a fourth successive quarter of recession’, instead thereof.—(Mr John Whittingdale.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 134.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Nick Ainger: 311.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (Amendment on second or third reading);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Nick Ainger: 307.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 131.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
7 Employment Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June]. That the following provisions shall apply to the Employment Bill:

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

Programming of proceedings
2. All proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further message from the Lords) shall be programmed.

Proceedings in Standing Committee
3. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on 22nd January 2002.

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

Consideration and Third Reading
5. 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.

6. 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.

7. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—(Mr Graham Stringer);

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Nick Ainger: 294.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 134.
So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

(a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown or government department under the Act,

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

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable into that Fund under any other Act—(Mr Graham Stringer);—It was agreed to.

9 Procedure,—Ordered, That Mr David Drew be discharged from the Procedure Committee and Mr Iain Luke be added.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Meriden and others against the proposed development of a National Stadium on Green Belt Land was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.09 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Taxes,—Variation of Stamp Duties Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3746), dated 27th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Food,—Miscellaneous Food Additives (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3775), dated 26th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

3 Road Traffic,—M25 Motorway (Junctions 10 to 16) (Variable Speed Limits) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3763), dated 16th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

4 Social Care,—Preserved Rights (Transfer of Responsibilities to Local Authorities) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3776), dated 26th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 18th June 2001, made by the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

Other Papers:

6 Pre-Budget Report,—Paper, entitled Pre-Budget Report, November 2001: Building a stronger, fairer Britain in an uncertain world [by Command] [Cm. 5318] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

7 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions Minute, dated 27th November 2001, concerning a contingent liability in respect of General Lighthouse Fund Pensions [by Command] [Mr Secretary Byers].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Government’s Drugs Policy: Is it Working?]; to be printed [No. 318-iv] [Mr Chris Mullin].

2 Statutory Instruments,—Eleventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xi] [Mr David Tredinnick].

3 Trade and Industry,—First Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [End of Life Vehicles Directive], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 299] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

4 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 20th and 27th November [The Bank of England November Inflation Report]; to be printed [Nos. 409-i and -ii] [Mr John McFall].

5 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Transport in Wales]; to be printed [No. 378-ii] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 60; WH, No. 29.]

Tuesday 26th November 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 Nick Ainger);

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 Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill.—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, that it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill and had amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr John Cummings reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft The Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001.

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

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Enforcement of External Orders) Order 2001.

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

4 Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, that it had considered the matter of the Pre-Budget Statement and its implications for Wales, referred to it on 14th November.

5 European Standing Committee C.—Mr Bill Olner reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union documents Nos. 5619/01, the Commission Green Paper, Towards a European Strategy for the Security of Energy Supply, and 7218/01, relating to common rules for the internal market in electricity and natural gas; and supports the Government’s welcome of both these documents as the Green Paper provides analysis of the energy supply situation and the proposed Directive and Regulation would increase competition in the internal energy market and facilitate cross-border trading in electricity and thereby contribute to security of supply.

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

6 Tax Credits Bill.—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Andrew Smith, Secretary Estelle Morris, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Paul Boateng and Ruth Kelly, 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 for tax credits; to amend the law about child benefit and guardian’s allowance; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 59].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Tax Credits Bill be printed [Bill 59–EN].

7 Prime Minister (Office, Role and Functions).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to define the office, role and functions of the Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury; to make arrangements for his appointment; and for connected purposes—(Mr Graham Allen); 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 Graham Allen, Mr Nicholas Winterton, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Mr David Curry, Donald Anderson, Mr Michael Mates, Jean Corston, Mr John Horam, Mr Chris Mullen, Dr Ian Gibson and Mr Edward Leigh do prepare and bring in the Bill.

8 Prime Minister (Office, Role and Functions) Bill.—Mr Graham Allen accordingly presented a Bill to define the office, role and functions of the Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury; to make arrangements for his appointment; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 60].
9 Civil Defence (Grant) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Civil Defence (Grant) 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 Ivor Caplin, Mr John Heppell: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Charles Hendry: 159.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

10 Civil Defence (Grant) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Civil Defence (Grant) 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 Civil Defence (Grant) Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of grants made by a Minister of the Crown to authorities with functions under section 2 of the Civil Defence Act 1948, and

(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Angela Smith).—It was agreed to.

11 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) (No. 2) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 19th November, be approved—(Angela Smith).—It was agreed to.

12 Legal Services Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Community Legal Service (Cost Protection) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 30th October, be approved—(Angela Smith).—It was agreed to.

13 Income Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Lithuania) Order 2001 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 14th November—(Angela Smith).—It was agreed to.

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

14 Income Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan) Order 2001 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 14th November—(Angela Smith).—It was agreed to.

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

15 Nurses and Midwives.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Nursing and Midwifery Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Angela Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr John Heppell: 289.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr David Wilshire: 152.

So the Question was agreed to.

16 Health Professions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Health Professions Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Angela Smith);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr John Heppell: 292.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Charles Hendry: 113.

So the Question was agreed to.

17 Regulatory Reform.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft deregulation, etc., orders), That the draft Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licensing) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Angela Smith);—It was agreed to.

18 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Angela Smith);

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

19 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nick Ainger);

And the Motion having been made at Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Deregulation,—Draft Deregulation (Disposals of Dwelling-houses by Local Authorities) Order 2001, together with a statement by the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions [by Act][Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture,—Environmentally Sensitive Areas (Stage II) Designation (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3774), dated 22nd November 2001 [by Act][Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Financial Services and Markets,—(1) Financial Services and Markets Act (Consequential Amendments) (No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3801), and

dated 28th November 2001 [by Act][Ruth Kelly].


(2) Individual Savings Account (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3778), dated 28th November 2001, and

(3) Personal Equity Plan (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3777), dated 28th November 2001
[by Act][Dawn Primarolo].

5 National Health Service,—(1) Care Trusts (Applications and Consultation) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3788),

(2) National Health Service Trusts (Membership and Procedure) Amendment (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3786), and

(3) Primary Care Trusts (Membership, Procedure and Administration Arrangements) Amendment (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3787),
dated 27th November 2001, and

(4) Health Service Medicines (Information on the Prices of Specified Generic Medicines) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3798)
dated 28th November 2001 [by Act][Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

7 Defence Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Defence Procurement Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 243] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

8 Health and Safety.—Report and Accounts of the Health and Safety Commission for 2000–01, and Accounts of the Health and Safety Executive for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 228] [Clerk of the House].

9 Overseas Development.—Report of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom for the year ending 30th September 2000 [by Act] [Secretary Clare Short].

10 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the Petition [26th March, in the last Session of Parliament] from the Guisborough Amateur Swimming Club and others for the improvement of facilities for swimming in Guisborough [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

11 Regulatory Reform.—Proposal under the Regulatory Reform Act 2001 for a Regulatory Reform (Golden Jubilee Licensing) Order 2002, together with a statement by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

12 Transport.—Paper, entitled Development of a Rural Road Hierarchy for Speed Management: Progress Report October 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

13 Treasury.—Treasury Minute, dated 28th November 2001, concerning contingent liabilities undertaken, and a further proposed contingent liability, in respect of the provision of third party (war and terrorism) insurance cover to UK operating airlines and the UK airline industry [by Command] [Mr Andrew Smith].

14 Wales.—Resource Accounts of the Wales Office (Office of the Secretary of State for Wales) for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 288] [Mr Paul Boateng].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Copyright, etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill.—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee C, and has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman.

2 British Overseas Territories Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D, and has appointed Mr John Butterfill Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr Ivor Caplin, Jeremy Corbyn, Jon Cruddas, Mr Parmjit Dhand, Mr John Grogan, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Eric Joyce, Mr Michael Moore, Anne Picking, Mr John Randall, Bob Russell, Mr Richard Spring, Dr Phyllis Starkey, Mr Michael Trend and Angela Watkinson.

3 Employment Bill:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-two Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Brian Cotter, Mr Philip Hammond, John Healey, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mrs Joan Humble, Alan Johnson, Helen Jones, Norman Lamb, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Tony Lloyd, Judy Mallaber, Rob Marris, Mr George Osborne, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Mark Simmonds, Geraldine Smith, Mark Tami, Malcolm Wicks, Mrs Betty Williams and Hywel Williams.

4 Draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Efficiency Obligations) Order 2001:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Nick Ainger, Vera Baird, Tony Baldry, Mr Colin Breed, Dr Jack Cunningham, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Mark Francois, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Mike O'Brien, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr Clive Soley and Mr Roger Williams.

5 Draft Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Highway Functions) (England) Order 2001 and the draft Street Works (Charges for Occupation of the Highway) (England) Regulations 2001:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order and draft Regulations to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Ms Diane Abbott, Peter Bottomley, Mr Julian Brazier, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Wayne David, Paul Farrelly, Alan Howarth, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Kevin McNamara, Chris Mole, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Phil Woolas, David Wright and Richard Younger-Ross.

6 Draft Social Security (Loss of Benefit) Regulations 2001:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee, viz.: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr James Clappison, Sir Patrick Cormack, Denzil Davies, Mrs Janet Dean, Mr Edward Garnier, Paul Holmes, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Angela Smith, Mr Chris Smith, Dr Rudi Vis, Steve Webb, Malcolm Wicks and Mr James Wray.

7 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Enforcement of External Orders) Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jon Cruddas, Paul Farrelly and Mr James Wray from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution David Cairns, Mr Tom Clarke and Ann McKechin.

8 Draft Driving Licences (Disqualification until Test Passed) (Prescribed Offence) Order 2001.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

European Standing Committees

9 European Union document No. 13425/01, relating to the European Arrest Warrant, 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 Threat from Terrorism]; to be printed [Nos. 348-iii and -iv] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Department for Education and Skills: The Next Four Years]; to be printed [Nos. 304-v] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Departmental Responsibilities for Sustainable Development]; to be printed [No. 326-iii] [Mr John Horam].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Flooding]; to be printed [No. 411-i] [Mr David Curry].

5 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. 152-viii] [Mr Jim Marshall].

6 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Gibraltar]; to be printed [Nos. 413-i and -ii] [Donald Anderson].

7 Public Accounts.—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Giving Confidently: The Role of the Charity Commission in Regulating Charities]; to be printed [No. 412-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [London Underground]; to be printed [No. 387-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [HM Customs and Excise: The Roques Report]; to be printed [No. 371-ii] [Mr John McFall].
Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

[No. 62.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Land Registration Bill [Lords].—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Land Registration Bill [Lords]. That it had come to the following Resolution, which it had directed him to report to the House: That the Committee recommends that the Land Registration Bill [Lords] ought to be read a second time.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 414].

2 Human Reproductive Cloning Bill [Lords] (Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Human Reproductive Cloning Bill [Lords]—

Timetable

1. Proceedings on Second Reading, in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading shall be completed at today’s sitting and shall be brought to a conclusion, if not previously concluded, at Seven o’clock.

Questions to be put

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;
(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 the Bill is reported with Amendments, the House shall proceed to consider the Bill as amended without any Question being put.

4. For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 1 the Speaker or Chairman 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.

5. On a Motion so made for a new Clause or a new Schedule, the Chairman or Speaker shall put only the Question that the Clause or Schedule be added to the Bill.

Miscellaneous

6. Standing Order No. 15(1) (Exempted business) shall apply to proceedings on the Bill at today’s sitting.

7. The proceedings on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after commencement, and Standing Order No. 15(1) shall apply to those proceedings.

8. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply in relation to proceedings on the Bill.
9. No Motion shall be made to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken.

10. No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to the Bill except by a Minister of the Crown.

11. No debate shall be permitted on any Motion to recommit the Bill (whether as a whole or otherwise) and the Speaker shall put forthwith any Question necessary to dispose of the Motion, including the Question on any Amendment moved to the Question.

12. If at today’s sitting a Motion for the adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) stands over to Four o’clock and proceedings on the Bill have begun before that time, the Motion for the adjournment shall stand over until the conclusion of proceedings on the Bill.

13. If the House is adjourned at today’s sitting, or the sitting is suspended, before the conclusion of proceedings on the Bill, no notice shall be required of a Motion made at the next sitting by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order—(Ms Hazel Blears);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Tony McNulty: 259.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Laurence Robertson: 171.

So the Question was agreed to.

3 Human Reproductive Cloning Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Human Reproductive Cloning 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 Human Reproductive Cloning Bill because it does not address the subject of therapeutic cloning; it does not prevent the creation of embryos by cell nuclear replacement; it does not define terms central to the Bill, such as “fertilisation” and “embryo”; and it fails to address the wider issues raised by the prospect of the creation of a cloned human being’, instead thereof.—(Mr Edward Leigh)

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

And it being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [this day].

The Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr Paul Marsden: 49.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr John Heppell: 288.

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.

The House, pursuant to Order [this day], resolved itself into a Committee on the Bill.

(In the Committee)

It being after Seven o’clock, the Chairman put the Questions necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Clauses Nos. 1 and 2 agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Graham Stringer reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made no Amendment thereunto.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question necessary for the disposal of the business to be concluded at Seven o’clock.

The Bill was read the third time and passed, without Amendment.
4 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Carshalton and Wallington and others in favour of the Home Energy Conservation Bill was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter to Eight o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (School Attendance Targets) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3785), dated 27th November 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

2 Health and Safety,—Equipment and Protective Systems Intended for Use in Potentially Explosive Atmospheres (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3766), dated 22nd November 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 Taxes,—Stamp Duty (Disadvantaged Areas) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3747), dated 29th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

Other Papers:

4 Courts and Legal Services,—Report and Accounts of the Court Service for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 356] [Mr Michael Wills].

5 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 29th November 2001, concerning the gifting of surplus Challenger 2 ammunition to the Government of Oman [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

6 Freedom of Information,—Report, under section 87(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, on proposals for bringing fully into force those provisions of the Act which are not yet fully in force [by Act]; to be printed [No. 367] [Mr Michael Wills].

7 Supply Estimates, 2002–03,—Estimates for which a Vote on Account is required for 2002–03 for—

(1) Central Government [by Command]; to be printed [No. 392] [Mr Andrew Smith];

(2) the Electoral Commission [by Command]; to be printed [No. 395] [The Speaker]; and

(3) the House of Commons [by Command]; to be printed [No. 393] [The Speaker].


(a) British Trade International [by Command] [Cm. 5299] [Ms Secretary Hewitt];

(b) the Cabinet Office [by Command] [Cm. 5287] [Mr Secretary Prescott];

(c) the Charity Commission [by Command] [Cm. 5285] [Mr Secretary Blunkett];

(d) the Department for Culture, Media and Sport [by Command] [Cm. 5308] [Secretary Tessa Jowell];

(e) the Department for Education and Skills [by Command] [Cm. 5335] [Secretary Estelle Morris];

(f) the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [by Command] [Cm. 5273] [Secretary Margaret Beckett];

(g) the Department of Health [by Command] [Cm. 5331] [Mr Secretary Milburn];

(h) the Department of Trade and Industry [by Command] [Cm. 5282] [Ms Secretary Hewitt];

(i) the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions [by Command] [Cm. 5294] [Mr Secretary Byers];

(j) the Department for Work and Pensions [by Command] [Cm. 5271] [Mr Secretary Darling];

(k) the Export Credits Guarantee Department [by Command] [Cm. 5272] [Ms Secretary Hewitt];

(l) the Food Standards Agency [by Command] [Cm. 5306] [Mr Secretary Milburn];

(m) HM Customs and Excise [by Command] [Cm. 5292] [Mr Paul Boateng];
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Employment Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton, Mr David Amess and Derek Conway Chairmen of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Carriage by Air Acts (Implementation of the Montreal Convention 1999) Order 2001 and the draft Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Geo Verry Clifton-Brown from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Eric Pickles.

European Standing Committees

3 The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 13425/01, Draft Council Framework Decision on the European Arrest Warrant and the Surrender Procedures between the Member States.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The Role of the Private Sector in the NHS]; to be printed [No. 308-vi] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Service Reform]; to be printed [No. 263-v] [Tony Wright].

3 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Transport in Wales]; to be printed [No. 378-iii] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 62; 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 (Public Participation: Issues and Innovations—Sixth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, Session 2000–01),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned. (Mr Fraser Kemp.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 4th December.

[Adjourned at 5.35 p.m.]
Friday 30th November 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Home Energy Conservation Bill,—The Home Energy Conservation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

2 Housing (Wales) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Wales) Bill;
   And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the business.
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th April.

3 Firearms (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Firearms (Amendment) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

4 Environmental Audit Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Environmental Audit Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

5 Firearms (Replica Weapons) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Firearms (Replica Weapons) Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 15th March.

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)
   And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 3rd December.

[Adjourned at 3 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. 89) on Children’s Services (Quality Protects) Special Grants for 2000–01 and 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 415] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—(1) Derby College (Government) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3810),
   (2) Derby College (Incorporation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3808), and
   (3) Ealing Tertiary College (Dissolution) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3809),
   dated 27th November 2001; and
   (4) Education Development Plans (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3815),
   dated 30th November 2001
   [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

3 Social Security,—Social Security Amendment (Residential Care and Nursing Homes) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3767), dated 26th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

4 Companies,—Report and Accounts of the National College for School Leadership Limited for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

5 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Performance Report for 2000–01 [by Command] [Cm. 5290] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
6 European Communities.—Report by the Department of Trade and Industry on the exercise of powers conferred by certain sections of the European Communities Act 1972 and the Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) Act 1979, for 2000–01 [by Act]: to be printed [No. 148] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Northern Ireland Office Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of Forensic Science Northern Ireland for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 342] [Mr Secretary Reid].

8 Supply Estimates, 2001–02.—Winter Supplementary Estimates for 2001–02 for—
   (1) the Department for International Development [by Command] [Cm. 5334] [Secretary Clare Short];
   (2) the Law Officers’ Departments [by Command] [Cm. 5293] [The Solicitor General]; and
   (3) the Postal Services Commission [by Command] [Cm. 5328] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Driving Licences (Disqualification until Test Passed) (Prescribed Offence) Order 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Tony Lloyd and Mr Frank Roy from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Dr Hywel Francis, Mr David Kidney and Mr Ernie Ross.

2 Employment Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Brian Cotter, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Charles Hendry, Alan Johnson, Mr Bob Laxton, Rob Marris and Mr Ian Pearson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.


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

2 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.

The Government’s Record on the Compilation and Dissemination of Information,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the repeated instances of inadequate or incomplete records of meetings and conversations involving Ministers since 1997; deplores the culture of secrecy and inefficiency evident in the Government’s failure to answer Parliamentary Questions or correspondence adequately and promptly; deprecates the pursuit of cynical news management strategies in all Departments, but notably in the Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions; and urges the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions to change his approach to informing this House and the public—(Mr Tim Collins);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘deplores the attempt by Her Majesty’s Opposition to draw attention away from their lack of coherent policies on public service improvement; welcomes the Government’s determination to uphold the highest standards of integrity and honesty in public life; acknowledges that the Government has been open about the standards Ministers, Civil Servants and Special Advisers are expected to uphold; welcomes the publication of the new Ministerial code including the requirements on greater transparency never seen before, attaching the highest importance to the prompt and efficient handling of Parliamentary Questions and correspondence; and commends the professionalism and integrity with which the Government continues to conduct departmental business in the best traditions of public service’, instead thereof.—(Mrs Barbara Roche.)

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 Laurence Robertson: 157.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Phil Woolas: 279.

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 Phil Woolas: 263.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Laurence Robertson: 160.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House deplores the attempt by Her Majesty’s Opposition to draw attention away from their lack of coherent policies on public service improvement; welcomes the Government’s determination to uphold the highest standards of integrity and honesty in public life; acknowledges that the Government has been open about the standards Ministers, Civil Servants and Special Advisers are expected to uphold; welcomes the publication of the new Ministerial code including the requirements on greater transparency never seen before, attaching the highest importance to the prompt and efficient handling of Parliamentary Questions and correspondence; and commends the professionalism and integrity with which the Government continues to conduct departmental business in the best traditions of public service.

Funding of Public Services,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s statement to the House of 27th November has been contradicted in whole or in part by the Secretary of State for
Health, the Chairman of the Labour Party and Mr Derek Wanless; further notes that the Chancellor of the Exchequer refused to endorse the statement made to the House by the Prime Minister on 28th November; and condemns the total confusion over funding the public services which these contradictions have caused among users and providers of these services—(Mr Michael Howard);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the Pre-Budget Report with its emphasis on delivering high-quality public services accessible to all in society as part of the Government’s wider agenda to match resources with modernisation to progress reform; particularly welcomes Mr Derek Wanless’s interim report “Securing our Future Health: Taking a Long-Term View”, the first comprehensive look at the long term funding needs of the Health Service; notes Mr Wanless’s conclusion that there is no evidence that any alternative financing method to the UK’s would deliver a given quality of healthcare more equitably and at a lower cost to the economy; and reaffirms its support as stated by the Prime Minister and the Chancellor for future increases in public funding and NHS reform to ensure a comprehensive high quality service available on the basis of clinical need and not ability to pay’, instead thereof.—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Julian Brazier: 169.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Nick Ainger: 297.
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 Nick Ainger: 292.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr John Randall: 167.
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 Pre-Budget Report with its emphasis on delivering high-quality public services accessible to all in society as part of the Government’s wider agenda to match resources with modernisation to progress reform; particularly welcomes Mr Derek Wanless’s interim report “Securing our Future Health: Taking a Long-Term View”, the first comprehensive look at the long term funding needs of the Health Service; notes Mr Wanless’s conclusion that there is no evidence that any alternative financing method to the UK’s would deliver a given quality of healthcare more equitably and at a lower cost to the economy; and reaffirms its support as stated by the Prime Minister and the Chancellor for future increases in public funding and NHS reform to ensure a comprehensive high quality service available on the basis of clinical need and not ability to pay.

3 Land Registration Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Land Registration Bill [Lords];

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading committees), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

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

4 Land Registration Bill [Lords] [Ways and Means].—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills). That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Land Registration Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the charging of fees in respect of dealings with the Land Registry.—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—It was agreed to.

5 Land Registration Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Land Registration Bill [Lords] [Money];

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills). That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Land Registration Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Chief Land Registrar or the Lord Chancellor attributable to the Act—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—It was agreed to.
6 Security of Energy Supply.—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. 5619/01, the Commission Green Paper, Towards a European Strategy for the Security of Energy Supply, and 7218/01, relating to common rules for the internal market in electricity and natural gas; and supports the Government’s welcome of both these documents as the Green Paper provides analysis of the energy supply situation and the proposed Directive and Regulation would increase competition in the internal energy market and facilitate cross-border trading in electricity and thereby contribute to security of supply—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—It was agreed to.

7 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 The Local Government Commission for England (Transfer of Functions) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 14th November, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—It was agreed to.

8 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 (Enforcement of External Orders) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 14th November, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—It was agreed to.

9 Adjournment (Christmas).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Wednesday 19th December, do adjourn till Tuesday 8th January 2002—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—It was agreed to.

10 Education and Skills.—Ordered, That Bob Spink be discharged from the Education and Skills Committee and Mr Mark Simmonds be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—Ordered, That, for the purposes of its approval under section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993, the Pre-Budget Report 2001 shall be treated as if it were an instrument subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation).—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

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:

1 Agriculture.—Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3834), dated 3rd December 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Animals.—(1) Fur Farming (Compensation Scheme) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3853), and

(2) Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 13) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3861), dated 3rd December 2001; and

(3) Welfare of Animals (Slaughter or Killing) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3830), dated 30th November 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Education.—(1) Birmingham (Aston and Nechells) Education Action Zone (Extension and Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3847),

(2) Birmingham (Kitts Green and Shard End) Education Action Zone (Extension and Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3837),

(3) East Basildon Education Action Zone (Extension and Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3836),

(4) East Brighton Education Action Zone (Extension and Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3841),

(5) Halifax Education Action Zone (Extension and Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3842),
6 Kingston upon Hull (Bransholme Area) Education Action Zone (Extension and Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3840),
7 Leigh Education Action Zone (Extension and Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3839),
8 North East Sheffield Education Action Zone (Extension and Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3843),
9 North Southwark Education Action Zone (Extension and Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3838),
10 Nottingham (Bulwell) Education Action Zone (Extension and Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3848),
11 Plymouth Education Action Zone (Extension and Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3844),
12 South Tyneside Education Action Zone (Extension and Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3846), and
13 Thetford Education Action Zone (Extension and Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3845),
dated 28th November 2001; and
14 Soundwell College, Bristol (Dissolution) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3833),
dated 29th November 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

5 Medicines,—Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3849), dated 29th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
6 Pesticides,—Plant Protection Products (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3814), dated 30th November 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
7 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3828), dated 27th November 2001 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

Other Papers:

8 Controverted Elections (Fermanagh and South Tyrone, Election Petition),—Copy of the Shorthand Writer’s Notes of the Election Court in which an election petition relating to the return of the Member for the Fermanagh and South Tyrone constituency was heard, together with a copy of the Order made by the Court [The Speaker].
9 Members’ Interests,—Register of Members’ Interests as at 26th November 2001 [pursuant to the Resolutions of 22nd May 1974, 28th June 1993 and 6th November 1995]; to be printed [No. 419] [Clerk of the House].
10 Mental Health,—Report of the Mental Health Act Commission for 1999–2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
11 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Joining Up to Improve Public Services [by Act]; to be printed [No. 383] [Clerk of the House].
12 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions on—
   (1) the Petition [13th November] from Mrs Jonete S. Coates and others in support of speed-reducing measures on the Tollerton Road in Huby, Yorkshire; and
   (2) the Petition [19th November] from ‘Residents Against Dibden Bay Port’ opposing the choice of venue for the public inquiry into Associated British Ports’ application to build a container terminal at Dibden Bay
   [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
13 Supply Estimates, 2001–02,—Winter Supplementary Estimates for 2001–02 for the Scotland Office [by Command] [Cm. 5313] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Adoption and Children Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood an additional Chairman of the Special Standing Committee on the Bill.

3. Draft Driving Licences (Disqualification until Test Passed) (Prescribed Offence) Order 2001.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mr Bill O’Brien.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Radioactive Waste Policy Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Radioactive Waste Policy]; to be printed [No. 407-ii] [Mr David Curry].

2. Human Rights.—Fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill: Further Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 420] [Jean Corston].

3. Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [National Insurance Recording System (NIRS) 2: Contract Extension]; to be printed [No. 423-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

4. Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Job Creation Potential of the Modernised Forth, Clyde and Scottish Union Canal]; to be printed [No. 424-i] [Mrs Irene Adams].

[No. 65.]

Tuesday 4th December 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1. Animal Health Bill.—Mr Eric Ilsley reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Animal Health 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. 431].

2. Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Jimmy Hood reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Driving Licences (Disqualification until Test Passed) (Prescribed Offence) Order 2001. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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:

   European Communities (Finance) Act 2001
   Human Reproductive Cloning Act 2001

4. Health (Patients’ Rights).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the National Health Service to provide a patient with treatment in a private hospital or in a hospital outside the United Kingdom in certain circumstances; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Graham Brady, Mr Frank Field, Dr Ian Gibson, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mrs Marion Roe, Dr Richard Taylor, Mr Nicholas Winterton and Mr John Burnett do prepare and bring it in.

5. Health (Patients’ Rights) Bill.—Mr Graham Brady accordingly presented a Bill to require the National Health Service to provide a patient with treatment in a private hospital or in a hospital outside the United Kingdom in certain circumstances; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 18th January and to be printed [Bill 61].
6 Education Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Education 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 schools should be given greater freedom to use innovative methods to deliver improvements in standards, declines to give a Second Reading to the Education Bill because it contains nothing that will help schools solve real problems such as falling standards of discipline and the teacher crisis; gives even more power to the Secretary of State instead of devolving power down to schools and head teachers; effectively ends any kind of local democratic control of schools; and because it adds new tiers of bureaucracy to the organisation of education, increasing still further the already overwhelming bureaucratic burden on teachers’, instead thereof.—(Mr Damian Green.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 188.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Jim Fitzpatrick: 325.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (Amendment on second or third reading);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Jim Fitzpatrick: 323.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 188.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

7 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Motion in the name of Mr Robin Cook relating to Business of the House may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Fraser Kemp);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Jim Fitzpatrick: 305.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 190.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Education Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the Education Bill:

Standing Committee

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

Programming of proceedings

2. All proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further message from the Lords) shall be programmed.

Proceedings in Standing Committee

3. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on 24th January 2002.

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

Consideration and Third Reading

5. 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.

6. 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 proceedings on consideration are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o’clock on that day.

7. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—(Mr Fraser Kemp);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Jim Fitzpatrick: 349.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 136.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Education Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Education Bill [Money]:

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

(1) any sums required by the Secretary of State for the purpose of providing financial assistance under the Act,

(2) any other expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State by virtue of the Act, and

(3) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which by virtue of any other Act are payable out of money provided by Parliament—(Mr Graham Stringer):—It was agreed to.

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

(1) the charging by Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools in England or Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales of fees in respect of the inspection of independent schools, and

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

11 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 Carriage by Air Acts (Implementation of the Montreal Convention 1999) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Mr Graham Stringer):—It was agreed to.

12 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 Carriage by Air Acts (Application of Provisions) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 16th November, be approved—(Mr Graham Stringer):—It was agreed to.

13 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That—

(1) At the sittings on Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th December, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Lords Messages relating to the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill have been received; and

(2) At the sitting on Thursday 13th December, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until he shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Act agreed upon by both Houses—(Mr Stephen Twigg);

_Mr Paul Tyler 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):—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker accordingly ordered the withdrawal from the House of those other than Members or Officers.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Debate be now adjourned—(Mr Douglas Hogg);

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.41 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Income Tax,—Double Taxation Relief (Surrender of Relievable Tax Within a Group) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3873), dated 4th December 2001 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].


3 Trade Marks,—Trade Marks (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3832), dated 29th November 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

4 Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 4th December 2001, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Services specified in the Winter Summary Supplementary Report for Supply [by Act] [Mr Andrew Smith].

5 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 4th December 2001, concerning a proposed contingent liability in respect of the Ministry of Defence’s agreement with QinetiQ on the allocation of pre-vesting liabilities [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

6 Oil and Pipelines,—Report and Accounts of the Oil and Pipelines Agency for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 Police,—(1) National Crime Squad Grant Report 2002–03, and
   (2) National Criminal Intelligence Service Grant Report 2002–03 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 Police (Northern Ireland),—Third Report of the Office of the Oversight Commissioner for 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

9 Supply Estimates, 2001–02,—Winter Supplementary Estimates and Summary Supplementary Request for Supply for 2001–02 for Central Government [by Command]; to be printed [No. 391] [Mr Andrew Smith].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [The Sport of Swimming]; to be printed [No. 418-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Foreign Affairs,—First Report from the Foreign Affairs 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. 413] [Donald Anderson].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Prisons]; to be printed [No. 428] [Mr Chris Mullin].

4 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [The Effectiveness of the Reforms of European Development Assistance]; to be printed [No. 417-i] [Tony Baldry].

5 Statutory Instruments,—Twelfth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xii] [Brian White].

6 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Energy Policy: Security of Supply]; to be printed [No. 364-v and -vi] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

7 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Departmental Estimates and Annual Report 2001 and Recent Policy Developments]; to be printed [No. 373-ii] [Andrew Bennett]

8 Treasury,—(1) Eighth Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee (Session 2000–01) on HM Treasury]; to be printed [No. 429]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [2001 Pre-Budget Report]; to be printed [No. 430-i] [Mr John McFall].
9 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Farming and food prices in Wales]; to be printed [No. 427-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 65; WH, No. 32.]

Tuesday 4th December 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 John Heppell);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 66.]

Wednesday 5th December 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Derek Conway reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Efficiency Obligations) Order 2001.

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

2 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Chidgey reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Transport Act 2000 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2001.

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

3 Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs etc.).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the carriage of disabled persons accompanied by guide dogs, hearing dogs or other assistance dogs by drivers and operators of private hire vehicles; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr David Amess, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Tom Clarke, Harry Cohen, Mr Edward Davey, Alice Mahon, Mr Colin Pickthall and the Reverend Martin Smyth do prepare and bring it in.

4 Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs etc.) Bill,—Mr Neil Gerrard accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the carriage of disabled persons accompanied by guide dogs, hearing dogs or other assistance dogs by drivers and operators of private hire vehicles; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 25th January and to be printed [Bill 62].

5 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Orders Nos. 114 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (legislative proposals and other matters relating exclusively to Northern Ireland)) and 116 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (sittings)), That—

(1) the Proposal for a draft Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order, being a legislative proposal relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Thursday 13th December at 2.30 p.m.; and

(3) at that meeting—

(a) the Committee shall consider the Proposal for a draft Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order referred to it under paragraph (1) above;

(b) the Chairman shall interrupt proceedings at 4.30 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 paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 116 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (sittings))—(Mrs Anne McGuire).—It was agreed to.
Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 117 (Standing Committee on Regional Affairs), That—

1. the matter of regional governance in England, being a matter relating to regional affairs in England, be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs;

2. the Committee do meet at Ten o’clock on Tuesday 18th December at Westminster to consider the matter referred to it under paragraph (1) above; and

3. the proceedings at the meeting be brought to a conclusion at half-past Twelve o’clock—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

Business of the House.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That—

1. At the sittings on Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th December, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Lords Messages relating to the Anti-terrorist, Crime and Security Bill have been received; and

2. At the sitting on Thursday 13th December, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until he shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Act agreed upon by both Houses; and

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Smith, Mr Ian Pearson: 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Charles Hendry: 152.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That—

1. At the sittings on Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th December, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Lords Messages relating to the Anti-terrorist, Crime and Security Bill have been received; and

2. At the sitting on Thursday 13th December, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until he shall have reported the Royal Assent to any Act agreed upon by both Houses.

Adjournment (European Affairs),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nick Ainger);

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

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Angela Smith.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Police,—Paper, entitled Policing a New Century: a Blueprint for Reform [by Command] [Cm. 5326] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 School Inspections,—Resource Accounts of the Office of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools in England for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 403] [Mr Paul Boateng].

3 Statutory Instruments,—Report to the Lord Chancellor and the Speaker from the Statutory Instruments Reference Committee—

That it had considered references from the Rt. Hon. Charles Kennedy MP and Robbie the Pict concerning the classification, printing and publication of the Invergarry–Kyle of Lochalsh Trunk Road (A87) Extension (Skye Bridge Crossing) Special Road Scheme 1992 (S.I., 1992, No. 1499), the Invergarry–Kyle of Lochalsh Trunk Road Scheme (A87) Extension (Skye Bridge Crossing) Special Road (Side Roads) Order 1992 (S.I., 1992, No. 1500), and the Invergarry–Kyle of Lochalsh Trunk Road Scheme (A87) Extension (Skye Bridge Crossing) Toll Order 1992 (S.I., 1992, No. 1501) and is satisfied that the three
instruments were correctly classified and therefore exempt from the requirements of section 2(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946 with respect to printing and sale of copies [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Home Energy Conservation 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: Mr John Baron, Mr Harold Best, Mr Tim Boswell, Dr Vincent Cable, Sir Sydney Chapman, Sue Doughty, Mr Huw Edwards, Dr Ian Gibson, Jane Griffiths, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr David Lepper, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr Alan Simpson and Dr Desmond Turner.

2 Civil Defence (Grant) Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E, and has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Tim Collins, Mr Michael Connarty, Geraint Davies, Jane Griffiths, Phil Hope, Mr Chris Leslie, Mr Tom Levitt, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Mark Oaten and Richard Younger-Ross.

3 Education Bill:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Vernon Coaker, Caroline Flint, Dr Hywel Francis, Chris Grayling, Mr John Heppell, Dr Ashok Kumar, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr David Laws, Mr Ivan Lewis, Mr David Miliband, Mr Stephen O’Brien, James Purnell, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Andrew Turner and Mr Phil Willis.

4 Land Registration Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D, and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Harry Barnes, Andy Burnham, Mr William Cash, Mr Tony Clarke, Jim Dobbin, Sue Doughty, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Mark Hoban, Lynne Jones, Rob Marris, Mr Gordon Marsden, Stephen O’Brien, Mr Bill Rammell, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Graham Stringer and Mr Michael Wills.

5 Draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Efficiency Obligations) Order 2001,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Terry Rooney from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Peter Bradley.

6 Government’s Assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2001 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: John Austin, Mr John Bercow, Harry Cohen, Tom Cox, Mr Edward Davey, Clive Efford, Mr Adrian Flook, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Neil Gerrard, Ruth Kelly, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Michael Moore, Mr John Randall, Joan Ryan and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

7 Draft Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Highway Functions) (England) Order 2001 and the draft Street Works (Charges for Occupation of the Highway) (England) Regulations 2001,—The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders, in place of Mr Win Griffiths.
8 Variation of Stamp Duties Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3746):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Fourth Standing Committee on
       Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the
       Committee: Mr Paul Boateng, Mr Martin Caton, Mr David Clelland, Mr Edward
       Davey, Sue Doughty, Mr Howard Flight, Paul Flynn, Mr Nick Gibb, Mr Gerald
       Howarth, Mr Peter Luff, Alice Mahon, Phil Sawford, Jim Sheridan, Helen Southworth,
       Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Tony Worthington.

9 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam
   Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on
   Thursday 13th December.

European Standing Committees

10 European Standing Committee B.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fabian
   Hamilton from European Standing Committee B; and nominated in substitution Paul
   Farrelly.

11 European Standing Committee C.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David
   Borrow and Kevin Brennan from European Standing Committee C; and nominated in
   substitution Tony Cunningham and Mr Dai Havard.

Private Business

12 Provisional Orders (Scotland) (Panel).—The Committee of Selection, in pursuance of
   Standing Order 228 relating to Private Business (Parliamentary panel), has selected
   thirteen Members to form the Parliamentary Panel of Members of this House to act as
   Commissioners under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936: Miss Anne
   Begg, David Cairns, Mr Peter Duncan, David Hamilton, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Iain Luke,
   Mr Calum MacDonald, Rosemary McKenna, Mr Michael Moore, Anne Picking, Mr
   Alan Reid, John Robertson and Mr Mohammed Sarwar.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Administration.—First Report from the Administration Committee [The Summer Line of
   Route—the 2001 opening and proposals for the future], together with an Appendix; to
   be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No.
   433] [Mrs Marion Roe].

2 Defence.—First Report from the Defence Committee [The Ministry of Defence Police:
   Changes in Jurisdiction proposed under the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill
   2001], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 382] [Mr Bruce
   George].

3 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills
   Committee [Work of OFSTED]; to be printed [No. 437-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit
   Committee [Pre-Budget Report]; to be printed [No. 363-ii] [Mr John Horam].

5 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment,
   Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Work of the National Forest Company]; to be
   printed [No. 432] [Mr David Curry].

6 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. 152-ix]
   [Mr Jimmy Hood].

7 Foreign Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee
   [Laeken European Council]; to be printed [No. 435-i];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the
       War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 384-ii]; and
   (3) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Government Policy Towards the
       Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Wider Region Following the Fall of Milosevic]
       [Donald Anderson].
8 Northern Ireland Affairs.—First Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Introduction of the Aggregates Levy in Northern Ireland], 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. 333] [Mr Michael Mates].

9 Public Accounts.—(1) Ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Tackling Obesity in England]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 421];

(2) Tenth Report from the Committee [The Acquisition of German Parcel]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating the Report [No. 422]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Auction of Radio Spectrum for the Third Generation of Mobile Telephones] [No. 436-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

10 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Empty Homes]; to be printed [No. 240-iv] [Andrew Bennett]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [London Underground]; to be printed [No. 387-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee ['ONE' Pilots: Lessons for Jobcentre Plus]; to be printed [No. 426-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 66; WH, No. 33.]

Wednesday 5th December 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 Nick Ainger);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 67.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 British Overseas Territories Bill [Lords],—Mr John Butterfill reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the British Overseas Territories Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 10th December, and to be printed [Bill 60].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 438].

2 Prime Minister (Office, Role and Functions) Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Prime Minister (Office, Role and Functions) Bill be printed [Bill 60–EN].

3 Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Secretary Reid, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Blunkett and Jane Kennedy, presented a Bill to provide for the extension of the amnesty period fixed by section 2 of the Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 10th December and to be printed [Bill 63].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning (Amendment) Bill be printed [Bill 63–EN].
4 Adjournment (Common Fisheries Policy Reform and Sustainable Fisheries).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);

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

5 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Angela Smith.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 10th December.

Adjourned at 7.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Alpha Telecom Communications Limited) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3869),

(2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Eigernet Limited) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3870),

(3) Public Telecommunication System Designation (LETel Limited) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3871),

(4) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Midlands Electricity PLC) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3868),

(5) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Sprintlink UK Limited) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3866), and


2 Trustees,—Public Trustee (Notices Affecting Land) (Title on Death) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3902), dated 5th December 2001 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

Other Papers:

3 Churches Conservation,—(1) Review, Report and Financial Statements, and

(2) Report and Accounts

of the Churches Conservation Trust for 2000–01 [by Measure] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

4 Criminal Statistics,—Criminal Statistics for England and Wales for 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 5312] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Account of the Ministry of Defence Police Chief Constable for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 291] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

6 Science and Technology,—Accounts of the Medical Research Council for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 434] [Clerk of the House].

7 Supply Estimates, 2002–03,—Estimates for the National Audit Office, for which a Vote on Account is required for 2002–03 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 394] [Mr Alan Williams].

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

(1) Alpha Telecom Communications Limited,

(2) Eigernet Limited,

(3) LETel Limited,

(4) Midlands Electricity PLC,

(5) Sprintlink UK Limited, and

(6) SSE Telecommunications Limited [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

Education Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Irene Adams and Mr Mike Hancock Chairmen of Standing Committee G in respect of the Bill.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The Role of the Private Sector in the NHS]; to be printed [No. 308-vii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Public Administration,—(1) Second Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [The Ministerial Code: Improving the Rule Book—The Government Response to the Committee’s Third Report of Session 2000–01], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 439]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Public Service Reform]; to be printed [No. 263-vi]
   [Tony Wright].

3 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [2001 Pre-Budget Report]; to be printed [No. 430-ii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 67; 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 (Government Policy towards the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the Wider Region following the Fall of Milosevic—Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2000–01, and the Government’s Response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr John Heppell.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 11th December.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]
Monday 10th December 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Income Tax,—The Vice Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, that its Addresses of 28th November had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Lithuania) Order 2001 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan) Order 2001 be made in the form of the drafts laid before your House on 14th November.

I will comply with your request.

2 Death of a Member,—The Speaker made the following communication to the House:

I regret to have to report to the House the death of Sir Raymond Powell, Member for Ogmore. I am sure that Members on all sides will join me in mourning the loss of a colleague and in extending our sympathy to the honourable Member’s family and friends.

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Cran reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Government’s Assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2001 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.

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

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Cran reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Highway Functions) (England) Order 2001 and the draft Street Works (Charges for Occupation of the Highway) (England) Regulations 2001.

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

5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nigel Beard reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security (Loss of Benefit) Regulations 2001.

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

6 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Win Griffiths reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 13425/01, Draft Council Framework Decision on the European Arrest Warrant and the Surrender Procedures between the Member States; and supports the Government’s active participation in the debate on the draft Framework Decision and the Government’s intention to ensure that extradition within the European Union takes place on the basis of the principles of mutual recognition.

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

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

National Heritage Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make further provision in relation to the functions of the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

8 Tax Credits Bill,—The Tax Credits Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

9 Tax Credits Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the Tax Credits Bill:

Committal

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

Programming of proceedings

(2) All proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) shall be programmed.
Proceedings in Standing Committee

(3) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 24th January 2002.

(4) The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

(5) 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.

(6) 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 proceedings on consideration are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o’clock on that day.

(7) Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—(Mr John Heppell);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr John Heppell: 314.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Julian Brazier: 155.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 Tax Credits Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Tax Credits Bill [Money];

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

(1) the deduction of payments for or in respect of tax credits from the gross revenues of the department of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue,

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

(a) any expenditure of a Minister of the Crown or that department under or by virtue of the Act, and

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

(3) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Angela Smith):—It was agreed to.

11 Road Traffic.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Driving Licences (Disqualification until Test Passed) (Prescribed Offence) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Angela Smith):—It was agreed to.

12 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 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Angela Smith):—It was agreed to.

13 Electricity.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Efficiency Obligations) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 14th November, be approved—(Angela Smith):—It was agreed to.

14 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Andrew Hunter be discharged from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Mr Keith Simpson be added to the Committee.—(Mr Keith Hill, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

15 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Billericay and district and others urging the Home Secretary to increase the resources available to Essex police was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

16 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Angela Smith.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nineteen minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 10.41 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 7th December 2001 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1. **Countryside**,—Peak District National Park Authority (Restriction of Agricultural Operations) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3913), dated 6th December 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2. **Electricity**,—Electricity from Non-Fossil Fuel Sources (Locational Flexibility) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3914), dated 6th December 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3. **Local Government**,—Local Authorities (Referendums) (Petitions and Directions) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3915), dated 7th December 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

4. **Public Health**,—Motor Fuel (Composition and Content) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3896), dated 5th December 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5. **Road Traffic**,—Drivers’ Hours (Goods Vehicles) (Milk Collection) (Temporary Exemption) (Revocation) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3908), dated 6th December 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 10th December 2001:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

   (2) Rural Development Grants (Agriculture and Forestry) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3897), and
   (3) Slaughter Premium (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3906), dated 6th December 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

8. **Banks and Banking**,—Protection of the Euro against Counterfeiting Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3948), dated 10th December 2001 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

9. **Designs**,—(1) Registered Designs (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3950), and
   (2) Registered Designs (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3951), dated 8th December 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


11. **European Communities**,—Rural Development Grants (Local Communities) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3899), dated 6th December 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

12. **Medicines**,—Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3942), dated 9th December 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

   (2) Non-Domestic Rating (Designation of Rural Areas) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3916), dated 7th December 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


15. **Water**,—Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3911), dated 7th December 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].
Other Papers:

16 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions on the Petition [20th November] from the residents of Canvey Island against the proposed erection of a mobile telephone antenna and cabin [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Education Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Graham Brady, Mr Vernon Coaker, Dr Hywel Francis, Mr John Heppell, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr Phil Willis members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee G in respect of the Bill.

2 Government’s Assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2001 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Harry Cohen, Clive Efford, Mr Barry Gardiner and Joan Ryan from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Assessment); and nominated in substitution Lawrie Quinn, Mr Terry Rooney, Ms Gisela Stuart and Ms Claire Ward.

3 Draft Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Highway Functions) (England) Order 2001 and the draft Street Works (Charges for Occupation of the Highway) (England) Regulations 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Glenda Jackson and David Wright from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order and draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Alan Howarth and Syd Rapson.

4 Draft Social Security (Loss of Benefit) Regulations 2001.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr James Wray from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Anthony D. Wright.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Post-16 Student Support]; to be printed [No. 445-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Public Accounts.—(1) Eleventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Office of Gas and Electricity Markets: Giving Domestic Customers a Choice of Electricity Supplier]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 446]:

(2) Twelfth Report from the Committee [The Radiocommunications Agency’s joint venture with CMG]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 447]; and

(3) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 2001]; to be printed [No. 448-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee.—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

2 Civil Defence (Grant) Bill.—Mr Win Griffiths reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Civil Defence (Grant) Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 67].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 450].

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr John Cummings reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Variation of Stamp Duties Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3746).

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 68].

6 Sex Discrimination (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Sex Discrimination Act 1975; to make provision with respect to discrimination concerning the provision of goods, facilities, services and access to governance by private member clubs; and to continue to permit wholly single-sex clubs and sporting events: And that Mr Robert Walter, Mr Anthony Steen, Joan Ruddock, Mr John Burnett, Mr David Curry and Derek Wyatt do prepare and bring it in.

7 Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Robert Walter accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Sex Discrimination Act 1975; to make provision with respect to discrimination concerning the provision of goods, facilities, services and access to governance by private member clubs; and to continue to permit wholly single-sex clubs and sporting events: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th March and to be printed [Bill 66].

8 Estimates [1st allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [26th November], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee).

Vote on Account, 2002–03.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That resources, not exceeding £1,489,011,000, be authorised, on account, for use during the year ending on 31st March 2003, and that a sum, not exceeding £1,488,290,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for the year ending on 31st March 2003 for expenditure by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport—(Mr Richard Caborn);

The Debate was concluded, and the Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of Estimates).

Vote on Account, 2002–03.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That resources, not exceeding £955,500,000, be authorised, on account, for use during the year ending on 31st March 2003, and that a sum, not exceeding £993,621,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for the year ending on 31st March 2003 for expenditure by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs—(Mr Michael Meacher);

And it being Ten o'clock, the Speaker interrupted the proceedings, and the Question necessary to dispose of those proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of Estimates).
The Speaker, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of Estimates), put the deferred Questions on Vote on Account, 2002–03.

Resolved, That resources, not exceeding £1,489,011,000, be authorised, on account, for use during the year ending on 31st March 2003, and that a sum, not exceeding £1,488,290,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for the year ending on 31st March 2003 for expenditure by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport.

Resolved, That resources, not exceeding £955,500,000, be authorised, on account, for use during the year ending on 31st March 2003, and that a sum, not exceeding £993,621,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for the year ending on 31st March 2003 for expenditure by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

9 Estimates.—The Speaker then put the Questions required to be put, pursuant to paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.).

Supplementary Estimates, 2001–02

Resolved, That further resources, not exceeding £6,469,599,000, be authorised for use for defence and civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2002, and that a further sum, not exceeding £7,238,134,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the cost of defence and civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2002, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 391.

Resolved, That resources, not exceeding £122,901,958,000, be authorised, on account, for use for defence and civil services for the year ending 31st March 2003, and that a sum, not exceeding £122,332,660,000, 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 2003, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 392, 393, 394 and 395.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions relating to Supplementary Estimates and Vote on Account; And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Andrew Smith, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Paul Boateng and Ruth Kelly do prepare and bring it in.

10 Consolidated Fund Bill.—Mr Paul Boateng accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the service of the years ending on 31st March 2002 and 2003 and to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on 31st March 2002 and 2003: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 65].

11 Contracting Out.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Local Authorities (Contracting Out of Highway Functions) (England) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 21st November, be approved—(Mr Nick Ainger):—It was agreed to.

12 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 Occupation of the Highway) (England) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 21st November, be approved—(Mr Nick Ainger):—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 (Loss of Benefit) Regulations 2001, which were laid before this House on 22nd November, be approved—(Mr Nick Ainger):—It was agreed to.

14 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), That this House takes note with approval of the Government’s assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2001 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993—(Mr Nick Ainger):—It was agreed to.

15 European Arrest Warrant and the Surrender Procedures between Member States.—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. 13425/01, Draft Council Framework Decision on the European Arrest Warrant and the Surrender Procedures between the Member States; and supports
the Government’s active participation in the debate on the draft Framework Decision and the Government’s intention to ensure that extradition within the European Union takes place on the basis of the principles of mutual recognition—(Mr Nick Ainger);

And the Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Order [28th June].

16 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.32 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Environmental Impact Assessment (Uncultivated Land and Semi-natural Areas)(England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3966), dated 10th December 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Animals,—The BSE Monitoring (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3960), dated 10th December 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—(1) Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3971), and

(2) Gaming Machines (Maximum Prizes) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3970), dated 8th December 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

4 Cultural Objects,—Return of Cultural Objects (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3972), dated 10th December 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

5 Disabled Persons,—(1) Rail Vehicle Accessibility (C2C Class 357/0 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3955),

(2) Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Croydon Tramlink Class CR4000 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3952),

(3) Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Gatwick Express Class 460 Vehicles) Exemption (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3954), and

(4) Rail Vehicle Accessibility (ScotRail Class 170/4 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3953), dated 10th December 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


(2) Friendly Societies (Provisional Repayments for Exempt Business) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3973), and


7 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3961), dated 11th December 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

8 Medicines,—Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3964), dated 6th December 2001 [by Act][Mr Secretary Milburn].

9 National Health Service,—National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment (No. 7) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3963), dated 10th December 2001 [by Act][Mr Secretary Milburn].


Other Papers:

12 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Account of the National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for Scotland for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 404] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

13 Sport,—Report and Summary Accounts of UK Sport for 2000–01 [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

14 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Paper, entitled, Strong Local Leadership—Quality Public Services [by Command] [Cm. 5327] [Mr Secretary Byers].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Land Registration Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Rob Marris from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Chris Mole.

2 Variation of Stamp Duties Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3746),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Clelland and Paul Flynn from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Dr Brian Iddon and Jim Knight.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform,—Third Report from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee [The Draft 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. 449] [Mr Peter Pike].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Second Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [British-US Relations], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 327] [Donald Anderson].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Government’s Drugs Policy: Is it Working?] [No. 318-v] [Mr Chris Mullin].

4 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Memorandum laid before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [Modernisation of the House of Commons: A Reform Programme for Consultation]; to be printed [No. 440] [Mr Robin Cook].

5 Statutory Instruments,—Thirteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xiii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

6 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Consignia]; to be printed [No. 430-iii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

7 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [2001 Pre-Budget Report]; to be printed [No. 430-iii] [Mr John McFall].

8 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Farming and food prices in Wales]; to be printed [No. 427-ii] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 69; WH, No. 35.]

Tuesday 11th December 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 Tony McNulty);

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 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill, as amended in the Committee.

   Bill to be read the third time.

2 Food Poverty (Eradication).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in 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 that Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Don Foster, Mr David Amess, Alice Mahon, Mr David Drew, Tom Brake, Dr Howard Stoate, Peter Bottomley, Ms Diane Abbott, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Tony Colman and Mr David Chaytor do prepare and bring it in.

3 Food Poverty (Eradication) Bill,—Mr Alan Simpson accordingly 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 19th July and to be printed [Bill 69].

4 Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill (Programme No. 3),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 19th November:

Concideration of Lords Amendments

1.—(1) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed at today’s sitting and shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) at midnight.

   (2) Those proceedings shall be taken in the order shown in the following Table and shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) at the time specified in the second column of the Table.

   **Lords Amendments** | **Time for conclusion of proceedings**
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Amendments to Parts 3, 10, 11 and 13 | 8.15 p.m.
Amendments to Part 4 | 9.30 p.m.
Amendments to Part 5 | 10.45 p.m.
Amendments to Part 14 | 11.30 p.m.
Remaining Amendments | midnight

Subsequent stages

2.—(1) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question put.

   (2) The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) one hour after their commencement—(Mr Nick Ainger);

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Phil Woolas: 324.

   Tellers for the Noes, Tom Brake, Mr Peter Atkinson: 195.

   So the Question was agreed to.

5 Adjournment (International Terrorism),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nick Ainger);

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

6 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 [28th June]:

   European Arrest Warrant and the Surrender Procedures between Member States,—That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 13425/01, Draft Council Framework Decision on the European Arrest Warrant and the Surrender Procedures between the Member States; and supports the Government’s active participation in the
debate on the draft Framework Decision and the Government’s intention to ensure that extradition within the European Union takes place on the basis of the principles of mutual recognition.

Ayes: 333.
Noes: 146.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 5.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Secretary Blunkett);

And it being a quarter past Eight o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 48.

Amendments ((a) and (b)) were made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 6.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Secretary Blunkett);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Tony McNulty: 320.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Charles Hendry: 213.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 8, 38, 40 and 44 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 7, 39, 41 to 43, 45 to 47 and 49 to 64 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 43.

Lords Amendment No. 9.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Secretary Blunkett);

And it being half-past Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendments Nos. 10 to 22 were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Amendment ((a)) be made to the Bill instead of words left out of the Bill by Lords Amendments Nos. 21 and 22, and consequential Amendments ((b) to (f)) be made to the Bill—(Mr Secretary Blunkett);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Graham Stringer: 294.

Tellers for the Noes, Tom Brake, Bob Russell: 85.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 23.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Beverley Hughes);
And it being a quarter to Eleven o’clock, the Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Graham Stringer: 307.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Tom Brake: 236.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Speaker then put the Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 65 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 66.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Secretary Blunkett);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr John Heppell: 322.
Tellers for the Noes, Tom Brake, Mr Charles Hendry: 215.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

It being after half-past Eleven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 66 disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 1.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Secretary Blunkett);

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And it being midnight, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 4, 24 to 37 and 67 to 70 were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 5, 6, 8, 38, 40 and 44;

That Paul Goggins, Mr Dominic Grieve, Beverley Hughes, Simon Hughes and Mrs Anne McGuire be members of the Committee;
That Beverley Hughes be the Chairman of the Committee;
That three be the quorum of the Committee;
That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

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

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 56 (Consolidated Fund Bills), That the Bill be now read a second time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

And the Question being put forthwith, That the Bill be now read the third time:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
9 Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Ordered, That Mr Russell Brown, Mr John Burnett, David Cairns, Mr Martin Caton, Mr Colin Challen, Sir Patrick Cormack, Jim Dobbie, Paul Farrelly, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr John MacDougall, Mr Nicholas Soames and Mr Anthony Steen be members of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

10 Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill.—Beverley Hughes reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reasons, which it had directed her to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Amendments Nos. 5, 6, 8, 40 and 44 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:—

Because it is not appropriate to limit the power conferred by this Clause in the manner proposed by the Amendment.

The Commons disagree to Amendment No. 38 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:—

Because it is not appropriate to limit the power conferred by this Part of the Bill in the manner proposed by the Amendment.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons with the Bill and Amendments.

11 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Leominster for Herefordshire Council to relocate Travellers in Leominster to a dedicated site and increase police funding,

(2) residents of the villages in the south sector of the borough of Rugby for an increase in the number of policemen on the beat in the southern sector of the borough of Rugby, and

(3) Margaret Edgington of Colchester, schoolteachers, parents and others for measures to facilitate the Foundation Stage of the National Curriculum

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

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Pearson.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.34 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education (Wales),—Special Educational Needs Tribunal (Time Limits) (Wales) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3982), dated 8th December 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

2 Environmental Protection,—Noise Emission in the Environment by Equipment for use Outdoors (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3958), dated 9th December 2001 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


4 Libraries,—Public Lending Right Scheme 1982 (Commencement of Variations) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3984), dated 11th December 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

5 Public Health,—Private and Voluntary Health Care (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3968), dated 11th December 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
6 Social Care,—(1) Care Homes Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3965), and
   (2) National Care Standards Commission (Registration) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3969),
   dated 11th December 2001; and
   (3) National Care Standards Commission (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3980), dated 12th December 2001
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

7 Social Welfare,—Children’s Homes Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3967), dated 11th December 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

8 Covent Garden Market,—Report and Accounts of the Covent Garden Market Authority for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

9 Inland Revenue,—Consolidated Resource Accounts of the Department of Inland Revenue for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 425] [Mr Paul Boateng].

10 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the Natural History Museum for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 451] [Clerk of the House].

11 National Lottery,—Accounts of the Film Council Lottery Distribution for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 455] [Clerk of the House].

12 Telecommunications,—Resource Accounts of the Office of Telecommunications for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 416] [Mr Paul Boateng].

13 United Nations,—(1) High Court of Judiciary (Proceedings in the Netherlands) (United Nations) (Variation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3918), dated 11th December 2001 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Liddell]; and
   (2) United Nations (International Tribunal) (Rwanda) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3920), dated 11th December 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Tax Credits Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee: Vera Baird, Ms Karen Buck, Roger Casale, Mr James Clappison, Jon Cruddas, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Howard Flight, Mr Mark Hoban, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, James Purnell, Helen Southworth, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Hugo Swire, Steve Webb and Richard Younger-Ross.

2 Copyright, etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill,—The Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill: Mr Nigel Beard, Mr Chris Bryant, Dr Vincent Cable, David Cairns, Mrs Anne Campbell, Brian Cotter, Ross Cranston, Michael Fabricant, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Stephen Pound, Paddy Tipping, Mr Mark Todd, Mr Nigel Waterson and Mr Nicholas Winterton.

3 Education Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths an additional Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Bill.

4 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 89) (House of Commons Paper No. 415) on Children’s Services (Quality Protects) Special Grant for 2000–01 and 2001–02:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the First 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: Mr Graham Allen, Sir Paul Beresford, Mrs Patsy Calton, Mr David Chaytor, Ross Cranston, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Jeff Ennis, Jim Fitzpatrick, Paul Flynn, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Tim Loughton, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Gordon Prentice, Dr John Pugh, Jacqui Smith and Mr David Wilshire.

Grand Committees

5 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr James Cran, Mr Andrew Mackay and Mr John Taylor from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Quentin Davies and Mr John Hayes.

Standing Committee on Regional Affairs

6 The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of its meeting on Tuesday 18th December.

European Standing Committees

7 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 5th December 2001, submitted by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, relating to Fisheries: Total Allowable Catches and Quotas 2002, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

8 The Speaker has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Documents Nos. 8261/01 and 9326/01 concerning Broad Economic Guidelines.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—(1) Second Report from the Defence Committee [The Threat from Terrorism], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 348]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Threat from Terrorism]
[Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Department for Education and Skills: the next four years]; to be printed [No. 304-vii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Individual Learning Accounts]
[Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 European Scrutiny.—(1) Tenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-s];

(2) First Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Fifth Report from the Committee, on the Convention to prepare for the 2004 Inter-Governmental Conference]; to be printed [No. 457]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Democracy and Accountability in the EU and the Role of the National Parliaments]; to be printed [No. 347-ii]
[Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Zimbabwe]; to be printed [No. 456-i] [Donald Anderson].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Fourth Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Government Observations on the Third Report of the Committee, Session 2000-01, on Relocation following Paramilitary Intimidation]; to be printed [No. 461] [Mr Michael Mates].

6 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Managing the relationship to secure a successful partnership in PFI projects] [No. 460-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
7 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Cancer Research—A Follow-Up]; to be printed [No. 444-i] [Dr Ian Gibson].

8 Scottish Affairs,—Second Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Job Creation Potential of the Modernised Forth, Clyde and Union Canal], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 424] [Mrs Irene Adams].

9 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Reviews of the DTI structure and business support]; to be printed [No. 454-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

10 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Empty Homes]; to be printed [No. 240-v] [Andrew Bennett]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Departmental Estimates and Annual Report 2001 and Recent Policy Developments]; to be printed [No. 373-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [‘ONE’ Pilots: Lessons for Jobcentre Plus]; to be printed [No. 426-ii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

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. 70; WH, No. 35.]

Wednesday 12th December 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 Fraser Kemp.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 71.]

Thursday 13th December 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill,—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 17th December; and to be printed [Bill 71].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 466].

2 Land Registration Bill [Lords].—Mr Eric Illsley reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Land Registration Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 17th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 467].

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

Christmas Day (Trading) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to prohibit trading on Christmas Day in certain cases; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
Office of Communications Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to establish a body corporate to be known as the Office of Communications; and to confer functions in relation to proposals about the regulation of communications on that body, on certain existing regulators and on the Secretary of State; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Office of Communications Bill [Lords].—The Office of Communications Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 17th December and to be printed [Bill 73].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Office of Communications Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 73–EN].

5 Euro and Sterling Choice Bill.—Mr Graham Allen presented a Bill to permit the use of the euro as well as the pound sterling as legal tender in the performance of financial obligations at or above a certain value; to provide for dual pricing of goods and services at or above that value; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th January and to be printed [Bill 70].

6 Animal Health Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Animal Health Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Annual report on animal diseases)—(Mrs Ann Winterton)—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 Laurence Robertson, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 195.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 318.

Another Clause (Officials: biosecurity)—(Mrs Ann Winterton)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Duty of Ministers to dispose of carcasses)—(Mr Keith Simpson)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Transport of animals destined for slaughter)—(David Taylor)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (National Contingency Plan)—(Mr Peter Ainsworth)—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 Laurence Robertson, Mr Stephen O’Brien: 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Fraser Kemp: 332.

And it being after Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker brought proceedings on consideration to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [yesterday].

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 [yesterday].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Ian Pearson: 331.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Stephen O’Brien: 189.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
7 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords insist on certain of their Amendments to the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill to which this House has disagreed, for which insistence they assign their Reasons; they insist on a Lords Amendment and agree to an Amendment by this House in lieu; they do not insist on certain of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed but propose Amendments in lieu thereof, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; they agree to an Amendment made by this House instead of words left out of the Bill by certain Lords Amendments and to the consequential Amendments made by this House; they agree to an Amendment by this House to a Lords Amendment, with an Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; and they do not insist on the remaining Amendment to which this House has disagreed.

8 Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill.—Lords Amendments in lieu of Amendments to which this House has disagreed, Lords Reasons for insisting on certain of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed, and Lords Amendments to Amendments made by this House to the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill to be printed [Bill 72].

9 Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill.—The House, pursuant to Order [yesterday], proceeded forthwith to consider the Lords Amendments in lieu of Amendments to which this House has disagreed, Lords Reasons for insisting on certain of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed, and Lords Amendments to Amendments made by this House to the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 5.
Lords Amendment No. 5B in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 5 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 8.
Lords Amendment No. 8B in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 8 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 23.
Resolved, That this House does not insist on its disagreement to the Lords Amendment.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

Lords Amendment No. 38.
Lords Amendment No. 38C in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 38 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 40.
Resolved, That this House does not insist on its disagreement to the Lords Amendment.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

Lords Amendment No. 44.
Resolved, That this House does not insist on its disagreement to the Lords Amendment.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

Lords Amendment No. 48.
Lords Amendment No. 48D to the Amendment made by this House to Lords Amendment No. 48 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 66.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Tony McNulty);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 330.

Tellers for the Noes, John Thurso, Annette Brooke: 64.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment.

And it being more than one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of those proceedings, pursuant to Order [yesterday].

An Amendment (ia) in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 66 was made, in page 72, line 17, at the end, by inserting the following new Clause—

‘Effect of report

(1) A report under section (Review of Act) (4) may specify any provision of this Act as a provision to which this section applies.'
(2) Subject to subsection (3), any provision specified under subsection (1) ceases to have effect at the end of the period of 6 months beginning with the day on which the report is laid before Parliament under section (Review of Act) (5).

(3) Subsection (2) does not apply if before the end of that period a motion has been made in each House of Parliament considering the report.  

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 38C;

That Paul Goggins, Mr Dominic Grieve, Beverley Hughes, Simon Hughes and Mrs Anne McGuire be members of the Committee;

That Beverley Hughes be Chairman of the Committee;

That three be the quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Mr Tony McNulty):—It was agreed to.

10 Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill,—Beverley Hughes reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reason, which it had directed her to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Amendment No. 38C made by the Lords for the following Reason:

Because it is not appropriate to limit the powers conferred by this Part of the Bill in the manner proposed by the Amendment.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill.

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Bill to which this House has disagreed; and they agree, without Amendment, to the Amendment proposed by this House in lieu of the remaining Lords Amendment.

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


13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till One o’clock on Friday morning, adjourned till Monday 17th December.

[Adjourned at 1 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Farming and Rural Conservation Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 354] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Immigration and Asylum,—Report by the Independent Monitor of the entry clearance system appointed under section 23 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Local Government (Scotland),—Scottish Local Government Financial Statistics for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

4 National Lottery,—Account of the Sports Council for Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 462] [Clerk of the House].
5 Registration Service.—Birth Statistics: Review of the Registrar General on births and patterns of family building in England and Wales for 2000 [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

6 Regulatory Reform.—Proposal for a draft Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002, together with a statement by the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

7 School Standards and Framework.—Account of the Greenwich Education Action Zone for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 458] [Clerk of the House].

8 Science and Technology.—Government Response to the Second Report of the House of Lords Select Committee on Science and Technology, Session 2000–01, on Therapeutic Uses of Cannabis [by Command] [Cm. 5332] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

9 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:

   Peak District National Park Authority (Restriction of Agricultural Operations) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3913), and
   Registered Designs (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3951)
[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Tax Credits Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged James Purnell from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Paul Boateng.

2 Copyright, Etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Paddy Tipping, Mr Mark Todd and Mr Andrew Miller from Standing Committee C (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Richard Burden, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas and Dr Desmond Turner.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Administration.—(1) Third Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [Special Advisers: Boon or Bane?: The Government Response to the Committee’s Fourth Report of Session 2000–01], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 463];

   (2) Fourth Report from the Committee [Ministerial Accountability and Parliamentary Questions: The Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report of Session 2000–01], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 464]; and

   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Public Service Reform]; to be printed [No. 263-vii]
[Tony Wright].

[No. 71; WH, No. 36,]

Thursday 13th December 2001.

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

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

Adjournment (Public Health—Second Report from the Health Committee, Session 2000–01, and the Government’s Response thereto),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Ivor Caplin);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 18th December.

[Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.]
Monday 17th December 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 89) (House of Commons Paper No. 415) on Children’s Services (Quality Protects) Special Grant for 2000–01 and 2001–02.

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

2 National Heritage Bill [Lords].—The National Heritage Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th January and to be printed [Bill 74].

3 Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning (Amendment) 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 Bill because it provides for such an extended deadline for decommissioning which it does not believe will be conducive to the completion as soon as possible of the process which is already more than a year overdue’, instead thereof.—(Mr Quentin Davies.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Julian Brazier: 151.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 342.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

4 Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning (Amendment) Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning (Amendment) Bill:—

Committal

1. The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Programming of proceedings

2. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House and all remaining proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or any further messages from the Lords) shall be programmed.

Proceedings in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading

3.—(1) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be completed at one day’s sitting.

(2) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House and any proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Nine o’clock on that day or, if that day is a Thursday, at Six o’clock on that day.

(3) 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 a Thursday, at Seven o’clock on that day.—(Mr Phil Woolas);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Jim Fitzpatrick: 341.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Laurence Robertson: 148.

So the Question was agreed to.
5 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John Heppell.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 14th December 2001 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1. Countryside,—Countryside Stewardship (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3991), dated 12th December 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2. Dangerous Drugs,—(1) Misuse of Drugs (Designation) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3997), and (2) Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3998), dated 13th December 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 17th December 2001:
Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

5. Extradition,—Draft European Union Extradition Regulations 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

10. Defence,—Consolidated Departmental Resource Accounts for 2000–01 for the Ministry of Defence, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 443] [Mr Paul Boateng].

11. Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration,—(1) Thirty-first Report of the Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration, and (2) Supplement to the Thirty-first Report [by Command] [Cms. 5340 and 5341] [The Prime Minister].

12. National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Inappropriate adjustments to NHS waiting lists [by Act]; to be printed [No. 452] [Clerk of the House].


14. Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—(1) Nineteenth Report of the Review Body for Nursing Staff, Midwives, Health Visitors and Professions Allied to Medicine, on Nursing Staff, Midwives and Health Visitors; and
(2) Nineteenth Report of the Review Body for Nursing Staff, Midwives, Health Visitors and Professions Allied to Medicine, on Professions Allied to Medicine
[by Command] [Cm. 5345 and 5346] [The Prime Minister].

15 Regulatory Reform,—Proposal for a Regulatory Reform (Carer’s Allowance) Order 2002, together with a statement by the Department for Work and Pensions [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

16 Science and Technology,—Paper, entitled The Forward Look 2001: Government-funded science, engineering and technology [by Command] [Cm. 5338] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

17 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Paper, entitled Major Infrastructure Projects: Delivering a Fundamental Change [by Command] [Cm. 5344] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

The Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 89) (House of Commons Paper No. 415) on Children’s Services (Quality Protects) Special Grant for 2000–01 and 2001–02,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ross Cranston from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Linda Perham.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Radioactive Waste Policy Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Radioactive Waste Policy]; to be printed [No. 407-iii] [Mr David Curry].

2 Human Rights,—(1) Sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Mental Health Act 1983 (Remedial) Order 2001], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 472];

(2) Seventh Report from the Committee [Making of Remedial Orders]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 473];

(3) Eighth Report from the Committee [Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 474]; and

(4) Ninth Report from the Committee [Scrutiny of Bills: Progress Report], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 475]
[Jean Corston].

3 International Development,—First Report from the International Development Committee [The Humanitarian Crisis in Afghanistan and the Surrounding Region], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 300] [Tony Baldry].

4 Public Accounts,—(1) Thirteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Regulating Housing Associations’ Management of Financial Risk]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 470]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Joining Up to Improve Public Services]; to be printed [No. 471-i]
[Mr Edward Leigh].

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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:

- HSBC Investment Banking
- Land at Palace Avenue, Kensington (Acquisition of Freehold)
- London Development Agency
- London Local Authorities
- Mersey Tunnels
- Milford Haven Port Authority.

2 Private Bill Petitions (Standing Orders not complied with),—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the Petition for the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill, the Standing Orders have not been complied with.

Report referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

3 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:

- HSBC Investment Banking
- London Local Authorities
- London Local Authorities and Transport for London (subject to the decisions of the Standing Orders Committees)
- Milford Haven Port Authority

and that the Bills contained in the following list should originate in the House of Commons:

- Land at Palace Avenue, Kensington (Acquisition of Freehold)
- London Development Agency
- Mersey Tunnels.

4 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill,—The Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill was read the third time, and passed.

5 Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—Mr Jimmy Hood reported from the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, That it had considered the matter of regional governance in England, referred to it on 5th December.

6 Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill,—Mr Secretary Reid, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Blunkett and Mr Desmond Browne, presented a Bill to make provision about the judiciary in Northern Ireland and to amend section 6 of the Appellate Jurisdiction Act 1876; to make provision about the law officers and other legal officers and the courts in Northern Ireland; to establish a Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland, a Chief Inspector of Criminal Justice in Northern Ireland and a Northern Ireland Law Commission; to amend the law of youth justice in Northern Ireland; to make provision for making available to victims of crime information about the release of offenders in Northern Ireland; to make provision about community safety in Northern Ireland; to amend the law of legal aid in Northern Ireland; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 75].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill be printed [Bill 75–EN].
Elections (Entitlement to Vote at Age 16).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Representation of the People Act 1983 to provide that a person aged 16 years or over is entitled to vote in a parliamentary or local government election: And that Matthew Green, Mr Andrew Stunell, Jane Griffiths, Angus Robertson, Lembit Öpik, Dr John Pugh, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Paul Marsden, Mr Alan Reid, Adam Price and Mr Roger Williams do prepare and bring it in.

Elections (Entitlement to Vote at Age 16) Bill.—Matthew Green accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Representation of the People Act 1983 to provide that a person aged 16 years or over is entitled to vote in a parliamentary or local government election: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 76].

Taxes.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Variation of Stamp Duties Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3746), dated 27th November 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th November, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick).—It was agreed to.

Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 89) (House of Commons Paper No. 415) on Children’s Services (Quality Protects) Special Grants for 2000–01 and 2001–02, which was laid before this House on 30th November, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick).—It was agreed to.

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


Facilities of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That with effect from 8th January 2002, those Members who have chosen not to take their seats and thus do not qualify to participate in the proceedings in Parliament may use the facilities within the precincts of the House and the services of departments of the House, and may claim support for their costs as set out in the Resolution of 5th July 2001, relating to Members’ Allowances, Insurance &c., and the allowances relating to travel within the United Kingdom for Members, their families and staff—(Mr Robin Cook);

An Amendment ((q)) was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out the words ‘8th January 2002’ and insert the words ‘the completion of decommissioning, as verified by the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning’, instead thereof.—(Mr Quentin Davies.)

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

Keith Hill 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 Fraser Kemp, Mrs Anne McGuire: 328.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Richard Bacon: 112.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Fraser Kemp: 357.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being after Ten o’clock, the Speaker interrupted the proceedings.

Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Motion in the name of Mr Robin Cook and Mr Secretary Reid may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Fraser Kemp).—It was agreed to.

Facilities of the House.—The Main Question being again proposed;

Another Amendment ((t)) was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out the words ‘chosen not to take their seats’ and insert the words ‘not affirmed or sworn the oath of allegiance’, instead thereof.—(Mr Quentin Davies.)
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 169.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Fraser Kemp: 350.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment ((x)) was proposed to the Question, in line 7, at the end, to add the words 'but all such facilities will be withdrawn if the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland confirms that any organization with which such Members are associated has been involved in any act of terrorism.'—(The Reverend Ian Paisley.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mr Gregory Campbell: 166.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mrs Anne McGuire: 347.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr John Heppell: 322.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 189.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That with effect from 8th January 2002, those Members who have chosen not to take their seats and thus do not qualify to participate in the proceedings in Parliament may use the facilities within the precincts of the House and the services of departments of the House, and may claim support for their costs as set out in the Resolution of 5th July 2001, relating to Members' Allowances, Insurance &c., and the allowances relating to travel within the United Kingdom for Members, their families and staff.

15 International Development Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the International Development Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered to-morrow.

16 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) rural residents of the United Kingdom for an investigation into the practices of large oil companies in closing rural filling stations and for minimum requirements for services available there;

(2) petrol retailers and motorists of the United Kingdom for legislation to prevent the predatory pricing of petrol; and

(3) patients of Gateshead and South Tyneside Health Authority for a public inquiry into the conduct of Consultant Peter Silverstone and Dr Janusz Wseborowski and the authorities of Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead

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

17 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Jim Kelly against the use of national security to cover up human rights abuses was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

18 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Angela Smith.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.35 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation,—Draft Air Navigation (Environmental Standards) Order 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Crown Court (Amendment) (No. 3) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4012), dated 14th December 2001 [by Act] [Mr Michael Wills].

4 Taxes,—Tonnage Tax (Training Requirement) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3999), dated 14th December 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

5 Devolution,—Paper, entitled Memorandum of Understanding and supplementary agreements between the United Kingdom Government, Scottish Ministers, the Cabinet of the National Assembly for Wales and the Northern Ireland Executive Committee [by Command] [Cm. 5240] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 European Union,—Paper, entitled Developments in the European Union, January to June 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 5298] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 Export Controls,—Report on Strategic Export Controls for 2000 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

8 Facilities of the House,—Copy of a letter relating to access to facilities of the House, referred to in a speech by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in the House this day [by Command] [Mr Secretary Reid].

9 Inland Revenue,—Report and Consolidated Resource Accounts of the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Inland Revenue for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5304] [Dawn Primarolo].

10 National Lottery,—Account of the Scottish Screen National Lottery Distribution Fund [by Command] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [30th October] from residents of Derby, Harrow, Wembley and others seeking legislation for further restrictions on the sale of fireworks [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

12 Registration Service,—Mortality Statistics: Review of the Registrar General on deaths by cause, sex and age in England and Wales for 2000 [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Education Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Bill, in place of Mr Mike Hancock.

Programming Committees

2 Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning (Amendment) Bill,—The Speaker has nominated Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr John Hayes, Jane Kennedy, Shona McIsaac, Lembit Opik, Ian Stewart and Mr Graham Stringer members of the Programming Committee in respect of the Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Second Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Testing the waters: the sport of swimming], together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 4th December and Appendices thereto; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 418] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].
2 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Government’s Drugs Policy: Is it Working?]; to be printed [No. 318-vi] [Mr Chris Mullin].

3 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [The Effectiveness of the Reforms of European Development Assistance]; to be printed [No. 417-ii] [Tony Baldry].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Papers laid before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Draft Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill] [Mr Michael Mates].

5 Standards and Privileges,—Fourth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Restrictions on the Initiation of Parliamentary Proceedings: A Consultation Paper]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 478] [Sir George Young].

6 Statutory Instruments,—Fourteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xiv] [Brian White].

7 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Planning Green Paper]; to be printed [No. 476-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

8 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Children’s Society in Wales]; to be printed [No. 525-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 73; WH, No. 38.]

Tuesday 18th December 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 Nick Ainger);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
Wednesday 19th December 2001.

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

PRAYERS.

1 English National Stadium Review Interim Report.—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the Interim Report made by Mr Patrick Carter in December 2001 in respect of the English National Stadium Review.—(Mr Richard Caborn.)

2 Treason Felony, Act of Settlement and Parliamentary Oath.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend section 3 of the Treason Felony Act 1848 in order to establish that it is no longer an offence to express an opinion in favour of republicanism or advocating the abolition of the monarchy; to amend the Act of Settlement to provide that persons in communion with the Roman Catholic church are able to succeed to the Crown; to amend the law relating to the parliamentary oath; and for connected purposes—(Mr Kevin McNamara);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Malcolm Savidge: 170.

Tellers for the Noes, The Reverend Ian Paisley, Mr Gerald Howarth: 32.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Kevin McNamara, Ann Clwyd, Mr Edward O’Hara, Paul Flynn, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Alex Mahon, Andrew Mackinlay, Kevin Brennan and John Austin do prepare and bring in the Bill.

3 Treason Felony, Act of Settlement and Parliamentary Oath Bill.—Mr Kevin McNamara accordingly presented a Bill to amend section 3 of the Treason Felony Act 1848 in order to establish that it is no longer an offence to express an opinion in favour of republicanism or advocating the abolition of the monarchy; to amend the Act of Settlement to provide that persons in communion with the Roman Catholic church are able to succeed to the Crown; to amend the law relating to the parliamentary oath; and for connected purposes:

And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th January and to be printed [Bill 77].

4 Deregulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft deregulation, etc., orders), That the draft Deregulation (Disposals of Dwelling-houses by Local Authorities) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 28th November, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty):—It was agreed to.

5 Extradition.—Resolved, That the draft European Union Extradition Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 17th December, be approved.—(Mr Keith Bradley.)

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—(Mrs Anne McGuire);

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

7 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Henry Baker and others for a graduated licensing system for young drivers 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 Ivor Caplin.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Ten o’clock, adjourned till Tuesday 8th January, pursuant to Resolution [3rd December].
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Local Government.—Draft Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2. Postal Services.—Draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Modification of Section 7) Order 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3. Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—(1) Amusements with Prizes (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4034), and
   (2) Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits) (No. 2) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4035), dated 18th December 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].


   (2) Road Traffic (NHS Charges) Amendment Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4030), dated 18th December 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Other Papers:

7. Appropriation Accounts.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for 2000–01 for Class XIV (Wales), with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 335-XIV] [Mr Paul Boateng].

8. English National Stadium Review.—Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Interim Report made by Mr Patrick Carter in December 2001 in respect of the English National Stadium Review [pursuant to Resolution this day]; to be printed [No. 479] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

9. Health.—Department of Health Minute, dated 17th December 2001, concerning a proposed contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for any legal action against members of an independent review into paediatric services at the Medway Maritime Hospital [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


11. National Health Service.—Accounts of the Public Health Laboratory Service Board for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 480] [Clerk of the House].

12. National Loans.—(1) Accounts of the Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 380] [Clerk of the House];
   (2) Supplementary Statements of Accounts of the Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 381] [Mr Paul Boateng]; and
   (3) Report and Accounts of the Debt Management Account from 15th November 1999 to 31st March 2001, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 271] [Ruth Kelly].

13. Railways.—Statement of policy on the Secretary of State’s use of his power to make directions under Section 26 of the Railways Act 1993 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Copyright, etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Miss Melanie Johnson from Standing Committee C (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Nigel Griffiths.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [European Security and Defence]; to be printed [No. 487-i] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [Select Committees]; to be printed [No.224-iii] [Mr Robin Cook].

3 Science and Technology,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Government Policy on Science and Technology]; to be printed [No. 459-i]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Government Policy on Science and Technology]
   [Dr Ian Gibson].

4 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Air Transport Industry]; to be printed [No. 484-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 74; WH, No. 39.]

Wednesday 19th December 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—(Mrs Anne McGuire);

And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 8th January.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
Tuesday 8th January 2002.

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

PRAYERS.


2 Police (Northern Ireland).—The Order made on 16th October, That the Report of the Office of the Oversight Commissioner for 2001 be printed, was read and discharged.

3 Control of Fireworks.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision with respect to the sale and use of fireworks; and for connected purposes—(Mr Barry Gardiner);

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 Mr Barry Gardiner, Linda Gilroy, Linda Perham, Mr Harry Barnes, Sir Teddy Taylor, Shona McIsaac, Siobhain McDonagh, Dr Nick Palmer, Joan Ryan, Ross Cranston, Mr Martin Salter and John Barrett do prepare and bring in the Bill.

4 Control of Fireworks Bill.—Mr Barry Gardiner accordingly presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the sale and use of fireworks; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 15th March and to be printed [Bill 78].

5 Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords].—The Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

6 Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords]:

Committal

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

Programming of proceedings

(2) All proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) shall be programmed.

Proceedings in Standing Committee

(3) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 31st January 2002.

(4) The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

(5) 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.

(6) 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 proceedings on consideration are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o’clock on that day.

(7) Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—(Mr Ivor Caplin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Smith, Dan Norris: 324.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 172.

So the Question was agreed to.
7 Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Commonhold and Leasehold 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 bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) financial assistance given by the Lord Chancellor in relation to the provision of advice, and

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

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

8 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform.—Ordered, That Dr Ashok Kumar be discharged from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee and Mr Mark Lazarowicz be added.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

9 Housing.—Ordered, That the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3561), dated 4th November 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th November, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

10 Procedure.—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 147 (Procedure Committee) be amended as follows:

Line 10, at end insert, ‘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.’.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

11 Human Rights (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 152B (Human rights (joint committee)) be amended as follows:

Line 47, leave out from second ‘place’ to ‘and’ in line 50.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.47 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented 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 21st December 2001

1 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed merger of Eastman Kodak Company and ColourCare Limited [Cm. 5339] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Friday 28th December 2001

2 Treaty Series (No. 57, 2001).—International Convention, adopted at New York on 15th December 1997, for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings [Cm. 5347] [Mr Secretary Straw].

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:

Thursday 20th December 2001

4 Customs and Excise,—(1) Amusement Machine Licence Duty (Medium-prize Machines) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4028), and
(2) Lottery Duty (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4021), dated 17th December 2001 [Mr Paul Boateng].

5 Education,—Coventry Technical College (Dissolution) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4037), dated 18th December 2001 [Secretary Estelle Morris].


7 Insolvency (Scotland),—Insurers (Winding Up) (Scotland) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4040), dated 20th December 2001 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Friday 21st December 2001

10 Animals,—Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 14) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4046), dated 20th December 2001 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

11 National Health Service,—(1) The Health Authorities (Membership and Procedure) Amendment (England) (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4045),
(2) National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4043), and
(3) National Treatment Agency (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4044), dated 19th December 2001 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Thursday 27th December 2001


Thursday 3rd January 2002


14 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 4) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3919), dated 11th December 2001 [Mr Secretary Straw].

15 Judgments,—(1) Civil Jurisdiction and Judgments (Authentic Instruments and Court Settlements) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3928), and

Friday 4th January 2002


Monday 7th January 2002


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 8th January 2002:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

18 Industrial Development,—Draft Financial Assistance For Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

19 Ministers of the Crown,—Draft Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Dissolution) Order 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:


24 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums.—Five Year Plan of the Electoral Commission for 2001–02 to 2005–06 [by Act] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II
Programming Committees

Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning (Amendment) Bill.—The Speaker has nominated Mrs Cheryl Gillan as a member of the Programming Committee in respect of the Bill, in place of Mr John Hayes.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Arts Development]: to be printed [No. 489-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

Tuesday 8th January 2002.

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 Ian Pearson);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.

[No. 76.

Wednesday 9th January 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Copyright, etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill.—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Copyright, etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 12th April.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 498].

2 European Standing Committee B.—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents Nos. 8261/01 and 9326/01 on the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines; and supports the Government’s welcome for the publication of the Guidelines in giving operational content to the
conclusions of the Lisbon and Stockholm summits, in reflecting the importance of structural reform in tackling successfully the challenges of globalisation and competitiveness, and in promoting employment and social inclusion.

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

3 Treason Felony, Act of Settlement and Parliamentary Oath Bill.—The Order for reading the Treason Felony, Act of Settlement and Parliamentary Oath Bill a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 15th March.

4 Right to Self-employment,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about self-employment: And that Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Richard Bacon, Mr John Baron, Mr Peter Duncan, Brian Cotter, Mr Mark Francois, Michael Fabricant, Mr Adrian Flook, Angela Watkinson, Mr Kerry Pollard, Mr George Osborne and Alistair Burt do prepare and bring it in.

5 Right to Self-employment Bill,—Mr Mark Prisk accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about self-employment: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th April and to be printed [Bill 79].

6 Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning (Amendment) Bill.

(In the Committee)
Clause No. 1 (Extension of amnesty period).
Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 6, to leave out subsection (3) and insert the words—

'(3) Subsections (2)(b) and (3) are omitted.'—(Mr Quentin Davies.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Charles Hendry: 144.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 374.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

A Clause (Commencement)—(Mr Quentin Davies)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr David Wilshire: 142.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Pearson, Dan Norris: 357.

Bill to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Phil Woolas 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;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Phil Woolas: 357.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Roy Beggs, Mr Nigel Dodds: 6.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

7 Social Care,—Ordered, That the Care Home Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3965), dated 11th December 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th December, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

8 Public Health,—Ordered, That the Private and Voluntary Health Care (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3968), dated 11th December 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th December, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)
9 Social Care.—Ordered, That the National Care Standards Commission (Registration) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3969), dated 11th December 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th December, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

10 Social Care.—Ordered, That the National Care Standards Commission (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3980), dated 11th December 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 12th December, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

11 Animals,—Ordered, That the Fur Farming (Compensation Scheme) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3853), dated 3rd December 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd December, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) citizens of the United Kingdom, calling for an independent public inquiry into the causes, progress and administration of the 2001 outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease; and

(2) residents of Sidford, opposing the sale and development of land formerly allocated for the construction of a by-pass

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

13 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Martin Ball, calling for an inquiry into allegations arising from the purported authentic memoirs of His late Majesty King George III was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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 a quarter to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Contracting Out.—Draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to Apsley House) Order 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

2 Deregulation.—Draft Deregulation (Correction of Birth and Death Entries in Registers or Other Records) Order 2002, together with a statement by the Office for National Statistics [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

3 Police.—Draft Police Emblems and Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Other Papers:

4 Culture, Media and Sport,—Resource Accounts for the Department for Culture, Media and Sport for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 469] [Mr Paul Boateng].

5 Science and Technology,—Accounts of the Natural Environment Research Council for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 477] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Tax Credits Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood and Mr Nigel Beard Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley and Mr Alan Hurst Chairmen; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr William Cash, Mr David Crausby, Sue Doughty, Dr Brian Iddon, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr David Lepper, Dr Julian Lewis, Shona McIsaac, Mr Gordon Marsden, Laura Moffatt, Mr Adrian Sanders, Andrew Selous, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr John Taylor, Gareth Thomas, Mr Bill Wiggin, Mr Michael Wills, Mr Phil Woolas and David Wright.

3 Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3561):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Huw Edwards, Mr David Heath, John McDonnell, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Bridget Prentice, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Sion Simon, Angela Smith, Mr Andrew Stunell, Malcolm Wicks, David Winnick and Derek Wyatt.

4 Draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) (Amendment) Order 2001 and the draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Modification of Section 7) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Douglas Alexander, Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Richard Bacon, Peter Bottomley, Dr Vincent Cable, Brian Cotter, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr George Mudie, Dan Norris, Lawrie Quinn, Mr Bill Tynan and Mr Nigel Waterson.

5 Draft Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Tony Banks, Mr Julian Brazier, Ann Clwyd, Barbara Follett, Mr Don Foster, Mr Nick Gibb, Linda Gilroy, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Malcolm Moss, Albert Owen, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Dr John Pugh, Dr Desmond Turner, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Phil Woolas.

European Standing Committees

6 European Standing Committee A:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 5771/01, the Sixth Environmental Action Programme of the European Community; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Owen Paterson from European Standing Committee A; and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Francois.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Teaching Unions]; to be printed [No. 506-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Third Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Government’s Reply to the Ninth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 2000–01, on The Draft Water Bill]; to be printed [No. 499] [Mr David Curry].

3 European Scrutiny.—(1) Eleventh Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xii];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Animal testing and cosmetic products]; to be printed [No. 496]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [European Arrest Warrant]; to be printed [No. 497] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The Role of the Private Sector in the NHS]; to be printed [No. 308-viii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].
5 Science and Technology.—Fourth Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee (Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2000–01, on The Scientific Advisory System: Scientific Advice on Climate Change); to be printed [No. 493] [Dr Ian Gibson].

6 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Air Transport Industry]; to be printed [No. 484-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 76; WH, No. 41.]

Wednesday 9th January 2002.

The 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 Phil Woolas.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 77.]

Thursday 10th January 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 The Speaker’s Absence.—Ordered, That the Speaker have leave of absence to-morrow to attend the funeral of Jennifer Brown, daughter of the Right honourable Member for Dunfermline East.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

2 Adjournment (House of Lords Reform).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Phil Woolas);

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

3 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Bristol and West Region Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament against the use of the Fylingdales and Menwith Hill bases as part of a United States missile defence system was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

4 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

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

[Adjourned at 7.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Defence Dental Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 442] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

2 Export Credits Guarantee Department,—(1) Report and Resource Accounts of the Export Credits Guarantee Department for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 399] [Ms Secretary Hewitt]; and

(2) Resource Accounts of the Export Credits Guarantee Department for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 441] [Mr Paul Boateng].
3 Marshall Aid Commemoration.—Account of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 502] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Tax Credits Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Vera Baird, Mr Hilton Dawson and Mrs Joan Humble from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Chris Mole, Jim Sheridan and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

2 Tax Credits Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Ms Karen Buck, Mr Howard Flight, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Steve Webb members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

3 Home Energy Conservation Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

4 Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr William Cash, Ms Sally Keeble, Dr Julian Lewis, Laura Moffat, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Graham Stringer and David Wright members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Foreign Affairs.—First Special Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Appointment of Parliamentary Representatives to the Convention on the Future of Europe]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 509] [Donald Anderson].

2 Public Administration.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [House of Lords Reform]; to be printed [No. 494-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [House of Lords Reform]

[Tony Wright].

[No. 77; WH, No. 42.]

Thursday 10th January 2002.

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

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

Adjournment (Wave and Tidal Energy—Seventh Report from the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2000–01).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Tony McNulty);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 15th January.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

1 The Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the Speaker’s absence from this day’s sitting, pursuant to leave given yesterday.

Whereupon Sylvia Heal, the First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

2 The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker.

3 Pension Annuities (Amendment) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pension Annuities (Amendment) Bill;

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

Mr Adrian Sanders rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put; but the Deputy Speaker withheld his assent and declined then to put that Question.

Mr David Curry 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 Mark Hoban, Mr Mark Field: 139.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Barry Gardiner: 25.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir George Young, Mr George Osborne: 139.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Barry Gardiner: 27.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

4 Football Spectators Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Football Spectators Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 12th April.

5 National Heritage Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Heritage Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 18th January.

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

And the Motion having been made after half-past Two o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then six minutes past Three o’clock, till Monday 14th January.

[Adjourned at 3.06 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

National Health Service,—(1) National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 35), and

(2) Retained Organs Commission (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 34), dated 10th January 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3561),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Tim Boswell.
Monday 14th January 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3561).

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

2 Telecommunications Transmitters (Restrictions on Planning Applications) Bill.—The Order for reading the Telecommunications Transmitters (Restrictions on Planning Applications) Bill a second time on Friday 18th January was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 12th April.

3 Religious Discrimination and Remedies Bill.—John Austin, supported by Mr Terry Rooney, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr David Chidgey, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr David Atkinson and Clive Volland, presented a Bill to render unlawful religious discrimination in employment and in the provision of certain types of goods, facilities and services and to make provision for appropriate enforcement; to create new offences relating to incitement to religious hatred; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th April and to be printed [Bill 80].

4 Office of Communications Bill [Lords].—The Office of Communications Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

5 Office of Communications Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the Office of Communications Bill [Lords]:

Committal

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

Programming of proceedings

(2) All proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further message from the Lords) shall be programmed.

Proceedings in Standing Committee

(3) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 5th February 2002.

(4) The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

(5) 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.

(6) 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 proceedings on consideration are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o’clock on that day.

(7) Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—(Mr Phil Woolas); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Fraser Kemp: 307.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr John Randall: 74.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Office of Communications Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Office of Communications 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 Office of Communications Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

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

(i) any expenses of the Secretary of State under the Act; and
(ii) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums of money so payable under any other enactment; and

(b) the payment of money into the Consolidated Fund—(Jim Fitzpatrick)—It was agreed to.

7 Home Energy Conservation Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Home Energy Conservation Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Home Energy Conservation Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure of 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.—(Mr Michael Meacher.)

8 2001 Broad Economic Guidelines.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Documents 8261/01 and 9326/01 on the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines; and supports the Government’s welcome for the publication of the Guidelines in giving operational content to the conclusions of the Lisbon and Stockholm summits, in reflecting the importance of structural reform in tackling successfully the challenges of globalisation and competitiveness; and in promoting employment and social inclusion—(Jim Fitzpatrick)—It was agreed to.

9 Administration.—Ordered, That David Wright be discharged from the Administration Committee and Mr John MacDougall be added to the Committee.—(Keith Hill, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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 two minutes to Eleven o’clock, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 10.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 European Communities.—EC Competition Law (Articles 84 and 85) Enforcement (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 42), dated 14th January 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 National Health Service.—Primary Care Trusts (Membership, Procedure and Administration Arrangements) Amendment (No. 3) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 38), dated 13th January 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

3 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Norfolk) (City of Norwich) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 37), dated 14th January 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

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

(1) Improving student achievement in English higher education, and

(2) Widening participation in higher education in England

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 486 and 485] [Clerk of the House].

5 Regulatory Reform.—Proposal under the Regulatory Reform Act 2001 for a Regulatory Reform (Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979) Order 2002, together with a statement by the Department for Work and Pensions [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

6 Social Services (Training).—Account of the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 510] [Clerk of the House].
7 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:

Firemen’s Pension Scheme (Pension Sharing) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3691), and Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 14) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4046)

[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Tax Credits Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Jon Cruddas as a member of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill, in place of Ms Karen Buck.

2 Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has nominated Mr Stephen Hepburn as an additional Member to serve on Standing Committee D in respect of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords].

3 Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Amendment) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3561),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bob Blizzard from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Neil Turner.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—(1) Fourteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Millennium Dome], 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. 516]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Inappropriate Adjustments to NHS Waiting Lists]; to be printed [No. 517-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 80.]

Tuesday 15th January 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Adoption and Children Bill,—Mr George Stevenson reported from the Special Standing Committee on the Adoption and Children Bill, That it had come to the following Resolution:

That the Special Standing Committee recommends that two days be allotted for consideration and Third Reading of the Adoption and Children Bill.

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

2 Members of Parliament (Employment Disqualification).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to regulate the remunerated employment a Member of Parliament may undertake—(Peter Bradley); 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 Peter Bradley, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Iain Coleman, John Cryer, Mr David Drew, Julia Drown, Clive Elford, Helen Jackson, Martin Linton, Mr Martin Salter, Mr Jonathan R. Shaw and David Wright do prepare and bring in the Bill.

3 Members of Parliament (Employment Disqualification) Bill,—Peter Bradley accordingly presented a Bill to regulate the remunerated employment a Member of Parliament may undertake: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 81].
4 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Readiness of Primary Care Groups and Trusts)—(Mr Simon Burns)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Community Health Councils: scheme for reform)—(Mr Simon Burns)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Laurence Robertson: 194.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Dan Norris: 323.

Another Clause (The Health Inspectorate)—(Mr Oliver Heald)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Establishment of Patients' Councils)—(Mr David Hinchliffe)—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 Kelvin Hopkins, John McDonnell: 222.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Dan Norris: 296.

Another Clause (The Commission for Health Improvement: amendments to section 20 of the Health Act 1999)—(Dr Evan Harris)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Annette Brooke: 52.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Dan Norris: 326.

Amendments (Nos. 23 to 26, 74, 27 and 28) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 37, at the end, to insert the words 'but no more than fourteen'.—(Mr Win Griffiths.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 75, 29 to 39, 76, 77, 40 to 53, 78 to 81, 54, 55 and 82) made to the Bill.

It being Ten o'clock, the Speaker, pursuant to Order [20th November], put the Question necessary to dispose of the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 56, 83 to 85, 57, 58, 86, 59 to 61, 87 and 62) made to the Bill.

The Speaker then put the Question, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Smith, Mr Ian Pearson: 324.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 201.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

5 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Houghton Regis for the inclusion of Houghton Regis in a pilot scheme for counter-sharing by banks was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Customs and Excise.—Dual-Use Items (Export Control) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 50), dated 14th January 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Social Care.—Fostering Services Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 57), dated 14th January 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

3 Local Government.—Financial Statements of the South Bank Centre for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Papers withdrawn:

4 Civil Aviation.—Draft Air Navigation (Environmental Standards) Order 2002 [laid 18th December].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Tax Credits Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Lepper from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Hendrick.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Arts Development]; to be printed [No. 489-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Government’s Drug Policy: Is it Working?]; to be printed [No. 318-vii] [Mr Chris Mullin].

3 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Global Climate Change and Sustainable Development]; to be printed [No. 519-i] [Tony Baldry].

4 Statutory Instruments.—Fifteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xvi] [Brian White].

5 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Ordnance Survey]; to be printed [No. 481-i] [Andrew Bennett].

6 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Departmental Reports Review]; to be printed [No. 340-ii] [Mr John McFall].

7 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Objective 1 European Funding for Wales]; to be printed [No. 520-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 80; WH, No. 43.]

Tuesday 15th January 2002.

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.—(Dan Norris.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
Wednesday 16th January 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

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

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 5771/01, a Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the Sixth Environmental Action Programme of the European Community: ‘Europe 2010: Our future, Our choice’, and a Proposal for a draft Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the Community Environmental Action Programme 2001–2010; considers that co-ordinated action at a Community level is the most effective way of addressing the main environmental objectives of the programme; welcomes the strategic approach; agrees with the objectives, particularly the identification of the four priority areas; endorses the emphasis on climate change as an outstanding challenge of the next 10 years and beyond; supports the Government’s efforts to ensure that policy is developed on the basis of full analysis of the issues with consideration of the full range of instruments; endorses the Government’s position that the programme should be ambitious yet achievable, and that where analysis has not yet been completed detailed targets should be set out in thematic strategies to be developed later; and supports the Government’s aim that the programme should give a clear steer on improved and consistent implementation and enforcement.

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

2 Travel Concessions (Young Persons),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to permit local authorities to include persons at or under the age of 25 in travel concession schemes: And that Dr Phyllis Starkey, Charlotte Atkins, Richard Burden, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Vernon Coaker, Phil Hope, Helen Jackson, Mr David Lammy, Margaret Moran, Mr Martin Salter and Ms Claire Ward do prepare and bring it in.

3 Travel Concessions (Young Persons) Bill,—Dr Phyllis Starkey accordingly presented a Bill to permit local authorities to include persons at or under the age of 25 in travel concession schemes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th April and to be printed [Bill 82].

4 Opposition Day[7th 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.

State of the Railways,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the failure of the Government to tackle adequately the growing crisis on British railways; and believes that the salary of the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions should be reduced by 1.8 per cent. and that payment of a further 22 per cent. be withheld until 31st March 2003—(Mr Don Foster);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘believes that the railway infrastructure was badly damaged by decades of underinvestment and a flawed privatisation; recognises that the Government made tough decisions in the first two years of the last Parliament to deliver the economic stability that means it can put record levels of investment into the railways; notes that annual average total investment in rail over the 10 year plan will be £4.3 billion, compared to £1.4 billion for the period 1989/90–1996/97; congratulates the Government on its decisive action over Railtrack, so undoing a failed Conservative privatisation; welcomes the SRA’s Strategic Plan that sets out an effective agenda for the railways; calls for the resolution of the present industrial disputes through negotiation not strike action; and believes that the steps taken have laid the groundwork for a railway system that will be fit for the 21st century’, 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, Bob Russell, Annette Brooke: 207.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Phil Woolas, Mr Graham Stringer: 339.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.
The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House believes that the railway infrastructure was badly damaged by decades of underinvestment and a flawed privatisation; recognises that the Government made tough decisions in the first two years of the last Parliament to deliver the economic stability that means it can put record levels of investment into the railways; notes that annual average total investment in rail over the 10 year plan will be £4.3 billion, compared to £1.4 billion for the period 1989/90–1996/97; congratulates the Government on its decisive action over Railtrack, so undoing a failed Conservative privatisation; welcomes the SRA’s Strategic Plan that sets out an effective agenda for the railways; calls for the resolution of the present industrial disputes through negotiation not strike action; and believes that the steps taken have laid the groundwork for a railway system that will be fit for the 21st century.

State of the Care System.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that the underfunding of social care by successive Governments had led to bottlenecks and delays in the NHS, reducing health care capacity and increasing waiting times; further believes that it is the most vulnerable elderly who suffer the consequences of inadequate care; regrets that the piecemeal approach of the Government to hospital delayed discharge simply shifts the pressures from one part of the care system to another; condemns the Government for its mishandling and misunderstanding of the care home sector and the consequent loss of homes and beds; regrets that the failure to adequately fund social care has produced serious staff shortages and reduced choice and quality for those in need of care; and calls on the Government to undertake a whole system review of funding for social care to tackle staff shortages, increase capacity, promote choice and ensure that people get the right care at the right time—(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 Government’s strategy for modernising social care services through unprecedented real terms increases in resources, which enables and promotes better joint working between the NHS, social services, and the independent care sectors, develops a national framework for standards and quality and ensures a greater emphasis on users and patients in the design and delivery of services; notes that this has led to more independence for older people, fairer funding of long term care, reduced levels of delayed discharge and greater choice for users; and condemns the Liberal Democrats for their obsession with producer interests over those of users and patients and their failure to recognise that investment must be matched by reform’, instead thereof.—(Jacqui Smith.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, John Thurso, Annette Brooke: 60.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr John Heppell: 314.
So the Question was negatived.

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr John Heppell: 301.
Tellers for the Noes, John Thurso, Annette Brooke: 60.
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 Government’s strategy for modernising social care services through unprecedented real terms increases in resources, which enables and promotes better joint working between the NHS, social services, and the independent care sectors, develops a national framework for standards and quality and ensures a greater emphasis on users and patients in the design and delivery of services; notes that this has led to more independence for older people, fairer funding of long term care, reduced levels of delayed discharge and greater choice for users; and condemns the Liberal Democrats for their obsession with producer interests over those of users and patients and their failure to recognise that investment must be matched by reform.
6 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Appropriation Accounts, 2000–01.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for 2000–01 for Classes:

(1) VIII (International Development), and
(2) XI (Culture, Media and Sport),

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor-General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 335-VIII and -XI] [Mr Paul Boateng].

2 Public Lending Right.—Report by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the Public Lending Right Scheme for 2000–01, incorporating the Registrar’s Annual Review and Summary Financial Statement of the Public Lending Right Central Fund for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

3 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the Petition [13th November] from Mrs Jonete S. Coates and others in support of speed-reducing measures on the Tollerton Road in Huby, Yorkshire [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

4 Treaty Series (No. 1, 2002),—Europe Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 10th June 1996, establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, acting within the Framework of the European Union, of the one part, and the Republic of Slovenia, of the other part, with Final Act [by Command] [Cm. 5348] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Office of Communications Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale, Mr George Stevenson and Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairmen; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-three Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Douglas Alexander, Mr Richard Allan, Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Chris Bryant, Mrs Helen Clark, Michael Fabricant, Paul Farrelly, Mr John Grogan, Nick Harvey, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Fraser Kemp, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Martin Linton, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Bill Rammell, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr Simon Thomas, Angela Watkinson, Brian White and Derek Wyatt.

2 Draft Police Emblems and Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mrs Patsy Calton, Jim Dobbin, Jim Dowd, Mr Mark Francois, Jane Griffiths, Mr John Hayes, Lady Hermon, Jane Kennedy, Siobhain McDonagh, John McDonnell, Shona McIsaac, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Andrew Turner and Mr Tom Watson.

3 Draft Financial Assistance For Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth 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: Ms Karen Buck, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Michael Clapham, Brian Cotter, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Charles Hendry, Alan Johnson, Mr Bob Laxton, Ms Meg Munn, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Dennis Skinner, David Taylor, Paddy Tipping, Mr Mark Todd, Mr Andrew Tyrie and Angela Watkinson.
4 Draft Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Dissolution) Order 2002:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Colin Breed, David Burnside, Mr David Drew, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, David Hamilton, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Elliot Morley, Anne Picking, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Mark Simmonds, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr Paul Truswell and Mr Mike Wood.

5 Draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Apsley House) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth 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: Mr Kevin Barron, Barbara Follett, Mr John Greenway, Nick Harvey, Mr David Heyes, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Bill Rammell, Hugh Robertson, John Robertson, Mr Laurence Robertson, Bob Russell, Mr Alan Simpson and Mr Robert N. Wareing.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr David Chidgey Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Norman Baker, Richard Burden, Geraint Davies, Mr Adrian Flook, Mr George Galloway, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Matthew Green, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr John Lyons, Andrew Mackinlay, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Andy Reed, Mr Malcolm Savidge and Mrs Ann Winterton.

7 National Care Standards Commission (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3980) and the National Care Standards Commission (Registration) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3969):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations 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: Mr Harold Best, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr David Cameron, Sir Sydney Chapman, Dr Jack Cunningham, Mr Bill Etherington, Jim Fitzpatrick, Tim Loughton, Mr Andrew Love, Albert Owen, Jacqui Smith, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Keith Vaz, Mr David Wilshire and Mr James Wray.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Tony Banks, Peter Bottomley, Colin Burgon, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Ross Cranston, Michael Fabricant, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dr Evan Harris, Norman Lamb, Mr Andrew Love, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Jonathan R. Shaw, Ms Debra Shipley, Jacqui Smith and Mr David Wilshire.

European Standing Committees

9 The Court of Auditors Annual Report 2000 has been referred to European Standing Committee B, together with European Union Documents Nos. 9208/01 and 9207/01, both relating to sound financial management and fighting fraud.

10 European Union Document No. 14492/01, relating to the Commission Opinion on the European Parliament’s amendments to the Council’s common position regarding the draft Directive amending the 1976 Equal Treatment Directive, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

11 European Union Documents Nos. 11576/01 and 11496/01, relating to genetically modified food and feed, have been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Defence and Security in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [No. 518-i] [Mr Bruce George].
2 Education and Skills.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Department for Education and Skills: The Next Four Years; Further Education: Follow-up]; to be printed [No. 304-vii]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Individual Learning Accounts; Further Education: Follow-up]
   [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—First Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Impact of Foot and Mouth Disease]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 323] [Mr David Curry].

4 European Scrutiny.—(1) Twelfth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xii]; and
   (2) Thirteenth Report from the Committee [Appointment of Parliamentary Representatives to the Convention on the Future of Europe], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xiii]
   [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [National Institute for Clinical Excellence]; to be printed [No. 515-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

6 Public Accounts.—(1) Fifteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [How English Further Education Colleges can improve Student Performance]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 528]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Royal Travel by Air and Rail] [No. 529-i]
   [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Cancer Research—A Follow-up]; to be printed [No. 444-ii] [Dr Ian Gibson].

8 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Departmental Estimates and Annual Report 2001 and Recent Policy Developments]; to be printed [No. 373-iv]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Committee on 15th January [Tall Buildings]; to be printed [No. 482-II]
   [Andrew Bennett].

9 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [The Office of Government Commerce]; to be printed [No. 350-ii] [Mr John McFall].

10 Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee ['ONE' Pilots: Lessons for Jobcentre Plus]; to be printed [No. 426-iii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 81; WH, No. 44.]

Wednesday 16th January 2002.

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 Tony McNulty);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
Thursday 17th January 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Education Bill.—Mr Win Griffiths reported from Standing Committee G, That it had come to the following Resolution in respect of the Education Bill:

That the Standing Committee recommends that two days be allotted for consideration and Third Reading of the Education Bill.

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

2 Adoption and Children Bill.—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the Special Standing Committee on the Adoption and Children Bill, That it had come to the following Resolution:

That, if two days are allotted for consideration and Third Reading of the Adoption and Children Bill, the Special Standing Committee recommends that proceedings on consideration be brought to a conclusion two hours before the time at which proceedings on Third Reading are to be brought to a conclusion.

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

3 Adoption and Children Bill.—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the Special Standing Committee on the Adoption and Children Bill, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 83].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 532].

4 Health (Patients’ Rights) Bill.—The Order for reading the Health (Patients’ Rights) Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 15th March.

5 Adjournment (Bristol Royal Infirmary).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Fraser Kemp);

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

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation.—Draft Air Navigation (Environmental Standards) Order 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Employment and Training.—(1) Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2002, and

(2) draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Animals,—Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 76), dated 17th January 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Health and Safety,—Genetically Modified Organisms (Contained Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 63), dated 16th January 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

6 Bristol Royal Infirmary.—Paper, entitled Learning from Bristol: The Department of Health’s Response to the Report of the Public Inquiry into children’s heart surgery at the Bristol Royal Infirmary, 1984–1995 [by Command] [Cm. 5363] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

7 Police.—Report of the Chief Surveillance Commissioner for 2000–01 [by Command] [Cm. 5360] [The Prime Minister].

8 Social Security Administration.—Account of Securities held for the National Insurance Fund as at 31st March 2001 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Police Emblems and Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Dowd from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Kelvin Hopkins.

2 Draft Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tony Banks, Barbara Follett and Albert Owen from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Ross Cranston, Jim Dowd and Dr Nick Palmer.

3 Fur Farming (Compensation Scheme) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3853).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Lyons from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Eric Martlew.

4 Draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Apsley House) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Kevin Barron, Barbara Follett, Mr John Greenway, Nick Harvey, Mr David Heyes, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Bill Rammell, Hugh Robertson, John Robertson, Mr Laurence Robertson, Bob Russell, Mr Alan Simpson and Mr Robert N. Wareing from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order).

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [House of Lords Reform]; to be printed [No. 494-ii] [Tony Wright].

[No. 82; WH, No. 45.]

Thursday 17th January 2002.

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

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

Adjournment (Victims and witnesses in the criminal justice system).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 22nd January.

[Adjourned at 5.02 p.m.

[No. 83.]

Friday 18th January 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Employee Share Schemes Bill.—The Employee Share Schemes Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

2 Public Right of Planning Appeal Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Public Right of Planning Appeal Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 25th January.
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

2. Prisons.—(1) Closure of Prisons (H.M. Prison Haslar) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 77), and
   (2) Closure of Prisons (H.M. Young Offender Institution Dover) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 78)
   dated 17th January 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3. Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions on the Petition [12th December] from residents of Leominster for Herefordshire County Council to relocate Travellers in Leominster to a dedicated site and to increase police funding [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

4. Treaty Series (No. 2, 2002).—Exchange of Notes, done at Brasilia on 3rd July 2001 and 1st August 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil extending the Extradition Treaty signed at London on 18th July 1995 to the Isle of Man [by Command] [Cm. 5350] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Office of Communications Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Douglas Alexander, Mrs Helen Clark, Nick Harvey, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Ian Pearson and Mr Laurence Robertson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

2. Draft Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Dissolution) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

European Standing Committees

3. The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 11381/00, Reinvigorating the Barcelona Process, and European Community Document No. 14778/00, on assistance to Palestinian Society.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Ogmore Writ,—Ordered, That the Speaker do issue his Warrant to the Clerk of the Crown, to make out a new Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in this present Parliament for the County Constituency of Ogmore in the room of Sir Raymond Powell, deceased.—(Hilary Armstrong.)

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Police Emblems and Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002.

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

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Financial Assistance For Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2002.

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

4 Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘declines to give a Second Reading to the Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill because it infringes the principle that justice flows from the Crown throughout the realm; because it introduces aspects to the judicial system which depart from the principle that Northern Ireland is fully a part of the United Kingdom for judicial as well as other purposes; and because it represents a further stage in the policy of unilateral and unbalanced concession to republicanism in Northern Ireland’, instead thereof.—(Mr Quentin Davies.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr John Randall: 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Graham Stringer: 324.

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.

5 Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill:

Committal

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

Programming of proceedings

(2) All proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) shall be programmed.

Proceedings in Standing Committee

(3) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 14th February 2002.

(4) The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

(5) 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.

(6) 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 proceedings on consideration are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o’clock on that day.
(7) Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Graham Stringer: 316.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr John Randall: 136.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill [Money]:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Justice (Northern Ireland) 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 by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

7 Employment Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the Order of 27th November 2001 (Employment Bill (Programme)) be amended by the substitution in paragraph 2 of the words ‘at 11.25 a.m. on 22nd January’ for the words ‘at 11.25 a.m. on 24th January’—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

8 Immigration.—Ordered, That the Immigration and Asylum Appeals (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4014), a copy of which was laid before this House on 17th December, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

9 National Health Service.—Ordered, That the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4043), a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st December, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

10 Sixth Environmental Action Programme.—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. 5771/01, a Communication from the Commission to the Council, the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions on the Sixth Environmental Action Programme of the European Community: ‘Europe 2010: Our future, Our choice’, and a Proposal for a draft Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down the Community Environmental Action Programme 2001–2010; considers that coordinated action at a Community level is the most effective way of addressing the main environmental objectives of the programme; welcomes the strategic approach; agrees with the objectives, particularly the identification of the four priority areas; endorses the emphasis on climate change as an outstanding challenge of the next 10 years and beyond; supports the Government’s efforts to ensure that policy is developed on the basis of full analysis of the issues with consideration of the full range of instruments; endorses the Government’s position that the programme should be ambitious yet achievable, and that where analysis has not yet been completed detailed targets should be set out in thematic strategies to be developed later; and supports the Government’s aim that the programme should give a clear steer on improved and consistent implementation and enforcement—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

11 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 30th January, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), the Speaker shall—

(i) put the Question on any Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Blunkett relating to the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) no later than Seven o’clock; and

(ii) put the Question on any Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Byers relating to Local Government Finance (England) 2002–03 no later than Ten o’clock.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.59 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Animals,—(1) Cattle Database (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 94), and
   (2) Cattle (Identification of Older Animals) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 95), dated 21st January 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Electricity,—Electricity (Connection Charges) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 93), dated 17th January 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

3 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) NHS Direct in England, and
   (2) Opening the Post: Postcomm and postal services—the risks and opportunities [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 505 and 521] [Clerk of the House].

4 Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation,—Report and Accounts of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for 2000 [by Command] [Mr Michael Wills].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Office of Communications Bill [Lords],—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

2 Office of Communications Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Martin Linton and Mr John Grogan members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill, in place of Mr Andrew Miller and Mrs Helen Clark.

3 Draft Police Emblems and Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tom Watson from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr David Clelland.

4 Draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) (Amendment) Order 2001 and the draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Modification of Section 7) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Douglas Alexander, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Jon Owen Jones and Mr George Mudie from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Valerie Davey, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Terry Lewis and Mr Ernie Ross.

5 Draft Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Dissolution) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Elliot Morley and Mr Mark Simmonds from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr George Howarth, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger and Alun Michael.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights,—Tenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Animal Health Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 542] [Jean Corston].

2 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Modern Policy-Making: Ensuring Policies Deliver Value for Money]; to be printed [No. 541-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

3 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Objective 1 European Funding for Wales]; to be printed [No. 520-ii] [Mr Martyn Jones].
Tuesday 22nd January 2002.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence.—The House being met, the Clerk at the Table informed the House of the Speaker’s absence from this day’s sitting, pursuant to leave given [18th January].

Whereupon Sir Alan Haselhurst, the Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

2 The Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker).

3 Land at Palace Avenue, Kensington (Acquisition of Freehold) Bill.—A Bill to authorise the trustees of the Imperial Tobacco Pension Fund to acquire the freehold of land forming part of the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington; and for connected purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

4 London Development Agency Bill.—A Bill to confer powers upon the London Development Agency was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

5 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—A Bill to amend provisions of the County of Merseyside Act 1980 relating to the levying, revision and application of tolls for use of the Mersey Tunnels and to amend that Act for other purposes was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

6 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) (Amendment) Order 2001 and the draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Modification of Section 7) Order 2002.

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

7 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Amess reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Dissolution) Order 2002.

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

8 Endangered Species (Illegal Trade).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to increase penalties for offences under the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act 1976: And that Mr David Amess, Norman Baker, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mrs Helen Clark, Jane Griffiths, Mr Mike Hancock, John Mann, Linda Perham, Mr John Randall, Angela Watkinson, Miss Ann Widdecombe and Mr Bill Wiggin do prepare and bring it in.

9 Endangered Species (Illegal Trade) Bill.—Mr David Amess accordingly presented a Bill to increase penalties for offences under the Endangered Species (Import and Export) Act 1976: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th April and to be printed [Bill 84].

10 Opposition Day [8th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

State of the Public Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regrets the confusion over Government policy on the public services, which has contributed to a lack of morale and direction for those working within them and dependent upon them; urges Ministers to explain why they believe that greater private sector involvement and leadership will be good for the NHS but in their view was bad for Railtrack; requests the Secretary of State for Health to clarify whether it is his aim that there should be ‘one monopoly provider’ of health care or whether he believes that the NHS should ‘no longer be a monopoly provider of care’; condemns the appointment of the unelected Lord Birt to preside over transport strategy; agrees with the Minister for Europe that Britain now has the worst rail network in Europe; deplores the fact that Labour Ministers failed to give priority to transport in their first term; further condemns the multiple failures of the Government’s Education and Skills policy, including the collapse of the ILA scheme, the closure of Education Action Zones, and the reversal of the policy of exclusions, as well as the high numbers of teachers leaving the profession, the confusion over exam grades and the failure to consult over the future of student funding; calls for an end to the flow of paperwork and circulars from Whitehall which burden and undermine the professionalism of teachers; and, while paying tribute to the immense skill and dedication of many public servants, shares the public’s disappointment that the standards of many public services are well below those prevailing in the rest of Europe—(Dr Liam Fox);
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the Government’s commitment to investment and reform in the public services and notes the contrast with 18 years of Conservative government, typified by under-investment and botched privatisations; recognises the progress being made on raising school standards, improving safety on the railways, cutting waiting times for NHS treatment and reducing levels of crime; wishes to see the ethos of public service strengthened in the country and recognises the importance of high quality public services to the creation of a fairer society; acknowledges the important role of public servants in achieving a fairer society and the contribution made to staff morale of growing staff numbers and rising staff pay; welcomes sustained investment in health, education, police, transport and local government and other areas of public service; believes that the Prime Minister’s Principles of Public Service Reform are important to maximise the benefit gained from higher levels of public service investment; further believes that where public services do well they should benefit from greater decentralisation of power and resources, lighter inspection and greater local control; further believes that where public services fail to reach acceptable standards the Government has a responsibility to provide additional support and intervention whether that provider is in the public sector or, as with Railtrack, in the private sector; and contrasts this approach with that of the Opposition which tolerates failure in the railways, has no coherent plans to raise school standards, supports charging for NHS patients and wishes to cap government spending at 35 per cent. of GDP resulting in cuts to public services of at least £50 billion, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Milburn.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Smith, Mr Nick Ainger: 322.

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, Angela Smith, Mr Nick Ainger: 315.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 189.

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 Government’s commitment to investment and reform in the public services and notes the contrast with 18 years of Conservative government, typified by under-investment and botched privatisations; recognises the progress being made on raising school standards, improving safety on the railways, cutting waiting times for NHS treatment and reducing levels of crime; wishes to see the ethos of public service strengthened in the country and recognises the importance of high quality public services to the creation of a fairer society; acknowledges the important role of public servants in achieving a fairer society and the contribution made to staff morale of growing staff numbers and rising staff pay; welcomes sustained investment in health, education, police, transport and local government and other areas of public service; believes that the Prime Minister’s Principles of Public Service Reform are important to maximise the benefit gained from higher levels of public service investment; further believes that where public services do well they should benefit from greater decentralisation of power and resources, lighter inspection and greater local control; further believes that where public services fail to reach acceptable standards the Government has a responsibility to provide additional support and intervention whether that provider is in the public sector or, as with Railtrack, in the private sector; and contrasts this approach with that of the Opposition which tolerates failure in the railways, has no coherent plans to raise school standards, supports charging for NHS patients and wishes to cap government spending at 35 per cent. of GDP resulting in cuts to public services of at least £50 billion.

11 Industrial Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Financial Assistance For Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 8th January, be approved.—(Mr Phil Woolas).—It was agreed to.
12 Police.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Police Emblems and Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002, which were laid before this House on 9th January, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Raymonds Hill, Axminster, Devon, and others for the construction of a roundabout at the junction of the A35 and the B3165 at Raymonds Hill was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Parkwood Landfill Action Group for the closure of the Parkwood Landfill Site, Sheffield, was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Phil Woolas);
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 three minutes past Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 11.03 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Civil Registration.—Paper, entitled Civil Registration: Vital Change—Birth, Marriage and Death Registration in the 21st Century [by Command] [Cm. 5355] [Ruth Kelly].

2 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Department of Trade and Industry on the Petitions [18th December] from rural residents of the United Kingdom for an investigation into the practices of large oil companies in closing rural filling stations and for minimum requirements for services available there; and from petrol retailers and motorists of the United Kingdom for legislation to prevent the predatory pricing of petrol [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Fur Farming (Compensation Scheme) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3853).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Geraint Davies from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Eric Joyce.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Communications]; to be printed [No. 539-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Foreign Affairs.—(1) Third Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Laeken European Council], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 435]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 384-iii];
[Donald Anderson].

3 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Government’s Drugs Policy: Is it Working?]; to be printed [No. 318-viii] [Mr Chris Mullin].

4 Statutory Instruments.—Sixteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xvi] [Mr David Tredinnick].

5 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Tall Buildings]; to be printed [No. 482-i] [Andrew Bennett].

6 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [LIFFE: Takeover by Euronext]; to be printed [No. 547-i] [Mr John McFall].
Tuesday 22nd January 2002.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Michael Wills);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 86.]

Wednesday 23rd January 2002.

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 the following Resolution:

That, in the case of the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill [Lords], the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: That the parties be permitted to proceed with their Bill.

The Resolution was agreed to.

2 European Standing Committee B,—Mr David Amess reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents Nos. 11381/00, the Commission Communication on ‘Reinvigorating the Barcelona Process’, and 14778/00, relating to the Special Report by the Court of Auditors on the management by the Commission of the programme of assistance to Palestinian Society; and welcomes the Government’s approach to EC assistance to Palestinian society and supports the Government’s continuing commitment to the Barcelona Process.

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

3 Identity Card,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for an identity card for British residents; and for connected purposes—(Dr Nick Palmer);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen McCabe, Dr Nick Palmer: 77.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Simon Thomas: 106.

So the Question was negatived.

4 Adoption and Children Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That pursuant to the reports [15th and 17th January] of the Special Standing Committee, the Order of 29th October 2001 (Adoption and Children Bill (Programme)) shall be varied as follows:—

Consideration and Third Reading

1.—Paragraph 4(1) of the Order shall be omitted.

2.—(1) Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be concluded in two allotted days.

(2) Proceedings on consideration (so far as not previously concluded) shall be brought to a conclusion at Eight o’clock on the second of those days or, if that day is a Thursday, at Five o’clock on that day.
Proceedings on Third Reading (so far as not previously concluded) shall be brought to a conclusion at Ten o'clock on the second of those days or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o'clock on that day.

An allotted day is one on which the Bill is put down on the main business as first Government Order of the day.—(Angela Smith):—It was agreed to.

5 Education Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That, pursuant to the report [17th January] from Standing Committee G, the Order of 4th December 2001 (Education Bill (Programme)) shall be varied as follows:—

Consideration and Third Reading

1. Paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Order shall be omitted.

2.—(1) Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be concluded in two allotted days.

(2) Proceedings on consideration (so far as not previously concluded) shall be brought to a conclusion at Nine o'clock on the second of those days or, if that day is a Thursday, at Six o'clock on that day.

(3) Proceedings on Third Reading (so far as not previously concluded) shall be brought to a conclusion at Ten o'clock on the second of those days or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o'clock on that day.

(4) An allotted day is one on which the Bill is put down on the main business as first Government Order of the day.—(Angela Smith):—It was agreed to.

6 International Development Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the International Development Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Restriction on assistance to governments involved in gross violations of human rights)—(Bob Spink)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Conditions applicable to aid disbursed via third parties)—(Mrs Caroline Spelman)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

7 National Heritage Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to National Heritage Bill [Lords] [Money].

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the National Heritage Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown or government department under or by virtue of the Act; and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act.—(Dr Kim Howells.)

8 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) (Amendment) Order 2001, which was laid before this House on 19th July, be approved.—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.

9 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 (Modification of Section 7) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 19th December, be approved.—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.

10 Ministers of the Crown,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the draft Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Dissolution) Order 2002 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 8th January.—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.

Address to be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of this House as are of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty’s Household.
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11 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from readers of the Liverpool Echo and of Wirral News and residents of Merseyside against the Mersey Tunnels Bill 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—(Dan Norris);

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

13 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.04 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Contracting Out,—Draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to Apsley House) Order 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Trade and Industry,—(1) Consolidated Resource Accounts of the Department of Trade and Industry for 2000–01, and

(2) Combined Resource Account of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Superannuation Schemes for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 503 and 504] [Mr Paul Boateng].

4 Home Office,—Home Office Minute, dated 23rd January 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability in respect of the Home Office Central London Accommodation Strategy (HOCLAS) [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Honduras (No. 1, 2002).—Treaty, done at Tegucigalpa on 4th December 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Honduras concerning the Delimitation of the Maritime Areas between the Cayman Islands and the Republic of Honduras, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5368] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 School Teachers,—Eleventh Report of the School Teachers’ Review Body, for 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5353] [The Prime Minister].

7 Treaty Series (No. 3, 2002),—Agreement, done at Beirut on 16th February 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Lebanese Republic for the Promotion and Protection of Investments [by Command] [Cm. 5358] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Home Energy Conservation Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tim Boswell and Dr Brian Iddon from Standing Committee C (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Richard Bacon and Mr David Drew.

2 Pension Annuities (Amendment) 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: Mrs Angela Browning, David Burnside, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr David Curry, Mr David Drew, Mr Frank Field, Mr Howard Flight, Mr John Greenway, Mr Mark Hendrick, Lynne Jones, Ruth Kelly, Lawrie Quinn, Joan Ryan, Ms Gisela Stuart and Mr Mark Todd.
Office of Communications Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Douglas Alexander and Mrs Helen Clark from Standing Committee E (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Glenda Jackson and Anne Picking.

Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-five Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Desmond Browne, Mrs Patsy Calton, Mr Gregory Campbell, Mr Tony Clarke, Jim Dobbin, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Edward Garnier, Patrick Hall, Mr John Hayes, Lady Hermon, Mr David Heyes, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Shona McIsaac, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Seamus Mallon, Gillian Merron, Chris Mole, Lembit Opik, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Andrew Turner, Mr Bill Tynan and Mr Shaun Woodward.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr John Burnett, Mr David Cameron, Mr Terry Davis, Barbara Follett, Simon Hughes, Mr Andrew Hunter, Chris McCafferty, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Gordon Marsden, Diana Organ, John Robertson, Chris Ruane, Mr Graham Stringer, Mrs Betty Williams and Ms Rosie Winterton.

Draft Air Navigation (Environmental Standards) Order 2002:

(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: Mr Kevin Barron, Tom Brake, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Kevan Jones, Dr Andrew Murrison, Mr George Osborne, Mr Greg Pope, Dr John Pugh, Mr Dave Watts and Mr Phil Woolas.

Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2002 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2002:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Dr Vincent Cable, Brian Cotter, Mr Michael Foster, Mr George Galloway, Mr Barry Gardiner, John Healey, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr John Heppell, Mr Robert Key, Mr David Lepper, Mr Iain Luke, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr David Ruffley, Mr Alan Simpson, Sir Teddy Taylor and David Wright.

National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4043):

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Jim Cousins, Mr Tam Dalyell, Geraint Davies, Jim Fitzpatrick, Sandra Gidley, Dr Evan Harris, Mr John Hutton, Tim Loughton, Andrew Mackinlay, Fiona MacTaggart, Kali Mountford, Ian Trickett, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Ms Claire Ward, Mr Bill Wiggin and Mr David Wilshire.

Fur Farming (Compensation Scheme) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3853).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Ainger, Norman Baker, Richard Burden, Mr Adrian Flook, Mr George Galloway, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Matthew Green, Mr Eric Joyce, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Andrew Mackinlay, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Andy Reed, Mr Malcolm Savidge and Mrs Ann Winterton from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order).

National Care Standards Commission (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3980) and the National Care Standards Commission (Registration) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3969).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tim Loughton from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Oliver Heald.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Individual Learning Accounts]; to be printed [No. 561-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Future of UK Agriculture: Farming Beyond Subsidies?]; to be printed [No. 550-i] [Mr David Curry].

3 Environmental Audit,—First Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Departmental Responsibilities for Sustainable Development], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 326] [Mr John Horam].

4 European Scrutiny,—Fourteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xiv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [National Institute for Clinical Excellence]; to be printed [No. 515-ii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

6 Public Accounts,—(1) Sixteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Access to the Victoria and Albert Museum]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 559]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Policy Development: Improving Air Quality]; to be printed [No. 560-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Research Assessment Exercise]; to be printed [No. 507-i] [Dr Ian Gibson].

8 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Post-Devolution News and Current Affairs Broadcasting in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 549-i] [Mrs Irene Adams].

9 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) First Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Passenger Rail Franchising and the Future of Railway Infrastructure], with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 239-I and -II]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [European Transport White Paper]; to be printed [No. 556-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [The Office of Government Commerce]; to be printed [No. 350-iii] [Mr John McFall].

11 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee ['ONE' Pilots: Lessons for Jobcentre Plus]; to be printed [No. 426-iv] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 86; WH, No. 47.]

Wednesday 23rd January 2002.

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—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

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

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Monday 28th January at Seven o’clock.

2 Tax Credits Bill.—Mr Nigel Beard reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Tax Credits Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 90].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 578].

3 Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords].—Mr Alan Hurst reported from Standing Committee D, That it had agreed to the following Resolution in respect of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords]:

That the Standing Committee recommends that two days be allotted for consideration and Third Reading of the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords].

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

4 Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords].—Mr Alan Hurst reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 89].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 575].

5 Employment Bill.—Mr David Amess reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Employment Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows:

A Bill to make provision for statutory rights to paternity and adoption leave and pay; to amend the law relating to statutory maternity leave and pay; to amend the Employment Tribunals Act 1996; to make provision for the use of statutory procedures in relation to employment disputes; to amend the law relating to particulars of employment; to make provision about compromise agreements; to make provision for questionnaires in relation to equal pay; to make provision in connection with trade union learning representatives; to amend section 110 of the Employment Rights Act 1996; to make provision about fixed-term work; to make provision about flexible working; to amend the law relating to maternity allowance; to make provision for work-focused interviews for partners of benefit claimants; to make provision about the use of information for, or relating to, employment and training; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 86].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 562].

6 Education Bill.—Mr Peter Pike reported from Standing Committee G, that it had gone through the Education Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 87].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 576].

7 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Local Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2002.

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:

Human Rights (Joint Committee).—The Lords communicate that they have made the following Amendment to the Order of 3rd July 2001 relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee on Human Rights:

Leave out the words ‘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’. 

The Lords have agreed to the Homelessness Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed, without Amendment, to the Amendment made by the Commons to the International Development Bill [Lords].

9 Homelessness Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Homelessness Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 88].

10 Public Accounts,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the 38th to 47th Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 1999–2000, of the 1st to 16th Reports of Session 2000–01, and of the Treasury Minutes on these Reports (Cm. 5021, 5071, 5078, 5127, 5201 and 5261).—(Mr Edward Leigh.)

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.17 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Deregulation,—Draft Deregulation (Restaurant Licensing Hours) Order 2002, together with a statement by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Social Security,—Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 79), dated 16th January 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 2002 (S.R. (N.I.), 2002, No. 15), dated 22nd January 2002 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

Other Papers:

4 Appropriation Accounts, 2000–01,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Class XIII (Scotland) for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 335-XIII] [Mr Paul Boateng].

5 United Nations,—(1) Al-Qa’ida and Taliban (United Nations Measures) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 111), and
(2) Al-Qa’ida and Taliban (United Nations Measures) (Overseas Territories) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 112),
dated 23rd January 2002 [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

Papers withdrawn:

6 Deregulation,—Draft Deregulation (Correction of Birth and Death Entries in Registers or Other Records) Order 2002 [laid 9th January].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike and Derek Conway Chairmen of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill.

2 Immigration and Asylum Appeals (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4014),—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Rules.

3 Draft Air Navigation (Environmental Standards) Order 2002:
(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order; and
(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Louise Ellman from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Alan Simpson.
4 Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2002 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders.

5 National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4043).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [House of Lords Reform]; to be printed [No. 494-iii][Tony Wright].

ECCLESIASTICAL COMMITTEE

In pursuance of section 2(2) of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 the Speaker has nominated Mr Nigel Beard, Mr Stuart Bell, Peter Bottomley, Sir Sydney Chapman, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr David Drew, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Mr Frank Field, Mr Derek Foster, Mr John Gummer, Simon Hughes, Mr David Lammy, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Peter Pike and Steve Webb to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee.

[No. 87; WH, No. 48.]


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

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

Adjournment (Walking in Towns and Cities—Eleventh Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 2000–01, and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned. —[Mr Nick Ainger.]

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 29th January.

[Adjourned at 5.27 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 Industrial and Provident Societies Bill.—The Industrial and Provident Societies Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

2 Commonwealth Bill.—The Commonwealth Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

3 Health (Air Travellers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 23rd November, That the Health (Air Travellers) Bill be now read a second time;
And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.
And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 10th May.

4 Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs etc.) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs etc.) Bill:
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 15th March.

5 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick);
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 Three o’clock, till Monday 28th January.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Government Trading Funds,—Draft ABRO Trading Fund Order 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Social Security,—Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 105), dated 22nd January 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

4 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions on—
   (1) the Petition [19th December] from Henry Baker and others for a graduated licensing system for young drivers; and
   (2) the Petition [9th January] from residents of Sidford opposing the sale and development of land formerly allocated for the construction of a by-pass [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Desmond Browne, Jim Dobbin, Mr John Hayes, Shona McIsaac, Lembit Öpik and Mr Graham Stringer members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill.

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 Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the European Communities (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

2 Civil Defence (Grant) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Civil Defence (Grant) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause—(Report on civil defence review)—(Mr A. J. Beith)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 21, at the end, to insert the words ‘only in respect of an increased determination’.—(Mr Tim Collins.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Julian Brazier: 156.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Jim Fitzpatrick: 257.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 24, to leave out ‘2003’ and insert ‘2004’, instead thereof.—(Mr A. J. Beith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.


Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Jim Fitzpatrick: 261.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Jim Fitzpatrick: 262.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Julian Brazier: 155.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

3 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—(Exclusion of Crown Bodies)—(Sir George Young)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

Sir George Young rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

Question put, That the Question be now put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Mark Field: 205.

Tellers for the Noes, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Andrew Dismore: 46.

Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Field, Hugh Robertson: 200.

Tellers for the Noes, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Andrew Dismore: 46.
It being after Ten o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Thursday.

4 Barcelona Process and Assistance to Palestinian Society,—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. 11381/00, the Commission Communication on ‘Reinvigorating the Barcelona Process’, and 14778/00 relating to the Special Report by the Court of Auditors on the management by the Commission of the programme of assistance to Palestinian Society; and welcomes the Government’s approach to EU assistance to Palestinian society and supports the Government’s continuing commitment to the Barcelona Process.—(Dan Norris)—It was agreed to.

5 Convention on the Future of Europe,—Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, Mr David Heathcoat-Amory and Ms Gisela Stuart should be the national parliamentary representatives from this House to the Convention on the Future of Europe.—(Dan Norris.)

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

__APPENDIX I__

**Papers presented or laid upon the Table:**

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**Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:**

1 Deregulation,—Draft Deregulation (Bingo and Other Gaming) Order 2002, together with a statement by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

2 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance Report (England) 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 545] [Mr Secretary Byers].

3 Police,—Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 533] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

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**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**

4 Animals,—Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 119), dated 25th January 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


6 Housing,—Waltham Forest Housing Action Trust (Dissolution) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 86), dated 18th January 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

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**Other Papers:**

7 Appropriation Accounts, 2000–01,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for 2000–01 for Classes:

   (1) VII (Foreign and Commonwealth Office),
   (2) XII (Department of Social Security), and
   (3) XV (Northern Ireland)

   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 335-VII, -XII and -XV] [Mr Paul Boateng].

8 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Defence Analytical Services Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 468] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

9 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on HM Prison Service: Reducing Prisoner Recidivism [by Act]; to be printed [No. 548] [Clerk of the House].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [10th January] from Bristol and West Region Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament against the use of the Fylingdales and Menwith Hill bases as part of a United States missile defence system [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
11 Social Security Fraud.—Code of Practice on Obtaining Information, issued by the Secretary of State under section 3(1) of the Social Security Fraud Act 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Kevin McNama from Standing Committee F (nominated in respect of the Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Tony McWalter.

2 National Care Standards Commission (Registration) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3969) and the National Care Standards Commission (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3980).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Love and Albert Owen from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Ms Claire Ward and Mr David Stewart.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Widening Participation in Higher Education in England]; to be printed [No. 581-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

2 Trade and Industry.—Second Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Security of Energy Supply], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 364] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

3 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Objective 1 European Funding for Wales]; to be printed [No. 520-iii] [Mr Martyn Jones].

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the Civil Defence (Grant) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 90.]

Tuesday 29th January 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Land at Palace Avenue, Kensington (Acquisition of Freehold) Bill.—The Land at Palace Avenue, Kensington (Acquisition of Freehold) Bill was read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

2 London Development Agency Bill.—Ordered, That the London Development Agency Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 6th February.

3 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—Ordered, That the Mersey Tunnels Bill be read a second time on Thursday 7th February.

4 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform.—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Voluntary Aided Schools Liabilities and Funding) (England) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 20th November, should be amended before a draft Order is laid before the House.

5 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr John Butterfill reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the National Care Standards Commission (Registration) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3969) and the National Care Standards Commission (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3980).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
6 Road Safety and Speed.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision for road safety measures in residential areas and for the indication of speed limits: And that Chris Grayling, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Andrew Bennett, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Adrian Flook, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger and Andrew Selous do prepare and bring it in.

7 Road Safety and Speed Bill.—Chris Grayling accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision for road safety measures in residential areas and for the indication of speed limits: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 85].

8 Opposition Day [9th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

The Government’s Management of the Post Office.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that under this Government the Post Office has gone from a profitable organisation to a business that is making half-yearly operating losses of £100 million, has the worst strike record of any business in the country and is consistently failing to meet its delivery targets; depletes its reported intention to abandon its morning delivery guarantee; condemns the Government for retaining Consignia in full public ownership while at the same time refusing to take any responsibility for its failures; further notes that in the last financial year another 547 sub post offices closed; regrets the Government’s determination to press ahead with the withdrawal of benefit payments across the counter despite its failure to put in place any alternative source of income, thus threatening the survival of thousands more; and further condemns the Government’s total mismanagement, which has created the crisis that is facing the Post Office today—(Mr John Whittingdale);

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 running down of the Post Office under 18 years of Conservative government, which saw 3,500 post offices close, hundreds of thousands of days lost through industrial action, a lack of investment which allowed the Post Office to slip behind its competitors, a failure to give the Post Office the commercial freedom it needed to invest and compete; congratulates the current Government for giving the Post Office commercial freedom to make its own decisions, enshrining the universal service obligation in legislation, establishing a new regulatory framework, bringing in new managers, modernising and supporting the post office network and encouraging partnership between employers and unions; and furthermore notes that Consignia invested £296 million in the last financial year, is addressing its cost base, strengthening its management and striving to achieve a world class service in Britain’, instead thereof.—(Ms Secretary Hewitt.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

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

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 185.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 324.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 312.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 191.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House condemns the running down of the Post Office under 18 years of Conservative government, which saw 3,500 post offices close, hundreds of thousands of days lost through industrial action, a lack of investment which allowed the Post Office to slip behind its competitors, a failure to give the Post Office the commercial freedom it needed to invest and compete; congratulates the current Government for giving the Post Office commercial freedom to make its own decisions, enshrining the universal service obligation in legislation, establishing a new regulatory framework, bringing in new managers, modernising and supporting the post office network and
encouraging partnership between employers and unions; and furthermore notes that Consignia invested £296 million in the last financial year, is addressing its cost base, strengthening its management and striving to achieve a world class service in Britain.

9 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 Authorities (Mayoral Elections) (England and Wales) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 19th December, be approved.—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.

10 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 14th February, do adjourn till Monday 25th February—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.

11 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Appropriation Accounts, 2000–01,—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for 2000–01 for Classes:

   (1) I (Education and Employment), and
   (2) IX (Trade and Industry and Export Credits Guarantee Department)
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 335-I and -IX] [Mr Paul Boateng].

2 Armed Forces’ Pay,—Thirty-first Report of the Armed Forces’ Pay Review Body [by Command] [Cm. 5361] [The Prime Minister].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Private and Voluntary Health Care (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3968) and the Care Home Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3965),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ross Cranston and Dr Doug Naysmith from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Richard Burden and Mr David Lepper.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Communications]; to be printed [No. 539-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform,—Fourth Report from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee [The Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Voluntary Aided Schools Liabilities and Funding) (England) Order 2002], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 583] [Mr Peter Pike].

3 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Global Climate Change and Sustainable Development]; to be printed [No. 519-ii] [Tony Baldry].

4 Statutory Instruments,—Seventeenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xvii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

5 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Tall Buildings]; to be printed [No. 482-ii] [Andrew Bennett].
Tuesday 29th January 2002.

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

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

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

Wednesday 30th January 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Irene Adams reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Immigration and Asylum Appeals (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4014).

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

2 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Cran reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Private and Voluntary Health Care (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3968) and the Care Home Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3965).

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

3 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—

(a) on Wednesday 13th February at half-past Ten o’clock to consider a substantive Motion for the adjournment of the Committee; and

(b) on Tuesday 5th March at half-past Ten o’clock to consider a substantive Motion for the adjournment of the Committee—(Dan Norris)—It was agreed to.

4 Police,—Resolved, That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2002–03 (House of Commons Paper No. 533), which was laid before this House on 28th January, be approved.—(Mr John Denham.)

5 Local Government Finance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2002–03 (House of Commons Paper No. 545), which was laid before this House on 28th January, be approved—(Mr Nick Raynsford);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Smith, Dan Norris: 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr A. J. Beith, Annette Brooke: 40.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the Local Government Finance Report (England) 2002–03 (House of Commons Paper No. 545), which was laid before this House on 28th January, be approved.

6 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Bromsgrove against the transfer of the eye clinics at the Alexandra Hospital, Redditch, and the Princess of Wales Community Hospital, Bromsgrove, to Kidderminster and Worcester, and

(2) residents of Croydon and others against the closure of East Croydon Crown Post Office

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
7 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Dan Norris);

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 sixteen minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Police.—Draft Police Act 1997 (Enhanced Criminal Record Certificates) (Protection of Vulnerable Adults) Regulations 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Appropriation Accounts, 2000–01.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for Class V (Lord Chancellor’s and Law Officers’ Departments) for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 335-V] [Mr Paul Boateng].

4 British Trade International.—Resource Accounts of British Trade International for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 526] [Mr Paul Boateng].

5 Criminal Justice.—Resource Accounts of the Serious Fraud Office for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 572] [Mr Paul Boateng].

6 Crown Estate.—Resource Accounts of The Crown Estate for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 544] [Mr Paul Boateng].

7 Customs and Excise.—Resource Accounts of HM Customs and Excise for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 530] [Mr Paul Boateng].

8 Defence Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Queen Victoria School for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 120] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

9 Fair Trading.—Resource Accounts of the Office of Fair Trading for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 538] [Mr Paul Boateng].

10 International Development.—Resource Accounts of—

(1) the Department for International Development, and

(2) Department for International Development Overseas Superannuation Pensions for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 512 and 514] [Mr Paul Boateng].

11 Postal Services.—Resource Accounts of Postcomm for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 495] [Mr Paul Boateng].

12 Prison Service Pay.—First Report of the Prison Service Pay Review Body [by Command] [Cm. 5378] [The Prime Minister].

13 Railways.—Resource Accounts of the Office of the Rail Regulator for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 490] [Mr Paul Boateng].

14 Sea Fisheries.—Report by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the proceedings under sections 1 to 5 of the Sea Fisheries (Shellfish) Act 1967, for 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
15 Treasury Solicitor,—Accounts of the Treasury Solicitor’s Department for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 579] [The Solicitor General].

16 Treaty Series (No. 4, 2002),—Agreement, done at Karachi on 14th September 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan concerning Air Services [by Command] [Cm. 5364] [Mr Secretary Straw].

17 Treaty Series (No. 5, 2002),—Exchange of Notes, done at Jakarta on 10th September and 29th October 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Indonesia Debt Agreement No. 3 (2000)) [by Command] [Cm. 5365] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Employee Share Schemes 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: Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Adrian Bailey, John Barrett, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Peter Duncan, Mr Mark Field, Linda Gilroy, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Iain Luke, Rosemary McKenna, Ms Meg Munn, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Chris Pond and Dawn Primarolo.

2 Industrial and Provident Societies Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee G; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Bacon, Andy Burnham, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Mark Francois, Linda Gilroy, Paul Goggins, Chris Grayling, Mr Mark Hendrick, Phil Hope, Ruth Kelly, Mr Andrew Love, Joan Ryan, Mr Gareth R. Thomas, Mr Dennis Turner and Richard Younger-Ross.

3 Draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Apsley House) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Russell Brown, Mr David Cameron, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Jim Cousins, Nick Harvey, Alan Howarth, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Stephen McCabe, Miss Anne McIntosh, Albert Owen, Mr Bill Rammell, Mr Laurence Robertson, Bob Russell, Mr Ian Taylor and Mr James Wray.

4 Draft Air Navigation (Environmental Standards) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Kevan Jones from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Jon Owen Jones.

5 Private and Voluntary Health Care (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3968) and the Care Home Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3965),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Love from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Ms Claire Ward.

European Standing Committees

6 European Union Document No. 11932/01, relating to the White Paper on the European Transport Policy for 2010 has been referred to European Standing Committee A together with European Union Document No. 12597/01, relating to Proposals for a Decision on Community Guidelines for the Development of the Trans-European Network.

7 European Union Document No. 13438/01, relating to a Community Strategy for Dioxins, Furans and Polychlorinated Biphenyls, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

8 European Union Document No. 8237/01, relating to the status of third-country nationals who are long-term residents, has been referred to European Standing Committee B together with European Union Document No. 11803/01 relating to entry and residence of third country nationals for the purpose of paid employment and self-employed activities.
9 European Union Document No. 14117/01 and Addenda 1–13, relating to the European Commission strategy paper on enlargement and reports on progress by applicants, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Defence and Security in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [No. 518-ii]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Gulf Veterans’ Illness]
   [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Individual Learning Accounts]; to be printed [No. 561-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Future of UK Agriculture: Farming Beyond Subsidies?]; to be printed [No. 550-ii] [Mr David Curry].

4 Environmental Audit,—(1) Second Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Pre-Budget 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. 363]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Sustainable Energy]; to be printed [No. 582-i]
   [Mr John Horam].

5 European Scrutiny,—(1) Fifteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xv];
   (2) Sixteenth Report from the Committee [Animal Testing and Cosmetic Products], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xvi]; and
   (3) Seventeenth Report from the Committee [European Arrest Warrant], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xvii]
   [Mr Jim Marshall].

6 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Human Rights Annual Report 2001]; to be printed [No. 589-ii] [Donald Anderson].

7 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [National Institute for Clinical Excellence]; to be printed [No. 515-iii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

8 Public Accounts,—(1) Seventeenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: Maximising the Benefits of Defence Equipment Co-operation]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 586];
   (2) Eighteenth Report from the Committee [Inland Flood Defence]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 587]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Improving Student Achievement in English Higher Education]; to be printed [No. 588-i]
   [Mr Edward Leigh].

9 Science and Technology,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Research Assessment Exercise]; to be printed [No. 507-ii]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Cancer Research—A Follow Up]
   [Dr Ian Gibson].

10 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Post Devolution News and Current Affairs Broadcasting in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 549-ii] [Mrs Irene Adams].

11 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Second Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [London Underground], with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [Nos. 387-I and -II];
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Road Traffic Speed]; to be printed [No. 557-i] and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [10-Year Plan for Transport]; to be printed [No. 558-i]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 91; WH, No. 50.]

Wednesday 30th January 2002.

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 Ben Chapman.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 92.]


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 the 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 7th February.

2 Liaison.—Mr Alan Williams 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 Supplementary Estimates for the financial year 2001–02:

Ministry of Defence in so far as they relate to the deployment of Ministry of Defence resources in the war against terrorism;

HM Treasury in so far as they relate to policy on environmental taxation.

Report to lie upon the Table.

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Air Navigation (Environmental Standards) Order 2002.

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

4 Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That, pursuant to the report of 24th January from Standing Committee D, the Order of 8th January (Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme)) shall be varied as follows—

Consideration and Third Reading

1. Paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Order shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be concluded in two allotted days.

3. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Nine o’clock on the second of those days or, if that day is a Thursday, at Six o’clock on that day.

4. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Ten o’clock on the second of those days or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o’clock on that day.
5. An allotted day is one on which the Bill is put down on the main business as first Government Order of the day—(Mr John Heppell):—It was agreed to.

5 Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 5, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) In section 94(1) of the Transport Act 1985 (administration of schemes: reimbursement, etc), after paragraph (a), there is inserted—

“(aa) the method by which the authority is to be reimbursed, whether through the Revenue Support Grant or otherwise, in respect of any expenditure arising from the operation of the Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Act 2002.”.—(Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Peter Atkinson: 128.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Nick Ainger: 262.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 21, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(4A) Subsections (1) to (4) above shall not affect the operation of any travel concession scheme more generous than that provided by section 145(1) (mandatory concessions outside Greater London) of the Transport Act 2000 and by section 242 (requirements as to scope of concessions which must be given if free travel scheme is not to have effect) of the Greater London Authority Act 1999 as amended by section 151(12) (concessions inside Greater London) of the Transport Act 2000.’.—(Mr Don Foster.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 5, to leave out from the word ‘on’ to the end of line 7 and insert the words ‘the day six months after Royal Assent has been signified to the Act.’, instead thereof.—(Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

6 Agriculture (S.I., 2001, No. 3966).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Environmental Impact Assessment (Uncultivated Land and Semi-natural Areas) (England) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3966), dated 10th December 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th December, be annulled.—(Mr Peter Ainsworth):—It was negatived.

7 Line of Route.—Resolved, That this House approves the First Report from the Administration Committee, Session 2001–02, on The Summer Line of Route—The 2001 Opening and Proposals for the Future (House of Commons Paper No. 433).—(Mrs Marion Roe.)

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

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

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

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.29 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Rehabilitation of Offenders.—Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Terrorism.—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Continuance of Part VII) Order 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Education.—(1) Education (Mandatory Awards) Regulations 2001 (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 173), and
   (2) Education (Student Support) Regulations 2001 (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 174),
   dated 31st January 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].


5 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Southampton) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 126), dated 28th January 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


Other Papers:

7 Appropriation Accounts, 2000–01.—Appropriation Accounts of the sums granted by Parliament for 2000–01 for Classes:
   (1) II (Department of Health),
   (2) III (Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions),
   (3) IV (Home Office),
   (4) X (Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and Intervention Board—Executive Agency),
   (5) XVI (Departments of the Chancellor of the Exchequer),
   (6) XVII (Cabinet Office and Central Office of Information) and
   (7) XVIII, XVIIIIB and XVIIIIC (Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner, Parliament, etc; National Audit Office; Electoral Commission),
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 335-II, -III, -IV, -X, -XVI, -XVII and -XVIII] [Mr Paul Boateng].

8 Aviation and Maritime Security.—Report for 2001 by the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government 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 Byers].

9 Aviation Security.—Report for 2001 by the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government 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 Byers].

10 Channel Tunnel Security.—Report for 2001 by the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government 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 Byers].
11 Cabinet Office.—Resource Accounts of Cabinet Office: Civil Superannuation for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 554] [Mr Paul Boateng].

12 Charity Commission.—Resource Accounts of the Charity Commission for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 565] [Mr Paul Boateng].

13 Defence Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) Army Personnel Centre,
   (2) British Forces Post Office,
   (3) Defence Intelligence and Security Centre, and
   (4) Service Children’s Education
for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 546, 534, 584 and 511] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

14 Education and Employment,—Resource Accounts of the Department for Education and Employment for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 551] [Mr Paul Boateng].

15 Environment, Transport and the Regions,—Resource Accounts of the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 536] [Mr Paul Boateng].

16 Exchange Equalisation,—Exchange Equalisation Account for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 522] [Ruth Kelly].

17 Food Standards,—Resource Accounts of the Food Standards Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 513] [Mr Paul Boateng].

18 Foreign and Commonwealth Office,—Resource Accounts of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 553] [Mr Paul Boateng].

19 Forestry,—(1) Reports and Accounts of Forest Research, and
   (2) Report and Resource Accounts of the Forestry Commission
for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 247 and 246] [Secretary Margaret Beckett], and
   (3) Resource Accounts for 2000–01 of the—
      (a) Forestry Commission, and
      (b) Forestry Commission Pension Scheme
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 527 and 535] [Mr Paul Boateng].

20 Government Trading Funds,—Resource Accounts of the Central Office of Information for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 566] [Mr Paul Boateng].

21 Health,—Resource Accounts of the Department of Health for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 567] [Mr Paul Boateng].

22 Lord Chancellor’s Department,—Resource Accounts of the Lord Chancellor’s Department for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 568] [Mr Paul Boateng].

23 Lord Chancellor’s Department Executive Agencies,—Resource Accounts of the Northern Ireland Court Service for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 570] [Mr Paul Boateng].

24 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: The Joint Services Command and Staff College [by Act]; to be printed [No. 537] [Clerk of the House].

25 National Health Service Pensions,—Resource Accounts of the National Health Service Pension Scheme (England and Wales) for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 569] [Mr Paul Boateng].
26 Privy Council Office,—Resource Accounts of the Privy Council Office for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 571] [Mr Paul Boateng].

27 Prosecution of Offences,—Resource Accounts of the Crown Prosecution Service for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 540] [Mr Paul Boateng].

28 Scotland Office,—Resource Accounts of the Scotland Office (Office of the Secretary of State for Scotland) for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 531] [Mr Paul Boateng].

29 Social Security,—Resource Accounts of the Department of Social Security for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 491] [Mr Paul Boateng].

30 Teachers’ Pension Scheme,—Resource Accounts of the Teachers’ Pension Scheme for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 552] [Mr Paul Boateng].

31 Terrorism,—Report on the Operation in 2001 of Part VII of the Terrorism Act 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

32 Transport, Local Government and the Regions Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Highways Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 523] [Mr Secretary Byers].

33 Treasury,—Resource Accounts of HM Treasury for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 573] [Mr Paul Boateng].

34 Treasury Executive Agencies,—Resource Accounts of the Office for National Statistics for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 122] [Mr Paul Boateng].

35 Treasury Solicitor,—Resource Accounts of HM Procurator and Treasury Solicitor’s Office for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 574] [Mr Paul Boateng].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to Apsley House) Order 2002,—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

European Standing Committees

2 The Speaker has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of the Court of Auditors Annual Report 2000 and two documents relating to sound financial management and fighting fraud (9208/01 and 9207/01).

3 The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of the 1976 Equal Treatment Directive (14492/01).

Grand Committees

4 The Speaker has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Wednesday 13th February.

5 The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Tuesday 5th March.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Ombudsman Issues]; to be printed [No. 563-i] [Tony Wright].
31st January—1st February 2002

[No. 92; WH, No. 51.]


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

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

Adjournment (Gibraltar),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Ivor Caplin);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 5th February.

[Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.]

[No. 93.]

Friday 1st February 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment (Implementing the Learning Disability White Paper),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Phil Woolas);

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

2 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes past One o’clock, adjourned till Monday 4th February.

[Adjourned at 1.25 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Public Passenger Vehicles,—Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 182), dated 31st January 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2002 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Ruffley from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Nick Gibb.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Opposition Day [10th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Asylum: Bilateral Agreement with France.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the failure of the Government over the past four years to negotiate with the Government of France on the re-application of the bilateral agreement on immigration to the case of asylum seekers; and calls on the Government to ensure a more equitable distribution within the EU of the responsibility for assessing and meeting the claims of potential refugees—(Mr Oliver Letwin);

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 co-operation with France on immigration and asylum issues is greater now than it has ever been; recognises that there has been an overall drop from 13,527 in 2000 to 10,927 in 2001, a drop of almost 20 per cent., in the number of people crossing illegally to the UK from France; further notes that bilateral co-operation continues to address the problem of asylum seekers in Northern France, that the French have made significant investment in police reinforcements in the region and judicial action has been taken against human traffickers and that, as a result of the imposition of the civil penalty, the number of clandestine entrants was reduced by 27 per cent. in 2001; and further notes that the previous Conservative Government left the asylum system in complete disarray, with local authorities left to pick up the pieces’, 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, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr John Randall: 138.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 325.

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 co-operation with France on immigration and asylum issues is greater now than it has ever been; recognises that there has been an overall drop from 13,527 in 2000 to 10,927 in 2001, a drop of almost 20 per cent., in the number of people crossing illegally to the UK from France; further notes that bilateral co-operation continues to address the problem of asylum seekers in Northern France, that the French have made significant investment in police reinforcements in the region and judicial action has been taken against human traffickers and that, as a result of the imposition of the civil penalty, the number of clandestine entrants was reduced by 27 per cent. in 2001; and further notes that the previous Conservative Government left the asylum system in complete disarray, with local authorities left to pick up the pieces.

The Government’s Pension Plans and Means-tested Benefits.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the Government’s stated aim of increasing from 40 per cent. to 60 per cent. the proportion of pensioners’ incomes which comes from the private sector, but notes with concern that the trend is in the opposite direction; deplores the regulatory burdens now placed on pension providers; condemns the Government for its failure to reform annuities; regrets the low level of saving and the decline of funded pensions; recognises that this poses a significant threat to the incomes of pensioners in the future; and further regrets that the Government’s response is to increase the number of pensioners dependent on means-tested benefits—(Mr David Willetts);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the Government’s framework for pensions which will reduce pensioner poverty and encourage saving; further welcomes the fact that pension savings are now at record levels and the increased choice given by stakeholder pensions; further welcomes the Government’s decision to set up the Pickering review; and congratulates the Government on the extra £6 billion paid to pensioners from April and its intention to bring in the Pension Credit which will increase the incomes of around half of all pensioners’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Darling.)
And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Julian Brazier: 175.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Phil Woolas: 296.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Phil Woolas: 290.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Julian Brazier: 174.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Government’s framework for pensions which will reduce pensioner poverty and encourage saving; further welcomes the fact that pension savings are now at record levels and the increased choice given by stakeholder pensions; further welcomes the Government’s decision to set up the Pickering review; and congratulates the Government on the extra £6 billion paid to pensioners from April and its intention to bring in the Pension Credit which will increase the incomes of around half of all pensioners.

2 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 Air Navigation (Environmental Standards) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 17th January, be approved—(Mr Nick Ainger):—It was agreed to.

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

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 two minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Rehabilitation of Offenders.—Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education.—Education (Student Support) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 195), dated 4th February 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].


4 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Statute, dated 8th October 2001, made by the Governing Body of Christ Church, Oxford, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

Other Papers:

5 Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance.—Report of the Law Society of Northern Ireland on Legal Aid in Northern Ireland in 2000–01, with the Report of the Lord Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Legal Aid in Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 524] [Mr Michael Wills].

6 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Delivering the Commercialisation of Public Sector Science [by Act]; to be printed [No. 580] [Clerk of the House].

7 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Minister of State for Education and Skills on the Petition [12th December] from Margaret Edgington of Colchester, schoolteachers, parents and others for measures to facilitate the Foundation Stage of the National Curriculum [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2002 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Lepper and Mr Alan Simpson from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Julia Drown and Mr Mark Hendrick.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights,—Eleventh Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Proceeds of Crime Bill: Further Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 596] [Jean Corston].

2 International Development,—(1) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee on 22nd January [The Effectiveness of the Reforms of European Development Assistance]; to be printed [Nos. 417-iii and -iv]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Effectiveness of the Reforms of European Development Assistance]; to be printed [No. 417-v] [Tony Baldry].

3 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Fraud and Error in Income Support]; to be printed [No. 595-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Productivity and Competitiveness of UK Manufacturing Industry]; to be printed [No. 597-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 95.]

Tuesday 5th February 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolutions:

That the draft Deregulation (Restaurant Licensing Hours) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 24th January 2002, should be approved.

That the draft Deregulation (Bingo and Other Gaming) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 28th January 2002, should be approved.

The Committee came to these Resolutions without a Division.

That the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Golden Jubilee Licensing) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 28th November 2001, should be amended before a draft Order is laid before the House.

2 Proceeds of Crime Bill,—Mr John McWilliam reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Proceeds of Crime Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 91].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 593].
3 Office of Communications Bill [Lords].—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee E. That it had gone through the Office of Communications Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment thereunto.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 607].

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr James Cran reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2002 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2002.

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

5 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4043).

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

6 Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs etc) Bill.—The Order for reading the Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs etc) Bill a second time on Friday 15th March was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th April.

7 Museums.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to clarify the respective responsibilities of trustees and the Secretary of State in terms of international co-operation and the exchange of cultural objects between museums—(Mr Edward O’Hara);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business):—It was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Edward O’Hara, Tom Cox, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Andy Burnham, Mr Richard Allan and Mr Kevin McNamara do prepare and bring in the Bill.

8 Museums Bill.—Mr Edward O’Hara accordingly presented a Bill to clarify the respective responsibilities of trustees and the Secretary of State in terms of international co-operation and the exchange of cultural objects between museums: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th April and to be printed [Bill 92].

9 Education Bill [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Education Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Motion made, and Question proposed, That the Education Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, new Clauses relating to Part 1, new Clauses relating to Part 2, new Clauses relating to Part 3, new Clauses relating to Part 4, new Clauses relating to Part 5, new Clauses relating to Part 6, new Clauses relating to Part 7, new Clauses relating to Part 8, new Clauses relating to Part 9, new Clauses relating to Part 10, other new Clauses, Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 18, Schedule No. 1, Clauses Nos. 19 to 35, Schedule No. 2, Clauses Nos. 36 to 38, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 39 to 48, Schedule No. 4, Clauses Nos. 49 to 53, Schedule No. 5, Clauses Nos. 54 to 56, Schedule No. 6, Clauses Nos. 57 to 62, Schedule No. 7, Clauses Nos. 63 to 66, Schedule No. 8, Clauses Nos. 67 and 68, Schedule No. 9, Clauses Nos. 69 to 71, Schedule No. 10, Clauses Nos. 72 to 115, Schedule No. 11, Clauses Nos. 116 to 143, Schedule No. 12, Clauses Nos. 144 to 147, Schedule No. 13, Clauses Nos. 148 to 150, Schedule No. 14, Clauses Nos. 151 to 180, Schedule No. 15, Clause No. 181, Schedule No. 16, Clause No. 182, Schedule No. 17, Clauses Nos. 183 to 188, Schedule No. 18, Clauses Nos. 189 to 192, Schedule No. 19, Clauses Nos. 193 to 198, Schedule No. 20, Clauses Nos. 199 to 209, Schedules Nos. 21 and 22, new Schedules—(Mr John Heppell);

An Amendment [without notice] proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out the words ‘new Clauses relating to Part 3’ and insert the words ‘New Clauses Nos. 1 and 2, New Clause No. 18, New Clauses Nos. 3 and 4, New Clauses Nos. 7 to 9, New Clause No. 12’, instead thereof.—(Mr Stephen Timms.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dan Norris: 315.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 178.

Main Question, as amended, put.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dan Norris: 312.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 169.

Ordered, That the Education Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, new Clauses relating to Part 1, new Clauses relating to Part 2, new Clauses Nos. 1 and 2, New Clause No. 18, New Clauses Nos. 3 and 4, New Clauses Nos. 7 to 9, New Clause No. 12, new Clauses relating to Part 4, new Clauses relating to Part 5, new Clauses relating to Part 6, new Clauses relating to Part 7, new Clauses relating to Part 8, new Clauses relating to Part 9, new Clauses relating to Part 10, other new Clauses, Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 18, Schedule No. 1, Clauses Nos. 19 to 35, Schedule No. 2, Clauses Nos. 36 to 38, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 39 to 48, Schedule No. 4, Clauses Nos. 49 to 53, Schedule No. 5, Clauses Nos. 54 to 56, Schedule No. 6, Clauses Nos. 57 to 62, Schedule No. 7, Clauses Nos. 63 to 66, Schedule No. 8, Clauses Nos. 67 and 68, Schedule No. 9, Clauses Nos. 69 to 71, Schedule No. 10, Clauses Nos. 72 to 115, Schedule No. 11, Clauses Nos. 116 to 143, Schedule No. 12, Clauses Nos. 144 to 147, Schedule No. 13, Clauses Nos. 148 to 150, Schedule No. 14, Clauses Nos. 151 to 180, Schedule No. 15, Clause No. 181, Schedule No. 16, Clause No. 182, Schedule No. 17, Clauses Nos. 183 to 188, Schedule No. 18, Clauses Nos. 189 to 192, Schedule No. 19, Clauses Nos. 193 to 198, Schedule No. 20, Clauses Nos. 199 to 209, Schedules Nos. 21 and 22, new Schedules.

A Clause (Power of LEA to innovate without permission of the Secretary of State)—(Mr Phil Willis)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Power of school to innovate without permission of the Secretary of State (No. 2))—(Mr Phil Willis)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Annette Brooke: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Smith, Mr Graham Stringer: 315.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

10 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 [31st January] of the Liaison Committee—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

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

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

12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

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:


Other Papers:

3 Food Standards.—(1) Report and Accounts of the Food Standards Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 488] [Mr Secretary Milburn], and
(2) Consolidated Resource Accounts of the Food Standards Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 594] [Mr Paul Boateng].

4 Immigration.—Immigration (Designation of Travel Bans) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 192), dated 1st February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Northern Ireland Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Compensation Agency for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 543] [Mr Secretary Reid].

6 School Standards and Framework.—Accounts of the Dudley Education Action Zone for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 591] [Clerk of the House].

7 School Inspections.—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 500] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

8 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communications declaring that the aforementioned Statutory Instruments had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instruments came into operation:

Foot-and-Mouth Disease (Marking of Meat, Meat Preparations and Meat Products) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 118), and
Import and Export Restrictions (Foot-and-Mouth Disease) (No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 119)
[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

9 Treasury.—Treasury Minute, dated 5th February 2002, concerning an extension to contingent liabilities undertaken, and a proposed contingent liability, in respect of the provision of third party (war and terrorism) insurance cover to UK operating airlines and the UK airline industry [by Command] [Ruth Kelly].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4043).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Kali Mountford and Jon Trickett from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Alan Keen and Dr Nick Palmer.

European Standing Committees

2 European Union Document No. 14130/01 relating to Fisheries: Total Allowable Catches and Quotas 2002, has been referred to European Standing Committee A in place of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 5th December 2001, submitted by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, which was referred on 12th December 2001.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Communications]; to be printed [No. 539-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform.—Fifth Report from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee [The draft Deregulation (Restaurant Licensing Hours) Order 2002. The draft Deregulation (Bingo and Other Gaming) Order 2002 and the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Golden Jubilee Licensing) Order 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 599] [Mr Peter Pike].

3 Foreign Affairs.—(1) Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Zimbabwe], together with Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee and an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 456]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Turkey]; to be printed [No. 606-i] [Donald Anderson].

4 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Work of the Metropolitan Police Commissioner]; to be printed [No. 601] [Mr Chris Mullin].

5 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [The Effectiveness of the Reforms of European Development Assistance]; to be printed [No. 417-vi] [Tony Baldry].

6 Liaison.—First Report from the Liaison Committee [The Work of the Select Committees 2001], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 590] [Mr Alan Williams].

7 Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee on 4th February [Post-Devolution News and Current Affairs Broadcasting in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 549-iii] [Mrs Irene Adams].

8 Statutory Instruments.—Eighteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xviii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

9 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Productivity and Competitiveness of UK Manufacturing Industry]; to be printed [No. 597-ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

10 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—(1) Third Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Public Spaces: The Role of PPG 17 in the Urban Renaissance], with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 238-I]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee [Tall Buildings]; to be printed [No. 482-iii] [Andrew Bennett].

11 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The Role of the Practitioner Panel and the Consumer Panel of the Financial Services Authority]; to be printed [No. 600-i] [Mr John McFall].

12 Welsh Affairs.—Third Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Social Exclusion in Wales: Response of the National Assembly for Wales to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 1999–2000]; to be printed [No. 604] [Mr Martyn Jones].

WESTMINSTER HALL

In pursuance of the Order of the House of 20th November 2000, the Speaker has approved 28th February, 21st March, 25th April, 16th May, 13th June and 11th July as days when the business to be taken in Westminster Hall shall be debates on select committee reports chosen by the Liaison Committee.

[No. 95; WH, No. 52.]

Tuesday 5th February 2002.

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 Brian Wilson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
Wednesday 6th February 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills (Standing Orders not previously inquired into complied with).—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, that in the case of the following Bill, referred after the Second Reading thereof, the Standing Orders not previously inquired into, which are applicable thereto, have been complied with:
   Land at Palace Avenue, Kensington (Acquisition of Freehold) Bill.
   Bill committed.

2 London Development Agency Bill.—The Order of the Day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Development Agency Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 13th February.

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr John Cummings reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to Apsley House) Order 2002.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Education Bill (Programme) (No. 3),—Ordered, That notwithstanding the Order of 23rd January (Education Bill (Programme) (No. 2)), at this day’s sitting proceedings on consideration of the Education Bill as amended in the Standing Committee (so far as not previously concluded) shall be brought to a conclusion at Eleven o’clock and proceedings on Third Reading (so far as not previously concluded) shall be brought to a conclusion at midnight.—(Mr Stephen Timms.)

5 Education Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Education Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
   Another Clause (No requirements of attendance at a place of religious worship)—(Mr Frank Dobson)—brought up, and read the first time.
   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.
   David Maclean rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
   Question, That the Question be now put, put and agreed to.
   Question put accordingly, That the Clause be read a second time.
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Tom Brake: 87.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Ian Pearson: 405.
   Another Clause (No requirements of attendance at a place of religious worship (No. 2))—(Mr Frank Dobson)—brought up and read the first time.
   Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Tom Brake: 86.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Ian Pearson: 409.
   Another Clause (Modification of employment law)—(Mr Phil Willis)—brought up, and read the first time.
   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
   Another Clause (Selection by aptitude)—(Mr Phil Willis)—brought up, and read the first time.
   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.
   And it being Eleven o’clock, the Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Paul Holmes: 62.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Fraser Kemp: 420.
   The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on a new Clause which the Speaker had selected for separate Division.
Another Clause (Restrictions relating to petitions and ballots)—(Mr Damian Green)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Peter Atkinson: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Ian Pearson: 293.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions necessary to dispose of the remaining new Clause and Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Another Clause (Further education institution: hazardous material, &c.)—(Mr Stephen Timms)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Motion made, and Question put, That Amendments Nos. 16 to 19, 54, 20 to 25, 31 to 48, 55 to 57, 53, 49, 26 to 28, 50, 29, 30, 58 to 60, 51 and 52 be made to the Bill.—(Mr Stephen Timms.)

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Fraser Kemp: 291.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Julian Brazier: 178.

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

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And it being midnight, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [yesterday].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Mrs Anne McGuire: 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Charles Hendry, Dr Julian Lewis: 179.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

6 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 2002, which was laid before this House on 17th January, be approved.—(Keith Hill):—It was agreed to.

7 Employment and Training.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 17th January, be approved.—(Keith Hill):—It was agreed to.

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Keith Hill.)

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

[Adjourned at 12.42 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Pensions,—Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Social Security,—(1) Draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling]; and

(2) draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Defence,—Royal Marines Terms of Service (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 201), dated 4th February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
Other Papers:

4 House of Commons Commission.—Report of the House of Commons Commission on the nomination of a Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards; to be printed [No. 598] [The Speaker].

5 Social Security.—Report by the Government Actuary on the drafts of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2002 and the Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5383] [Mr Secretary Darling].

6 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions Minute, dated 5th February 2002, supplementing existing contingent liabilities undertaken, and concerning proposed contingent liabilities, consequent upon franchise agreements between franchisees and the Strategic Rail Authority [by Command] [Mr Secretary Byers].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Pensions Annuities (Amendment) Bill,—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A (transferred from Standing Committee C).

2 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Continuance of Part VII) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Tony Banks, Mr Crispin Blunt, Ms Karen Buck, Mrs Patsy Calton, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Mark Francois, Jane Kennedy, Ian Lucas, Shona McIsaac, Lembit Öpik, James Purnell, Mr Martin Salter, Mr Graham Stringer and Mr Andrew Turner.

3 Draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to Apsley House) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen McCabe and Mr James Wray from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Lazarowicz and Mr Denis Murphy.

4 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order 2002:
   (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: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Gregory Barker, Mr John Baron, Mr Harold Best, Mr Keith Bradley, Annette Brooke, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Ivan Henderson, Simon Hughes, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mrs Anne McGuire, Dr Doug Naysmith, Rachel Squire and Jon Trickett.

5 Draft Police Act 1997 (Enhanced Criminal Record Certificates) (Protection of Vulnerable Adults) Regulations 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Atkinson, Norman Baker, Mr David Cameron, Mr John Denham, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mrs Joan Humble, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr George Mudie, Mr James Paice, Christine Russell, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Robert N. Wareing, Mr Tom Watson and Mr Roger Williams.

6 Draft ABRO Trading Fund Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Battle, Mr Edward Davey, Michael Fabricant, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr James Gray, Mr David Heyes, Mr Adam Ingram, Mr Paul Keetch, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr Alan Meale, Dan Norris, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Geraldine Smith, Llew Smith and Mark Tami.

European Standing Committees

7 European Union Document No. 15238/01, relating to Fisheries: total allowable catches for deep-sea stocks in 2002, has been referred to European Standing Committee A together with the European Union Document No. 14130/01 already referred to the Committee.
European Document No. 14394/01, relating to greenhouse gas emission trading within the Community, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Second Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Countryside Agency]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 386];

(2) Third Report from the Committee [Radioactive Waste: The Government’s Consultation Process], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Radioactive Waste Policy Sub-Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 407]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Future of UK Agriculture: Farming Beyond Subsidies?]; to be printed [No. 550-iii]

[Mr David Curry].

2 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Sustainable Energy]; to be printed [No. 582-ii] [Mr John Horam].

3 European Scrutiny,—Eighteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xviii] [Mr Michael Connarty].

4 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—First Report from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [Select Committees], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [Nos. 224-I and -II] [Mr Robin Cook].

5 Public Accounts,—(1) Nineteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ship Surveys and Inspections]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 608];

(2) Twentieth Report from the Committee [Educating and training the future health professional workforce for England]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 609]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [NHS Direct in England]; to be printed [No. 610-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Cancer Research—A Follow-Up]; to be printed [No. 444-iii] [Dr Ian Gibson].

7 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [10-Year Plan for Transport]; to be printed [No. 558-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 96; WH, No. 53.]

Wednesday 6th February 2002.

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 Nick Ainger.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.51 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 the 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 14th February.

2 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 12th February.

3 Tax Credits Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Tax Credits Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

   A Clause (Recipients of children’s tax credit prior to April 2003)—(Steve Webb)—brought up, and read the first time.

   Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Heath, Richard Younger-Ross: 165.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Angela Smith: 245.

   Another Clause (Means of payment of tax credits to recipients)—(Mr David Heath)—brought up, and read the first time.

   Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

   The House divided.


   Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Ian Pearson: 252.

   Another Clause (Aggravated tax credit fraud)—(Mr James Clappison)—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, pursuant to Order [10th December], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Stephen O’Brien: 120.

   Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Ian Pearson: 294.

   The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question necessary to bring proceedings on consideration to a conclusion.

   Amendment (No. 23) made to the Bill.

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

   Mr Paul Boateng, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

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

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

4 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.49 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Constitutional Law.—Draft Adjacent Waters Boundaries (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

2. Contracting Out.—Draft Contracting Out (Local Education Authority Functions) (England) Order 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

3. Local Government.—Draft Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

4. Northern Ireland.—(1) Draft Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, together with a statement by the Northern Ireland Office and a report of the Northern Ireland Assembly, and
   (2) draft Sea Fisheries (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

5. Police.—Draft Police Act 1997 (Enhanced Criminal Record Certificates) (Protection of Vulnerable Adults) Regulations 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


   (2) Courts-Martial (Royal Air Force) (Amendment) Rules 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 229), and


10. Medicines.—Medicines (Codification Amendments Etc.) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 236), dated 7th February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Other Papers:


16. Immigration.—Paper, entitled Secure Borders, Safe Haven: Integration with Diversity in Modern Britain [by Command] [Cm. 5387] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Pension Annuities (Amendment) Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr George Stevenson Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Industrial and Provident Societies Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Continuance of Part VII) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nigel Beard Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

4 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

5 Draft Police Act 1997 (Enhanced Criminal Record Certificates) (Protection of Vulnerable Adults) Regulations 2002:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter Atkinson, Norman Baker, Mr David Cameron, Mr John Denham, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mrs Joan Humble, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr George Mudie, Mr James Paice, Christine Russell, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Robert N. Wareing, Mr Tom Watson and Mr Roger Williams from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations).

6 Draft ABRO Trading Fund Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Butterfill Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—(1) First Report from the Education and Skills Committee [The Work of OFSTED], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 437];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 6th February [Individual Learning Accounts]; to be printed [No. 561-iii]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Work of OFSTED] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Police Reform Bill]; to be printed [No. 612-i] [Mr Chris Mullin].

3 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Memoranda and a Paper laid before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Relocation following Paramilitary Intimidation] [Mr Michael Mates].

4 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [The Annual Report of the Health Service Ombudsman]; to be printed [No. 564-i] [Tony Wright].

5 Standards and Privileges.—Fifth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaints against Mr Keith Vaz], together with Appendices and the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 15th January; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 605] [Sir George Young].
Thursday 7th February 2002.

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

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

Adjournment (Child health and maternity).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 12th February.

[Adjourned at 6 p.m.]

Friday 8th February 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment (Government measures to regenerate disadvantaged areas).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

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

2 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 11th February.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—(1) Broomfield Agricultural College (Dissolution) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 243),

(2) Derby Tertiary College—Wilmorton (Dissolution) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 245),

(3) East Yorkshire College of Further Education, Bridlington (Dissolution) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 246), and

(4) Mackworth College (Dissolution) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 244), dated 8th February 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

2 Patents,—Patents and Plant Variety Rights (Compulsory Licensing) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 247), dated 7th February 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 227), dated 1st February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

4 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Attendance Allowance and Disability Living Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 208), and

(2) Statutory Maternity Pay (Compensation of Employers) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 225), dated 5th February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Continuance of Part VII) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ian Lucas from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Lindsay Hoyle.

2 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Anne McGuire from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Ivor Caplin.
Monday 11th February 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Death of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon.—The House observed a minute's silence in memory of Her Royal Highness The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, C.I., G.C.V.O., who died on 9th February.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Nigel Beard reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Continuance of Part VII) Order 2002.

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

3 Land Registration Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Land Registration Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Electronic settlement)—(Mr Michael Wills)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Incidental powers: companies)—(Mr Michael Wills)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 33, line 5, after the word 'certified', to insert the words—

'(ca) each electronic signature was made by, or with the authority of, the person whose signature it purports to be.'—(Mr William Cash.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 2 to 5) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 42, line 39, at the end, to insert the words—

'(4A) Before making any order under any provision of this Act, the Lord Chancellor shall consult the Rule Committee.'—(Mr William Cash.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 61, line 23, at the end, to insert the words—

'(i) the exercise by the court of its powers under section 46.'—(Mr William Cash.)

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

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

Mr Ian McCartney, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's prerogative and interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

Mr Ian McCartney, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

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

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

4 Contracting Out.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to Apsley House) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved—(Mr John Heppell):—It was agreed to.

5 Rating and Valuation.—Ordered, That the Non-Domestic Rating (Designation of Rural Areas) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3916), dated 7th December 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th December, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr John Heppell.)
6 Rating and Valuation.—Ordered, That the Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3944), dated 10th December 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th December, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr John Heppell.)

7 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Brenda Elvidge and others to limit the types of firework to be sold to unlicensed individuals and the number of days on which fireworks may be exploded 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 John Heppell.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.42 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Cumbria) (District of South Lakeland) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 276), dated 11th February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

2 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the British Museum for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 613] [Clerk of the House].

3 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on e-Revenue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 492] [Clerk of the House].


5 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums,—Report and Accounts of the Electoral Commission for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

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

Peak District National Park Authority (Restriction of Agricultural Operations) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 80) [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

7 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions Minute, dated 11th February 2002, supplementing existing contingent liabilities undertaken, and concerning proposed contingent liabilities, consequent upon franchise agreements between the Strategic Rail Authority and M40 Trains Ltd in respect of Chiltern Railways [by Command] [Mr Secretary Byers].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Kevan Jones and Jon Trickett from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Tom Harris and Ian Lucas.

Programming Committees

2 Proceeds of Crime Bill (Programming Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bob Ainsworth, Norman Baker, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mrs Anne McGuire, John Robertson, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr David Wilshire members of the Programming Committee in respect of the Bill.
Tuesday 12th February 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 26th February.

2 Private Military Companies: Options for Regulation,—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of a Paper, entitled Private Military Companies: Options for Regulation.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order 2002.

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

4 European Standing Committee B,—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents Nos. 9208/01, Protecting the Communities’ Financial Interests—the fight against fraud: Commission’s Twelfth Annual Report 2000, and 9207/01, Protecting the Communities’ Financial Interests—Fight Against Fraud: Action Plan for 2001–2003, and the Court of Auditors’ annual report for 2000; and encourages the Government’s continuing efforts to promote and support measures to improve financial management and reduce the opportunities for fraud against the EC financial interest.

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

5 Waiting Time for Discharge from Hospital,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide an upper limit on the time that a person who is ready in all respects for discharge must wait before leaving an acute hospital: And that Dr Andrew Murrison, Dr Richard Taylor, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr John Horam, Mr Peter Duncan and Mr Robert Key do prepare and bring it in.

6 Waiting Time for Discharge from Hospital Bill,—Dr Andrew Murrison accordingly presented a Bill to provide an upper limit on the time that a person who is ready in all respects for discharge must wait before leaving an acute hospital: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 93].

7 Employment Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Employment Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Complaints about grievances)—(Alan Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Report on impact of Act)—(Mr Philip Hammond)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Assessment of effects of widening definition of ‘employee’)—(Mr Philip Hammond)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Participation in official industrial action)—(Mr Tony Lloyd)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Repeal of section 109 of the Employment Rights Act 1996)—(Hywel Williams)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.
It being Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [27th November], put forthwith the Question on a new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate Division.

Another Clause (Dismissal and participation in industrial action)—(Mr Philip Hammond)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Laurence Robertson: 127.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Fraser Kemp: 342.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Questions necessary to bring proceedings on consideration to a conclusion.

Amendments (Nos. 37 to 46, 16 to 18, 47, 48, 19 to 28 and 52) made to the Bill.

Schedule (Tribunal jurisdictions to which section [Complaints about grievances] applies) added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 49, 50 and 29) made to the Bill.

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

Ms Secretary Hewitt, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Ian Pearson: 358.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 132.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

8 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 (Continuance of Part VII) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 31st January, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Town and Country Planning,—Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Fisheries,—Diseases of Fish (Control) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 284), dated 11th February 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


4 Medicines,—Marketing Authorisations for Veterinary Medicinal Products (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 269), dated 10th February 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5 Plant Health,—(1) Plant Health (Forestry) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 295), and
(2) Treatment of Spruce Bark (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 296)
dated 12th February 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

6 Education and Skills,—Paper, entitled 14-19: Extending Opportunities, Raising Standards
[by Command] [Cm. 5342] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

7 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Misuse and Smuggling
of Hydrocarbon Oils [by Act]; to be printed [No. 614] [Clerk of the House].

8 Private Military Companies,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of a Paper,
etitled Private Military Companies: Options for Regulation [pursuant to Resolution
this day]; to be printed [No. 577] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Grand Committees

The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee
in respect of its meeting on Wednesday 13th February, in place of Mrs Irene Adams.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport
Committee [Communications]; to be printed [No. 539-iv] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Turkey];
to be printed [No. 606-ii] [Donald Anderson].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The
Governments Drugs Policy: Is it Working?]; to be printed [No. 318-ix] [Mr Chris Mullin].

4 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International
Development Committee [Global Climate Change and Sustainable Development]; to be
printed [No. 519-iii] [Tony Baldry].

5 Procedure,—(1) First Report from the Procedure Committee [Making of Remedial Orders:
Recommendations by the Joint Committee on Human Rights], together with an
Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to
the Report [No. 626]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Parliamentary Questions and
Electronic Tabling of Questions and Motions]; to be printed [No. 622-i]
[Mr Nicholas Winterton].

6 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-first Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Better
Value for Money from Professional Services]; to be printed, with the Minutes of
proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 309]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 11th February [Reducing
Prisoner Re-offending]; to be printed [No. 619-i]
[Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Public Administration,—Fifth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration
[The Second Chamber—Continuing the Reform], with Appendices to the Minutes of
Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the
Committee relating to the Report [Nos. 494-I and -II] [Tony Wright].

8 Standards and Privileges,—(1) Sixth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges
[Registration of interests by Members who have not taken their seat], together with an
Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to
the Report [No. 624]; and

(2) Seventh Report from the Committee [Complaints against Mr Nigel Griffiths],
together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the
Committee relating to the Report [No. 625]
[Sir George Young].

9 Statutory Instruments,—Nineteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory
Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No.
135-xix] [Mr David Tredinnick].
10 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Tall Buildings]; to be printed [No. 482-iv]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee [The Need for a New European Regeneration Framework]; to be printed [No. 483-II]
[Andrew Bennett].

11 Welsh Affairs.—(1) First Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Children’s Society in Wales], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 525]; and
(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [The Post Office Network in Wales]
[Julie Morgan].

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel), the Speaker nominated Mr Peter Atkinson, Miss Anne Begg and David Taylor to be members of the Chairmen’s Panel during the present Session of Parliament.

[No. 100; WH, No. 55.]

Tuesday 12th February 2002.

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 Graham Stringer.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.

[No. 101.]

Wednesday 13th February 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Ministers of the Crown.—The Vice Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That its Address of 23rd January relating to Ministers of the Crown had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Address praying that the draft Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Dissolution) Order 2002 be made in the form of the draft laid before your House on 8th January.

I will comply with your request.

2 London Development Agency Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Development Agency Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 27th February.

3 Contingencies Fund 2000–01.—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 2000–01, showing:—

(1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended the 31st day of March 2001; and

(2) the Distribution of the Capital of the Fund at the commencement and close of the year; together with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)
4 Industrial and Provident Societies Bill.—Mr John McWilliam reported from Standing Committee G, that it had gone through the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

The Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 19th April, and to be printed [Bill 95].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 629].

5 European Standing Committee B.—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 14492/01, the Opinion of the European Commission on the European Parliament’s amendments to the Council’s common position regarding the draft Directive amending Council Directive 76/207/EEC on equal treatment for men and women as regards access to employment, vocational training and promotion, and working conditions; and supports the Government’s aim of maintaining the Council’s common position which updates the Equal Treatment Directive in line with case law and developments in European law.

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

6 Patients without Legal Capacity (Safeguards).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Mental Health Act 1983 to provide protection for persons with a mental disorder who are unable to consent to being treated in hospital: And that Mrs Helen Clark, Mr David Amess, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Roger Berry, Peter Bottomley, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Tom Clarke, Dr Julian Lewis, Jim Dobbin, Dr Ian Gibson, Ms Debra Shipley and Dr Jenny Tonge do prepare and bring it in.

7 Patients without Legal Capacity (Safeguards) Bill.—Mrs Helen Clark accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Mental Health Act 1983 to provide protection for persons with a mental disorder who are unable to consent to being treated in hospital: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th April and to be printed [Bill 94].

8 Standards and Privileges.—Resolved, That this House—

(i) approves the Fifth Report of the Committee on Standards and Privileges (House of Commons Paper No. 605-I); and

(ii) accordingly suspends Mr Keith Vaz, Member for Leicester East, from the service of the House for one month.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

9 Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards.—Ordered, That Mr Philip John Courtney Mawer be appointed Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards on the terms of the Report of the House of Commons Commission, House of Commons Paper No. 598, dated 6th February.—(Mr Stuart Bell.)

10 House of Commons Commission.—Ordered, That Sir Patrick Cormack be appointed a member of the House of Commons Commission under the House of Commons (Administration) Act 1978.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

11 British Overseas Territories Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the British Overseas Territories Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 28, to leave out subsections (2) and (3).—(Peter Bradley.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

12 Deregulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft deregulation, etc., orders), That the draft Deregulation (Restaurant Licensing Hours) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 24th January, be approved.—(Mr Tony McNulty):—It was agreed to.

13 Deregulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft deregulation, etc., orders), That the draft Deregulation (Bingo and Other Gaming) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 28th January, be approved.—(Mr Tony McNulty):—It was agreed to.
14 The Fight Against Fraud.—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. 9208/01, Protecting the Communities' Financial Interests—the fight against fraud: Commission’s Twelfth Annual Report 2000, 9207/01, Protecting the Communities' Financial Interests—Fight Against Fraud: Action Plan for 2001–2003, and the Court of Auditors’ annual report for 2000; and encourages the Government’s continuing efforts to promote and support measures to improve financial management and reduce the opportunities for fraud against the EC financial interest. (Mr Tony McNulty.)—It was agreed to.

15 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 2002, which was laid before this House on 4th February, be approved. (Mr Tony McNulty.)—It was agreed to.

16 Local Government.—Ordered, That the Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3576), dated 5th November 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 6th November, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation. (Mr Tony McNulty.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 8.42 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Electricity.—Draft Renewables Obligation Order 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture.—Hill Farm Allowance Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 271), dated 11th February 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


4 European Communities.—European Communities (Designation) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 248), dated 12th February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Pensions.—Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 206), dated 5th February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

6 Sea Fisheries.—Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Quota and Third Country Fishing Measures) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 272), dated 8th February 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


Other Papers:

8 Contingencies Fund, 2000–01.—Accounts of the Contingencies Fund for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 618] [Mr Paul Boateng].

9 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the First to the Third Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5393] [Mr Paul Boateng].

10 Treaty Series (No. 6, 2002).—Exchange of Notes, done at Amman on 11th December 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan concerning the United Kingdom/Jordan Retrospective Terms Agreement 1994 [by Command] [Cm. 5366] [Mr Secretary Straw].
11 Treaty Series (No. 7, 2002).—Exchange of Notes, done at Yaounde on 13th and 16th November 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of The Gabonese Republic concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Gabon Debt Agreement No. 6 (2000)) [by Command] [Cm. 5367] [Mr Secretary Straw].

12 United Nations.—(1) Al-Qa’ida and Taliban (United Nations Measures) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 251), and

(2) Al-Qa’ida and Taliban (United Nations Measures) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 266),
dated 12th February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw]; and

(3) Al-Qa’ida and Taliban (United Nations Measures) (Channel Islands) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 258), and

dated 12th February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Michael Wills].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Employee Share Schemes Bill.—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B (transferred from Standing Committee C), and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman.

2 Draft Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First 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: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Desmond Browne, Mrs Helen Clark, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Mark Francois, Mr John Hayes, Lady Hermon, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Stephen McCabe, Rosemary McKenna, Mr Peter Mandelson, Gillian Merron, Lembit Opik and Mr Graham Stringer.

3 Draft Police Act 1997 (Enhanced Criminal Record Certificates) (Protection of Vulnerable Adults) Regulations 2002:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Atkinson, Norman Baker, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr John Denham, Mr Adrian Flook, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Chris Mole, Mr James Paice, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Chris Smith, Mr Clive Soley, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr Roger Williams.

4 Draft Adjacent Waters Boundaries (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 and the draft Sea Fisheries (Northern Ireland) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Third 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: Mr Crispin Blunt, David Burnside, Mr Mark Francois, Mr John Hayes, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Andrew Hunter, Jane Kennedy, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Mr John Lyons, Shona McIsaac, Dan Norris, Lembit Opik, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Mr Shaun Woodward.

5 Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2002:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Vera Baird, Mr Howard Flight, Paul Holmes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr John MacDougall, Julie Morgan, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, Joyce Quin, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Andrew Rosindell, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Mr John Smith, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr David Tredinnick and Steve Webb.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order and Regulations to the Sixth 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: Mr David Borrow, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Denzil Davies, Linda Gilroy, Mr Boris Johnson, Mr Calum MacDonald, Mr David Miliband, Ms Meg Munn, Mr Martin Salter, Mr Adrian Sanders, Dr Gavin Strang, Dr Alan Whitehead, Mr John Wilkinson and Mr Phil Woolas.

7 Draft Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nigel Beard, Mr Julian Brazier, Kevin Brennan, Clive Ellwood, Mr Don Foster, Linda Gilroy, Mr Tony McWalter, John Mann, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr George Mudie, Dr John Pugh, Mr David Ruffley, Jon Trickett, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Phil Woolas.

8 Draft Contracting Out (Local Education Authority Functions) (England) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Adrian Bailey, Miss Anne Begg, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Vernon Coaker, John Cryer, Tony Cunningham, Mr John Heppell, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr John Horam, Helen Jackson, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr James Plaskitt, Dr John Pugh, Mr Stephen Timms and Mr Phil Willis.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Atkinson, Mr Colin Challen, Mr Iain Coleman, Jon Cruddas, Mr Frank Field, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Nick Gibb, Sandra Gidley, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Kerry Pollard, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Jacqui Smith, Mr Roger Williams and Mr David Wilshire.

European Standing Committees

10 The Speaker has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Documents Nos. 7262/01, 7263/01, 7377/01 and 7378/01, relating to the Commission Green Paper on the future of the Common Fisheries Policy.

11 European Union Document No. 15194/01, relating to packaging and packaging waste, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

12 European Union Document No. 15500/01, relating to the promotion of the use of biofuels in road transport, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees


(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Defence and Security in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [No. 518-iii]

[Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Individual Learning Accounts]; to be printed [No. 561-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman].
3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Future of UK Agriculture: Farming Beyond Subsidies?]; to be printed [No. 550-iv] [Mr David Curry].

4 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [UK Preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development]; to be printed [No. 616] [Mr John Horam].

5 European Scrutiny,—Nineteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xix] [Mr Michael Connarty].

6 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Delayed Discharges]; to be printed [No. 617-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

7 International Development,—First Special Report from the International Development Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, on The Humanitarian Crisis in Afghanistan and the Surrounding Region]; to be printed [No. 633] [Tony Baldry].

8 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Second Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Financing of Terrorism in Northern Ireland: Interim Report on the Proceeds of Crime Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 628] [Mr Michael Mates].

9 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Channel Tunnel Rail Link]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 630];

   (2) Twenty-third Report from the Committee [Report on Inland Revenue Appropriation Account 1999–2000]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 631]; and

   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Opening the Post: Postcomm and postal services—the risks and opportunities]; to be printed [No. 632-i]

   [Mr Edward Leigh].

10 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Road Traffic Speed]; to be printed [No. 557-ii] [Andrew Bennett]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [10-Year Plan for Transport]; to be printed [No. 558-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 101; WH, No. 56.]

Wednesday 13th February 2002.

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 John Heppell.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 102.]

Thursday 14th February 2002.

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 the 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 28th February.
2 Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill.—Mr Peter Pike reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto. Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 25th February; and to be printed [Bill 96]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 637].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 97].

5 Adjournment (Defence Policy).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Ivor Caplin); And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

6 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on 25th February, 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 Order 2002 and the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2002 not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first Motion.—(Dan Norris.)

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 25th February, pursuant to Resolution [29th January]. [Adjourned at 7.28 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Companies,—Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 317), dated 13th February 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Constitutional Law,—Draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) (Amendment) Order 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

3 Local Government,—Draft Audit Commission (Borrowing Limit) Order 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

4 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 90) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 611] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 Social Security,—Draft Tax Credits Up-rating Order 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


7 Electronic Communications,—Electronic Signatures Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 318), dated 13th February 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

8 Local Government,—Local Government (Best Value) Performance Plans and Reviews Amendment and Specified Dates Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 305), dated 13th February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

9 Air Force (Constitution),—Amendment (No. 4) to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

11 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Agricultural Fraud: The case of Joseph Bowden [by Act] [No. 615] [Clerk of the House].

12 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions on the Petition [23rd January] from readers of the Liverpool Echo and of Wirral News and residents of Merseyside against the Mersey Tunnels Bill [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

13 Social Security Administration.—Report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council reviewing the prescription of conditions due to chemical agents in accordance with Section 171 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 [by Command] [Cm. 5395] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers withdrawn:

14 Draft Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 [laid 7th February].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Desmond Browne, Mrs Helen Clark, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Mark Francois, Mr John Hayes, Lady Hermon, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Stephen McCabe, Rosemary McKenna, Mr Peter Mandelson, Gillian Merron, Lembit Opik and Mr Graham Stringer from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order).

2 Draft Adjacent Waters Boundaries (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 and the draft Sea Fisheries (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dan Norris from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Graham Stringer.

3 Draft ABRO Trading Fund Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Paul Keetch from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr David Laws.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Police Reform Bill]; to be printed [No. 612-ii] [Mr Chris Mullin].

COURT OF REFEREES

In pursuance of Standing Order 89 relating to Private Business (Constitution of Court of Referees on private bills) the Speaker appointed the following Members to the Court of Referees on Private Bills: Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr John Butterfill, Mr Archy Kirkwood, Linda Perham, Bridget Prentice, Mr Ernie Ross and Mr Dennis Turner.

[No. 102; WH, No. 57.]

Thursday 14th February 2002.

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

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

Adjournment (Relocation following Paramilitary Intimidation—Third Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, Session 2000–01, and the Government’s response thereto).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Phil Woolas);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 26th February.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Proceeds of Crime Bill (Programming Committee).—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Programming Committee, That it had come to a Resolution in respect of the Proceeds of Crime Bill, which it had directed him to report to the House:

That, pursuant to the Order of 30th October 2001 (Proceeds of Crime Bill (Programme))—

Consideration and Third Reading

(1) the proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of the allotted days as shown in the first column of the following Table and shall be taken in the order so shown, and each part of the proceedings shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the second column of the Table.

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(2) the proceedings on Third Reading shall be brought to a conclusion six hours after the commencement of the proceedings on the Bill on the second allotted day.

Report to lie upon the Table.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr James Cran reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Police Act 1997 (Enhanced Criminal Record Certificates) (Protection of Vulnerable Adults) Regulations 2002.

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

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr John Cummings reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Adjacent Waters Boundaries (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 and the draft Sea Fisheries (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Civil Defence (Grant) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning (Amendment) Bill, without Amendment.

State Pension Credit Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for and in connection with a new social security benefit called state pension credit; and to amend section 47(1) of the Pension Schemes Act 1993; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

State Pension Credit Bill [Lords].—The State Pension Credit Bill [Lords] was read the first time, pursuant to Standing Order No. 80 (Privilege (bills brought from the Lords)); and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 98].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the State Pension Credits Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 98–EN].

Homelessness Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Homelessness Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Ms Sally Keeble);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Phil Woolas: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Desmond Swayne: 97.

So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 14 were agreed to.

Social Security.—Resolved, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Darling.)

Pensions.—Resolved, That the draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

Equal Treatment Directive.—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. 14492/01, the Opinion of the European Commission on the European Parliament’s amendments to the Council’s common position regarding the draft Directive amending Council Directive 76/207/EEC on equal treatment for men and women as regards access to employment, vocational training and promotion, and working conditions; and supports the Government’s aim of maintaining the Council’s common position which updates the Equal Treatment Directive in line with case law and developments in European law—(Mr Tony McNulty):—It was agreed to.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on 5th March, paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments) shall apply to proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Elfyn Llwyd and Mr Alex Salmond as if that day were one of the Opposition Days allotted under paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business).—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.18 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):

Tuesday 19th February 2002

1 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Second Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2001–02, on British–US Relations [Cm. 5372] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Marshall Aid Commemoration,—Report of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for 1st October 2000 to 30th September 2001 [Cm. 5349] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Supply Estimates, 2001–02,—Spring Supplementary Estimates for 2001–02 for—
   (1) British Trade International [Cm. 5388] [Ms Secretary Hewitt];
   (2) the Cabinet Office [Cm. 5354] [Mr Secretary Prescott];
   (3) the Charity Commission [Cm. 5376] [Mr Secretary Blunkett];
   (4) the Department of Health [Cm. 5400] [Mr Secretary Milburn];
   (5) the Department of Trade and Industry [Cm. 5373] [Ms Secretary Hewitt];
   (6) the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions [Cm. 5390] [Mr Secretary Byers];
   (7) the Forestry Commission [Cm. 5396] [Secretary Margaret Beckett];
   (8) HM Customs and Excise [Cm. 5380] [Mr Paul Boateng];
   (9) HM Treasury [Cm. 5377] [Ruth Kelly];
   (10) the Home Office [Cm. 5374] [Mr Secretary Blunkett];
   (11) the House of Lords [Cm. 5381] [Mr Andrew Smith];
   (12) the National Health Service Pension Scheme [Cm. 5440] [Mr Secretary Milburn];
   (13) the National Investment and Loans Office [Cm. 5384] [Ruth Kelly];
   (14) National Savings [Cm. 5392] [Ruth Kelly];
   (15) the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets [Cm. 5391] [Ms Secretary Hewitt]; and
   (16) the Office for National Statistics [Cm. 5399] [Ruth Kelly].

Wednesday 20th February 2002

4 Supply Estimates, 2001–02,—Spring Supplementary Estimates for 2001–02 for the Office of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools in England [Cm. 5442] [Secretary Estelle Morris].


Thursday 21st February 2002

6 Treaty Series (No. 9, 2002),—Amendment, done at Bristol on 18th–20th July 1995, to the Agreement on the Conservation of Bats in Europe signed at London on 4th December 1991 [Cm. 5386] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Friday 22nd February 2002

8 Supply Estimates, 2001–02,—Spring Supplementary Estimates for 2001–02 for—
   (1) the Department for Work and Pensions [Cm. 5371] [Mr Secretary Darling]; and
   (2) the Security and Intelligence Agencies [Cm. 5382] [The Prime Minister].
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 139 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Friday 15th February 2002

9 Environmental Protection.—Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 275), dated 11th February 2002 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

10 Food.—(1) Food (Star Anise from Third Countries) (Emergency Control) (England) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 334), dated 14th February 2002, and


Monday 18th February 2002


12 Summer Time.—Summer Time Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 262), dated 12th February 2002 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Tuesday 19th February 2002


Wednesday 20th February 2002


15 Road Traffic.—Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment, Use and Certification) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 335), dated 15th February 2002 [Mr Secretary Byers].

Friday 22nd February 2002


(2) Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 255), and


22 Social Security.—Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 338), dated 16th February 2002 [Mr Secretary Darling].
Other Papers:

Friday 22nd February 2002


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 25th February 2002:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

24 Education,—Draft Regulatory Reform (Voluntary Aided Schools Liabilities and Funding) (England) Order 2002, together with a statement by the Department for Education and Skills [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

25 Immigration,—Draft Asylum Support (Repeal) Order 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

26 Northern Ireland,—Draft Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, together with statements by the Northern Ireland Office and a report of the Northern Ireland Assembly [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

27 Fees and Charges,—European Economic Interest Grouping (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 401), dated 14th February 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

28 Local Government,—Relevant Authorities (Standards Committee) (Dispensations) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 339), dated 18th January 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

29 Social Security,—Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 355), dated 18th February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

30 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (France Telecom Network Services—UK Ltd) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 400), and
(2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Telekom Malaysia (UK) Limited) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 399), dated 18th February 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Other Papers:

32 Education and Skills,—Department for Education and Skills Minute, dated 4th February 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability consequent upon the establishment of an Academy for Gifted and Talented Youth [by Command] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

33 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Minute, dated 25th February 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability in relation to the Waste and Resources Action Programme’s newsprint project [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

34 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) The New Deal for Young People; and
(2) The operation and wind up of Teesside Development Corporation [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 639 and 640] [Clerk of the House].

35 National Lottery,—Accounts of the—
(1) English Sports Council Lottery Distribution, and
(2) Sports Council for Wales Lottery Distribution for 2000-01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 623 and 627] [Clerk of the House].

36 Public Petitions,—(1) Observations by the Economic Secretary to the Treasury on the Petition [15th January] from residents of Houghton Regis for the inclusion of Houghton Regis in the pilot scheme for counter-sharing by banks;
(2) Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [22nd January] from the Parkwood Landfill Action Group for the closure of the Parkwood Landfill Site, Sheffield;
(3) Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [29th November] from residents of Carshalton and Wallington and others in favour of the Home Energy Conservation Bill;

(4) Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions on the Petition [22nd January] from residents of Raymonds Hill, Axminster, Devon, and others for the construction of a roundabout at the junction of the A35 and the B3165 at Raymonds Hill; and

(5) Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [30th January] from residents of Croydon and others against the closure of East Croydon Crown Post Office

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

37 Supply Estimates, 2001–02,—Spring Supplementary Estimates for 2001–02 for the Department for Education and Skills [by Command] [Cm. 5385] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

38 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Land Purchase Account of the Supreme Court of Judicature, Northern Ireland, for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 641] [Clerk of the House].

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

(1) France Telecom Network Services—UK Ltd, and

(2) Telekom Malaysia (UK) Limited

[by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Police Act 1997 (Enhanced Criminal Record Certificates) (Protection of Vulnerable Adults) Regulations 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Chris Smith from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Ms Candy Atherton.

2 Draft Adjacent Waters Boundaries (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 and the draft Sea Fisheries (Northern Ireland) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Marsha Singh and Jane Kennedy from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Graham Allen and Mr Desmond Browne.

3 Draft ABRO Trading Fund Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Battle, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Alan Meale and Mark Tami from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Martin Caton, Eric Joyce, Ann McKechin and Mr Desmond Swayne.

4 Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payment) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Howard Flight from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Tim Boswell.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights,—(1) Twelfth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Employment Bill]; together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 645]; and

(2) Thirteenth Report from the Committee [Police Reform Bill [Lords]]; together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 646]

[Jean Corston].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: The risk of fraud in property management]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 647].
Tuesday 26th February 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 5th March.

2 Home Energy Conservation Bill.—Mr John Cummings reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Home Energy Conservation Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows:

A Bill to make further provision about energy conservation in relation to residential housing; to make further provision about the eradication of fuel poverty; to amend the definition of house in multiple occupation in Part 11 of the Housing Act 1985; to amend the law relating to registration schemes for houses in multiple occupation; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 10th May; and to be printed [Bill 100].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 657].

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Butterfill reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft ABRO Trading Fund Order 2002.

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

4 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Chidgey reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2002.

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 Amendments made by this House to the British Overseas Territories Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Land Registration Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

6 New Member sworn,—Ifor Huw Irranca-Davies, Member for Ogmore, was sworn.

7 Health Reform (Education and Public Involvement).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the training of health professionals and for the involvement of patients and the general public in the decision-making processes of the National Health Service; and to provide mechanisms for the regulation of training and public involvement: And that Mr Jim Cunningham, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Stephen McCabe, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Bill O’ner, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Ms Debra Shipley, Rachel Squire, David Taylor and Mr James Wray do prepare and bring it in.

8 Health Reform (Education and Public Involvement) Bill.—Mr Jim Cunningham accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the training of health professionals and for the involvement of patients and the general public in the decision-making processes of the National Health Service; and to provide mechanisms for the regulation of training and public involvement: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st June and to be printed [Bill 99].
9 Proceeds of Crime Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—Ordered, That in accordance with the Resolution of the Programming Committee of 25th February and pursuant to the Order of 30th October (Proceeds of Crime Bill (Programme))—

Consideration and Third Reading

(1) the proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of the allotted days as shown in the first column of the following Table and shall be taken in the order so shown, and each part of the proceedings shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the second column of the Table.

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(2) the proceedings on Third Reading shall be brought to a conclusion six hours after the commencement of the proceedings on the Bill on the second allotted day.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth.)

10 Proceeds of Crime Bill [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Proceeds of Crime Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 77 and 78) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 226) proposed to the Bill, in page 261, line 24, at the end, to insert the words ‘and in Scotland.’.—(Mr Alistair Carmichael.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 79) made to the Bill.

A Clause (Disposal of family home: England and Wales)—(Mr Dominic Grieve)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Charles Hendry: 157.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Graham Stringer: 273.

Another Amendment (No. 39) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 20, at the end, to insert the words ‘and the court considers that there is no real risk of injustice from it so proceeding’.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Julian Lewis, Sir Robert Smith: 158.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Graham Stringer: 260.

It being more than three and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for the Programme Order, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question necessary to dispose of Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 80, 190, 81, 82 to 84, 192, 85 to 88, 230, 232, 290, 255 to 261, 231, 262 to 275, 233, 276 to 278, 234, 280 to 284, 178, 193, 179, 194, 180 to 182, 195 and 183 to 186) made to the Bill.

A Clause (Performance of functions of Scottish Ministers by constables in Scotland)—(Mrs Anne McGuire)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 57) proposed to the Bill, in page 148, line 36, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(3) No powers conferred by this Part are exercisable in relation to any property which is, or represents, property obtained through unlawful conduct prior to the coming into force of this Part.’—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 59) proposed to the Bill, in page 149, line 30, to leave out the word ‘thinks’ and insert the words ‘has reasonable grounds to believe’, instead thereof.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr John Randall: 155.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Angela Smith: 276.

Another Amendment (No. 132) proposed to the Bill, in page 267, line 5, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(6) This paragraph does not confer power to require a person—

(a) to produce, or give access to privileged material,

(b) to answer any privileged question.

(7) Where a person would be entitled to refuse to produce any material, or to refuse to answer any question—

(a) in relation to England and Wales and Northern Ireland, on grounds of legal professional privilege in proceedings in the High Court,

(b) in relation to Scotland, on grounds of legal privilege, within the meaning of Chapter 3 of Part 8,

the material or (as the case may be) question is privileged.’—(Mr Bob Ainsworth.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for the Programme Order, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That the Amendment (No. 132) be made, put and agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question necessary to dispose of Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 133, 114, 286, 287, 235, 115 to 120, 289, 121, 122, 288, 123 to 131, 89 and 90) made to the Bill.

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.
Royal Assent.—The Deputy Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, that Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:

- International Development Act 2002
- Sex Discrimination (Election Candidates) Act 2002
- European Communities (Amendment) Act 2002
- Travel Concessions (Eligibility) Act 2002
- Civil Defence (Grant) Act 2002
- Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning (Amendment) Act 2002
- Homelessness Act 2002
- British Overseas Territories Act 2002
- Land Registration Act 2002.

Police.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), that the draft Police Act 1997 (Enhanced Criminal Record Certificates) (Protection of Vulnerable Adults) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 7th February, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.

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 Adjacent Waters Boundaries (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 7th February, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.

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 Sea Fisheries (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 7th February, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.

Deregulation and Regulatory Reform.—Ordered, that Mr David Chaytor be discharged from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee and Chris Mole be added to the Committee.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

Procedure.—Ordered, that Mr David Rendel be discharged from the Procedure Committee and Mr John Burnett be added to the Committee.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

International Development.—Ordered, that Mr Alistair Carmichael be discharged from the International Development Committee and John Barrett be added to the Committee.—(Keith Hill, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Mrs Susan James and others against the sale of publicly owned car parks in Hadleigh was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, that this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.16 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Regulatory Reform.—Draft Regulatory Reform (Golden Jubilee Licensing) Order 2002, together with a statement by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport [by Act] [Secretary Jowell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education (Wales).—Education (Chief Inspector of Education and Training in Wales) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 260), dated 12th February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

3 Legal Aid and Advice.—(1) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (S.R. (N.I.), 2002, No. 62),
(2) Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (S.R. (N.I.), 2002, No. 61), and

(3) Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (S.R. (N.I.), 2002, No. 60), dated 22nd February 2002 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

4 National Assistance Services.—(1) National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 410); and

(2) National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 411), dated 24th February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Pensions.—Occupational Pension Schemes (Minimum Funding Requirement and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 380), dated 22nd February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

6 Culture, Media and Sport.—Government Response to the First Report of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2001–02, on Unpicking the Lock: The World Athletics Championships in the UK [Cm. 5448] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 Defence (Votes A), 2002–03.—Estimates of the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces for the year ending 31st March 2003 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 634] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

8 Prison Service (Northern Ireland).—Paper, entitled Northern Ireland Prison Service Medal: Royal Warrant [by Command] [Cm. 5452] [Mr Secretary Reid].

9 Sports Councils.—Consolidated Accounts of the English Sports Council and English Sports Council Group for the year ended 31st March 2001, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

10 Supply Estimates, 2001–02.—Spring Supplementary Estimates for 2001–02 for—

(1) the Department for Culture, Media and Sport [by Command] [Cm. 5449] [Secretary Tessa Jowell];

(2) the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [by Command] [Cm. 5357] [Secretary Margaret Beckett];

(3) the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions [by Command] [Cm. 5463] [Mr Secretary Byers];

(4) the Foreign and Commonwealth Office [by Command] [Cm. 5460] [Mr Secretary Straw];

(5) the Law Officers’ Department [by Command] [Cm. 5398] [The Solicitor General];

(6) the Lord Chancellor’s Departments [by Command] [Cm. 5370] [Ms Rosie Winterton];

(7) the Ministry of Defence [by Command] [Cm. 5441] [Mr Secretary Hoon]; and

(8) the Office of Fair Trading [by Command] [Cm. 5458] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Home Energy Conservation Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings an additional Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Julie Morgan and Mr Geoffrey Robinson from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Hugh Bayley and Judy Mallaber.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Communications]; to be printed [No. 539-v] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].
2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Individual Learning Accounts]; to be printed [No. 561-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 384-iv] [Donald Anderson].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Work of the Crown Prosecution Service]; to be printed [No. 650] [Mr Chris Mullin].

5 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Afghanistan: Further Developments], together with Appendices thereunto; to be printed [No. 653] [Tony Baldry].

6 Statutory Instruments,—Twentieth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xx] [Mr David Tredinnick].

7 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Productivity and Competitiveness of UK Manufacturing Industry]; to be printed [Nos. 597-iii and -iv] [Mr Roger Berry].

8 Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [The Need for a New European Regeneration Framework]; to be printed [No. 483-i] [Andrew Bennett].

9 Treasury,—First Report from the Treasury Committee [The 2001 Census in England and Wales], 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. 310] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 104; WH, No. 58.]

Tuesday 26th February 2002.

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.—(Jacqui Smith.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

[No. 105.]

Wednesday 27th February 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Development Agency Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Development Agency Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 6th March.

2 Employee Share Schemes Bill,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Employee Share Schemes Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 21st June; and to be printed [Bill 103].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 660].

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Non-Domestic Rating (Designation of Rural Areas) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3916) and the Non-Domestic Rating Contributions (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3944).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
4 European Standing Committee A,—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents Nos 7262/01, the Commission Green Paper on the future of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), 7263/01, the Commission Report on the state of the resources and their expected development, 7377/01, the Commission Report on the economic and social situation of coastal regions, and 7378/01, the Commission Report on the implementation of the Community system for fisheries and aquaculture over the period 1993–2000; recognises that the review of the CFP offers an important opportunity with considerable implications for the future of fisheries management; supports the Government’s view that current positive aspects, notably the access regime, relative stability (including Hague Preference) and the Shetland Box, must continue to operate; agrees that current weaknesses, including the continued use by some Member States of counter-productive subsidies, uneven enforcement, a lack of environmental integration, unsustainable agreements with third countries and the mismatch between fleet capacity and available resources, must be addressed; anticipates with the Government the forthcoming publication by the Commission of its legislative proposals for the review; and supports the Government’s efforts to secure the best outcome for the whole of the UK fisheries sector throughout the negotiations.

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

5 Housing Benefit (Withholding of Payment) Bill,—Mr Frank Field presented a Bill to permit the Secretary of State to withhold payment of housing benefit on grounds of anti-social behaviour in certain circumstances; and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 102].

6 Fireworks,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision with respect to the retail sale of fireworks and use of fireworks by the general public—(Joan Ryan);

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 Joan Ryan, Linda Gilroy, Mr Barry Gardiner, David Cairns, Dr Nick Palmer, Dr Evan Harris, Bob Russell, Sir Teddy Taylor, Ross Cranston, Siobhain McDonagh, Shona McIsaac and Tony Wright do prepare and bring in the Bill.

7 Fireworks Bill,—Joan Ryan accordingly presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the retail sale of fireworks and use of fireworks by the general public:And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 101].

8 Proceeds of Crime Bill[2nd allotted day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Proceeds of Crime Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Negligent failure to disclose: regulated sector)—(Mr Dominic Grieve)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Desmond Swayne: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Ian Pearson: 306.

It being more than two and a quarter hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [yesterday], put the Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 91 to 95) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Code of Practice)—(Mr Bob Ainsworth)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Code of Practice (No. 2))—(Mr Bob Ainsworth)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Performance of functions of Scottish Ministers by constables in Scotland (No.2))—(Mr Bob Ainsworth)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 108, 64, 109, 65 and 110) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 66) proposed to the Bill, in page 206, line 11, to leave out the words ‘or at once’.—(Mr Nick Hawkins.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Peter Luff: 124.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Ian Pearson: 318.

Other Amendments (Nos. 111, 98, 99, 165 and 100) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Restriction on disclosure for overseas purposes (No. 2))—(Mr George Foulkes)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read the second time.

And it being four and a quarter hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question, That the Clause be added to the Bill:—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment which the Speaker had selected for separate Division.

Another Amendment (No. 229) proposed to the Bill, in page 258, line 29, to leave out the words ‘or 431(6)’ and insert the words ‘, 431(6) or 446’, instead thereof.—(Mr Alex Salmond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Pete Wishart: 172.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 262.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on the remaining Amendments and new Clause moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 237 to 250, 101, 112, 285, 187 to 189, 104, 105, 113, 106, 107, 102, 251, 252, 103, 253 and 254) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Enactment)—(Mr Bob Ainsworth)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

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

And it being six hours after the commencement of the proceedings on the Bill, the Speaker put the Question:—It was agreed to.

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

9 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 ABRO Trading Fund Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 25th January, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

10 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved—(Mrs Anne McGuire):—It was agreed to.

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

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

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.21 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance.—(1) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 91) on 2001/02 Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children [by Act]; to be printed [No. 643] [Mr Secretary Blunkett], and
(2) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 93) on the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund 2002/03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 654] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Social Security.—Social Security Amendment (Residential Care and Nursing Homes) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 398), dated 21st February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

4 Appropriations in Aid.—Treasury Minute, dated 27th February 2002, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

5 Police (Northern Ireland).—Report of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland into a complaint made by the Devenny family on 20th April 2001 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Reid].

6 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the Fourth to Sixth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5450] [Mr Paul Boateng].

7 Supply Estimates, 2001–02.—(1) Spring Supplementary Estimates and Summary Supplementary Request for Supply for Central Government for 2001–02 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 636] [Mr Paul Boateng], and
(2) Spring Supplementary Estimates for 2001–02 for—
(a) the Department for International Development [by Command] [Cm. 5465] [Secretary Clare Short],
(b) the Northern Ireland Office [by Command] [Cm. 5453] [Mr Secretary Reid],
(c) the Postal Services Commission [by Command] [Cm. 5462] [Ms Secretary Hewitt], and
(d) the Privy Council Office [by Command] [Cm. 5464] [Mr Robin Cook].

8 Treaty Series (No. 10, 2002).—Exchange of Letters, done at London on 7th February and Cahors (France) on 9th February 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic concerning Nuclear Cooperation [by Command] [Cm. 5454] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations 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: Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Julian Brazier, Mrs Helen Clark, Paul Clark, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Don Foster, Mr John Grogan, Ms Sally Keeble, Andy King, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr David Tredinnick, Joan Walley, Mr Phil Woolas and Richard Younger-Ross.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Julian Brazier, Roger Casale, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Linda Gilroy, Mr Kevin Hughes, Helen Jones, Mrs Anne McGuire, Rob Marris, Mr Mike O’Brien, Dr John Pugh, Hugh Robertson, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Michael Trend, Brian White and Dr Alan Whitehead.

3 Draft Renewables Obligation Order 2002:

(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: Mr Chris Bryant, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Michael Connarty, Patrick Hall, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Robert Key, Mr David Kidney, Rosemary McKenna, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Julie Morgan, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Andrew Rosindell, Ian Stewart, Mr Andrew Stunell and Mr Brian Wilson.

4 Draft Tax Credit Up-rating Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: John Austin, Miss Anne Begg, Mr Tony Clarke, Patrick Hall, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Charles Hendry, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Steve Webb.

5 Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 317):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Fifth 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: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Harry Barnes, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr John Burnett, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Tom Clarke, Brian Cotter, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Charles Hendry, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Stephen McCabe, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Stephen Pound, Christine Russell and Mr Nigel Waterson.

6 Draft Audit Commission (Borrowing Limit) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Julian Brazier, Je Ve Ennis, Mr Don Foster, Linda Gilroy, Kate Hoey, Alice Mahon, Mr Peter Mandelson, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Adrian Sanders, Geraldine Smith, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Phil Woolas.

7 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 90) (House of Commons Paper No. 611):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Janet Anderson, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr David Crausby, Mr Don Foster, Linda Gilroy, Jim Knight, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Adrian Sanders, Phil Sawford, Mr Siôn Simon, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr Peter Viggers, Dr Rudi Vis, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Phil Woolas.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Missile Defence]; to be printed [No. 644-i] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Individual Learning Accounts]; to be printed [No. 561-vi] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Government’s Reply to the Fifth Report from the Environment, Transport and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 2000–01, on Sustainable Waste Management]; to be printed [No. 659]; and
Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Future of UK Agriculture: Farming Beyond Subsidies]; to be printed [No. 550-i]

[Mr David Curry].

4 Foreign Affairs.—Fifth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Human Rights Annual Report 2001], together with Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee and Appendices; to be printed, with Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 589] [Donald Anderson].

5 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—(1) Fourth Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [The Attendance of Lord Birt at the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 655];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Road Traffic Speed]; to be printed [No. 557-iii]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [London Underground PPP]; to be printed [No. 656-i]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

6 Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Pension Credit]; to be printed [No. 638-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 105; WH, No. 59.]

Wednesday 27th February 2002.

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 Tony McNulty);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 106.]

Thursday 28th February 2002.

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 the 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 7th March.

2 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform.—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That a draft Order in the same terms as the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 13th December 2001, should be laid before the House.

3 Pension Annuities (Amendment) Bill.—Mr George Stevenson reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Pension Annuities (Amendment) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 12th April; and to be printed [Bill 105].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 662].

4 Companies Act 1989 (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Austin Mitchell, supported by Mr Alan Simpson, Mr Jim Cousins and Mr Kelvin Hopkins, presented a Bill to prevent the sale by auditors of other services to audit clients: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 104].
5 Adjournment (Welsh Affairs).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Phil Woolas);

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

6 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) citizens of the United Kingdom; and

(2) farmers, hotelers, families and residents of south Cumbria calling for a full and independent public inquiry into the recent foot-and-mouth epidemic were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.33 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Electricity,—Draft Electricity and Gas (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Order 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Government Trading Funds,—Draft Royal Mint Trading Fund (Extension and Variation) Order 2002 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

3 Social Security,—Draft Social Security Administration Act 1992 (Amendment) Order 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Milton Keynes) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 421), and

(2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Poole) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 422), dated 26th February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 22nd October 2001, made by the Governing Body of St. Hilda’s College, Oxford, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

Other Papers:

6 Agriculture, Fisheries and Food,—Resource Accounts of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5447] [Mr Paul Boateng].

7 Cabinet Office,—Resource Accounts of the Cabinet Office for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5443] [Mr Paul Boateng].

8 Development of Tourism,—Statement of appointment and salary of Kumar Muthalagappan as a member of the British Tourist Authority [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

9 Export of Works of Art,—Report of the Reviewing Committee on Export of Works of Art for 1st July 2000 to 30th June 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 5311] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

10 Home Office,—Consolidated Resource Accounts of the Home Office for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5444] [Mr Paul Boateng].

11 Northern Ireland,—Resource Accounts of the Northern Ireland Office for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5445] [Mr Paul Boateng].
12 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the Corby Education Action Zone for 2000-01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 658] [Clerk of the House].

13 Security and Intelligence Agencies,—Financial Statement of the Security and Intelligence Agencies for 2000-01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5446] [Mr Paul Boateng].

14 Senior Salaries,—Twenty-fourth Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries, comprising a Report on Senior Salaries and a Report on a fundamental review of the judicial salary structure by the Review Body’s Judicial Sub-Committee [by Command] [Cm. 5389-I and -II] [The Prime Minister].

15 Treasury,—Paper, entitled Realising Europe’s Potential: Economic Reform in Europe [by Command] [Cm. 5438] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 317),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Charlotte Atkins from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Ian Stewart.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 90) (House of Commons Paper No. 611),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Phil Woolas from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Special Grant Report); and nominated in substitution Angela Smith.

3 Draft Contracting Out (Local Education Authority Functions) (England) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Miss Anne Begg from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Chris Smith.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform,—Sixth Report from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 663] [Mr Peter Pike].

2 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Government Information and Communication]; to be printed [No. 303-i] [Tony Wright].

3 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 26th and 28th February [The Bank of England February Inflation Report]; to be printed [No. 664-i and -ii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 106; WH, No. 60.]
Thursday 28th February 2002.

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

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

Adjournment (Humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and the surrounding region—First Report from the International Development Committee, Session 2001–02, and the Government’s response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 5th March.

[Adjourned at 5.26 p.m.]
Friday 1st March 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Hammond Inquiry,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House a Return of the Review of the Conclusions of the 2001 Review by Sir Anthony Hammond KCB of the circumstances surrounding an application for naturalisation by Mr S. P. Hinduja in 1998.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

2 Adjournment (Achievements of the National Lottery),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mrs Anne McGuire); The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

3 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Angela Smith.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes past Two o’clock, adjourned till Monday 4th March.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Taxes,—(1) Overseas Insurers (Tax Representatives) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 443), and
   (2) Life Assurance and Other Policies (Keeping of Information and Duties of Insurers) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 444),
   dated 28th February 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

3 European Community Series (No. 1, 2002),—Stabilisation and Association Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 9th April 2001, between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, of the other part, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5439] [Mr Secretary Straw].

4 Hammond Inquiry,—Return to an Order for a Return of the Review of the Conclusions of the 2001 Review by Sir Anthony Hammond KCB of the circumstances surrounding an application for naturalisation by Mr S. P. Hinduja in 1998 [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 652] [The Prime Minister].

5 Supply Estimates, 2000-01,—Statement of the sums required to be granted to make good the excesses on certain grants for 2000–01 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 635] [Mr Paul Boateng].

6 Telecommunications,—Office of Telecommunications Minute, dated 1st March 2002, concerning proposed contingent liabilities in respect of a commercial loan to cover start-up costs of a telecommunications industry ombudsman scheme company [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3576),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Julian Brazier, Roger Casale, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Linda Gilroy, Mr Kevin Hughes, Helen Jones, Mrs Anne McGuire, Rob Marris, Mr Mike O’Brien, Dr John Pugh, Hugh Robertson, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Michael Trend, Brian White and Dr Alan Whitehead from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order).

2 Draft Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Kevin Brennan from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Kelvin Hopkins.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 107].

4 Treason Felony, Act of Settlement and Parliamentary Oath Bill,—The Order for reading the Treason Felony, Act of Settlement and Parliamentary Oath Bill a second time on Friday 15th March was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

5 Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill, as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, new Clauses relating to Part 1, Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 and 2, Schedule No. 1, Clause No. 3, Schedule No. 2, Clauses Nos. 4 and 5, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 6 to 11, Schedule No. 4, Clauses Nos. 12 and 13, Schedule No. 5, Clauses Nos. 14 to 20, Schedule No. 6, Clauses Nos. 21 and 22, new Clauses relating to Part 2, Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 23 to 29, Schedule No. 7, Clauses Nos. 30 to 44, new Clauses relating to Part 3, Amendments relating to Clause No. 45, Schedule No. 8, Clauses Nos. 46 to 50, Schedule No. 9, Clauses Nos. 51 and 52, new Clauses relating to Part 4, Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 53 to 62, Schedule No. 10, Clause No. 63, Schedule No. 11, Clauses Nos. 64 and 65, new Clauses relating to Part 5, Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 66 to 80, remaining new Clauses, Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 81 to 84, Schedule No. 12, Clause No. 85, Schedule No. 13, Clauses Nos. 86 to 92, new Schedules and remaining proceedings on consideration.—(Mr Desmond Browne.)

A Clause (Appointment of Queen's Counsel)—(Mr Crispin Blunt)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, after the word 'judiciary', to insert the words 'and the legal profession'.—(Mr Crispin Blunt.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Desmond Swayne: 152.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Ian Pearson: 275.

Amendments (Nos. 104, 2 to 4 and 174) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 169) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 35, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(8A) Without prejudice to subsection (8), the Commission must, as far as practicable, exercise its functions to select persons to be appointed or recommended for appointment in order to secure that the judiciary is reflective of the community in Northern Ireland.’.—(Mr Seamus Mallon.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Lembit Öpik, Mr Eddie McGrady: 33.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr John Heppell: 302.
Other Amendments (Nos. 5, 6, 105 to 112, 7, 113 to 117, 8, 118, 119, 9, 10, 120 to 122, 124, 123, 11, 12, 125, 13, 126 to 130, 14, 131, 15, 132 to 137 and 24) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 45) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, line 22, to leave out from the word ‘either’ to the end of line 34 and insert the words ‘take the oath of allegiance and the judicial oath or make the appropriate affirmation’, instead thereof.—(Mr Quentin Davies.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Julian Brazier: 137.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dan Norris: 311.

Other Amendments (Nos. 25 and 26) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Discontinuance of proceedings: information for victims)—(Mr Crispin Blunt)—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, pursuant to Order [21st January], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Desmond Swayne: 167.

Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Jim Fitzpatrick: 286.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions necessary to dispose of the remaining Amendments and new Clause moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 139 to 149) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Flying of flags at court-houses)—(Mr Desmond Browne)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 150 to 164) made to the Bill.

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

And it being Ten o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [21st January].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Smith, Mr Nick Ainger: 311.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Iris Robinson, Mr Gregory Campbell: 11.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

6 Commission Green Paper on the Future of the Common Fisheries Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Documents Nos. 7262/01, the Commission Green Paper on the future of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), 7263/01, the Commission Report on the state of the resources and their expected development, 7377/01, the Commission Report on the economic and social situation of coastal regions, and 7378/01, the Commission Report on the implementation of the Community system for fisheries and aquaculture over the period 1993–2000; recognises that the review of the CFP offers an important opportunity with considerable implications for the future of fisheries management; supports the Government’s view that current positive aspects, notably the access regime, relative stability (including Hague Preference) and the Shetland Box, must continue to operate; agrees that current weaknesses, including the continued use by some Member States of counter-productive subsidies, uneven enforcement, a lack of environmental integration, unsustainable agreements with third countries and the mismatch between fleet capacity and available resources, must be addressed, anticipates with the Government the forthcoming publication by the Commission of its legislative proposals for the review; and supports the Government’s efforts to secure the best outcome for the whole of the UK fisheries sector throughout the negotiations.—(Mr Tony McNulty):—It was agreed to.

7 Public Administration.—Ordered, That Mr Anthony Steen be discharged from the Select Committee on Public Administration and Sir Sydney Chapman be added to the Committee.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)
8 Standards and Privileges,—Ordered, That Peter Bottomley be discharged from the Committee on Standards and Privileges and Mr Andrew Mackay be added to the Committee.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

9 Procedure,—Ordered, That Alistair Burt be discharged from the Procedure Committee and Mr Desmond Swayne be added to the Committee.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

10 Trade and Industry,—Ordered, That Mr Christopher Chope be discharged from the Trade and Industry Committee and Mr Philip Hammond be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Housing,—Ordered, That the Disabled Facilities Grants and Home Repairs Assistance (Maximum Amount) (Amendment No. 2) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4036), dated 19th December 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th December, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

12 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Mrs Samantha Duffield, Mrs Nicola Dowsett, residents of Canvey Island and others against the siting of a mobile telephone mast at Prout Holdings, Canvey Island, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 10.44 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


6 Public Health,—Control of Noise (Codes of Practice for Construction and Open Sites) (England) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 461), dated 4th March 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

7 Registration of Political Parties,—Registered Parties (Non-constituent and Non-affiliated Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 414), dated 21st February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

8 Sea Fisheries,—Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Conservation Measures) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 426), dated 21st February 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


Other Papers:

11 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Combat Identification [by Act]; to be printed [No. 661] [Clerk of the House].


Papers withdrawn:

13 Local Government Finance.—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 91) on 2001/02 Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children [laid 27th February].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Bacon, Mrs Helen Clark and Jeremy Corbyn from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Kevin Hughes and Mr Mike O’Brien.

2 Draft Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Clive Efford from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Joan Ruddock.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [UK Preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development]; to be printed [No. 616-ii] [Mr John Horam].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Disposal of Refrigerators Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Disposal of Refrigerators]; to be printed [No. 673-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Human Rights.—Fourteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Scrutiny of Bills: Private Members’ Bills and Private Bills], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 674] [Jean Corston].

4 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The Operation and wind up of Teesside Development Corporation]; to be printed [No. 675-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Science and Technology.—(1) First Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Cancer Research—A 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. 444]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Science Education from 14 to 19]; to be printed [No. 508-i]

[Dr Ian Gibson].
PRAYERS.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 12th March.

2 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolutions:

That the draft Regulatory Reform (Golden Jubilee Licensing) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 26th February 2002, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

That the draft Regulatory Reform (Voluntary Aided Schools Liabilities and Funding) (England) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 25th February 2002, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

3 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Contracting Out (Local Education Authority Functions) (England) Order 2002.

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

4 Animal Welfare (Journey to Slaughter),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State, in setting standards for slaughterhouses, to have regard to the desirability of reducing the length and duration of animals’ journeys to slaughter, and for related purposes: And that Mr Andrew Turner, Mr Richard Bacon, Mrs Helen Clark, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mr Peter Duncan, Mr Adrian Flook, Jane Griffiths, Lady Hermon and Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger do prepare and bring it in.

5 Animal Welfare (Journey to Slaughter) Bill,—Mr Andrew Turner accordingly presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State, in setting standards for slaughterhouses, to have regard to the desirability of reducing the length and duration of animals’ journeys to slaughter, and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 108].

6 Government Support for Mr Mittal and the Domestic Steel Industry,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is gravely concerned about the Prime Minister’s role in supporting LNM/Ispat International’s contract for the SIDEX steel plant in Romania and is unimpressed with the explanations given hitherto; notes Lakshmi Mittal’s non-domicile resident status and his donation of £125,000 to the Labour Party; condemns the Government’s support for a company that is actively lobbying in the United States against the interests of the UK steel industry; notes the potentially devastating effect on the domestic steel industry posed by Mittal-inspired steel import tariffs imposed by the US Administration; calls for urgent action to be taken to help support the UK steel industry as a consequence of any US-imposed tariffs; urges the Prime Minister to publish guidelines regarding Government support for companies that are also substantial donors to the governing party; and demands a full public inquiry into the Government’s support for the Romanian SIDEX steel plant deal—(Adam Price);

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 fundamental strengths of the British steel industry, which is amongst the most efficient in the world; believes that, despite the regrettable decision of Corus to cut UK steel capacity, the industry has a long term future in Britain, as recently demonstrated by the decision of Corus to invest in the Port Talbot works; further recognises that the success of economic restructuring in Central and Eastern Europe, together with the enlargement of the European Union, is essential for the future of the British steel industry and other British manufacturing as it will extend markets and reduce hidden subsidies; congratulates the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for its work on restructuring the Romanian and other Eastern European companies, including through supporting the successful sale of the SIDEX steel corporation; and further welcomes measures put in place by the Government and the National Assembly for Wales to train and retrain former steel workers and regenerate communities affected by Corus job losses’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Murphy.)
And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Thomas, Pete Wishart: 192.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Phil Woolas: 318.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [25th February] and Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Phil Woolas: 306.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Thomas, Pete Wishart: 181.

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 fundamental strengths of the British steel industry, which is amongst the most efficient in the world; believes that, despite the regrettable decision of Corus to cut UK steel capacity, the industry has a long term future in Britain, as recently demonstrated by the decision of Corus to invest in the Port Talbot works; further recognises that the success of economic restructuring in Central and Eastern Europe, together with the enlargement of the European Union, is essential for the future of the British steel industry and other British manufacturing as it will extend markets and reduce hidden subsidies; congratulates the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development for its work on restructuring the Romanian and other Eastern European companies, including through supporting the successful sale of the SIDEX steel corporation; and further welcomes measures put in place by the Government and the National Assembly for Wales to train and retrain former steel workers and regenerate communities affected by Corus job losses.

7 Process of Consent for New Nuclear Power Stations in Scotland and Wales,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that planning consents for nuclear and other power stations over 50 MW require consent under section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989, and that in Scotland section 36 powers are the responsibility of Scottish ministers accountable to the Scottish Parliament; further notes the confusion in Government policy on this matter in light of the reported remarks by the Hon Member for Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley on Wednesday 27th February, suggesting that Westminster would have the final say over approving nuclear power stations in Scotland; reaffirms that in all circumstances Scottish ministers accountable to the Scottish Parliament should have full planning powers over the siting of nuclear and other new power stations above 50 MW in Scotland; believes that planning decisions on nuclear power in Wales should be taken in accordance with the views of the National Assembly for Wales; and calls for the development of energy strategies in Scotland and Wales which make full use of indigenous energy resources, including gas, clean coal technology, and the enormous potential for renewable supply.—(Mr Alex Salmond); 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 'has confidence in the process of granting planning consent for new nuclear power stations in Scotland and Wales; notes the benefits of addressing issues relating to energy policy within a UK framework; welcomes the contribution of the recent PIU Energy Review to the debate on energy policy; and welcomes the intention of HM Government and the devolved administrations to work in partnership in implementing an energy policy to ensure energy supplies are secure, competitively priced and sustainable', instead thereof.—(Mrs Secretary Liddell.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;
Mr Alex Salmond 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 Simon Thomas, Pete Wishart: 43.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Jim Fitzpatrick: 303.
So the Question was negatived.
And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [25th February] and Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Jim Fitzpatrick: 299.

Tellers for the Noes, Pete Wishart, Mr Simon Thomas: 44.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House has confidence in the process of granting planning consent for new nuclear power stations in Scotland and Wales; notes the benefits of addressing issues relating to energy policy within a UK framework; welcomes the contribution of the recent PIU Energy Review to the debate on energy policy; and welcomes the intention of HM Government and the devolved administrations to work in partnership in implementing an energy policy to ensure energy supplies are secure, competitively priced and sustainable.

8 Local Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Local Authorities (Conduct of Referendums) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 7th February, be approved—(Mr Tony McNulty)—It was agreed to.

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

And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock, 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 seven minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Building and Buildings.—Building (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 440), dated 28th February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Education.—Education (Funding for Teacher Training) Designation Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 479), dated 4th March 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

3 Social Security.—Social Security (Claims and Payments and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 428), dated 26th February 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

4 Hong Kong.—Six-monthly Report on Hong Kong, July–December 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 5461] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 National Savings Bank.—(1) Accounts of the National Savings Investment Deposits for 2000–01, and

(2) Accounts of the National Savings Ordinary Deposits for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 669 and 668] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Paul Clark from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Derek Twigg.

2 Draft Renewables Obligation Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ian Stewart from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Charlotte Atkins.
3 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 90) (House of Commons Paper No. 611).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Angela Smith from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Special Grant Report); and nominated in substitution Mr Graham Stringer.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Communications]; to be printed [No. 539-vi] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform.—Seventh Report from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee [The draft Regulatory Reform (Golden Jubilee Licensing) Order 2002 and the draft Regulatory Reform (Voluntary Aided Schools Liabilities and Funding) (England) Order 2002], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 677] [Mr Peter Pike].

3 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Police Reform Bill]; to be printed [No. 612-iii] [Mr Chris Mullin].

4 Procedure.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Parliamentary Questions and Electronic Tabling of Questions and Motions]; to be printed [No. 622-ii] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

5 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-first Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xxi] [Mr David Tredinnick].

6 Trade and Industry.—(1) Second Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Observations on the First Report from the Committee, Session 2001–02, on End of Life Vehicles Directive]; to be printed [No. 678]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Productivity and Competitiveness of UK Manufacturing Industry]; to be printed [No. 597-v] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

7 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—(1) Fifth Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [European Transport White Paper]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 556];

   (2) Sixth Report from the Committee [Empty Homes], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [Nos. 240-I and -III]; and

   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Committee [The Need for a New European Regeneration Framework]; to be printed [No. 483-ii] [Andrew Bennett].

8 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Broadband Cabling in Wales]; to be printed [No. 676-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 109; WH, No. 61.]

Tuesday 5th March 2002.

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 John Heppell.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Development Agency Bill,—The Order of the Day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Development Agency Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 13th March.

2 Sitting in Westminster Hall (Conduct of a Member).—The Speaker laid upon the Table a report from the Deputy Speaker (Mr John McWilliam), as follows:

Mr Speaker, I regret to have to report to the House that, during the debate in Westminster Hall this morning on Government policy towards military action in Iraq, the honourable Member for Glasgow Kelvin used a grossly disorderly expression, which he declined to withdraw despite my repeated requests to him to do so. I was accordingly obliged to suspend proceedings for a period, interrupting the conclusion of that debate and delaying the start of the ensuing debate.

Report to lie upon the Table.

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Amess reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002.

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

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Renewables Obligation Order 2002.

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

5 Criminal Evidence (Prohibition of Sale),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the sale of evidence gathered during criminal investigations or used during criminal proceedings: And that Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr David Drew, Mr Nigel Jones, Mr Tom Watson, Ms Candy Atherton, John Mann, Mr Simon Thomas, Mr George Osborne, Patrick Mercer, Jim Knight, John Robertson and Valerie Davey do prepare and bring it in.

6 Criminal Evidence (Prohibition of Sale) Bill,—Mr Parmjit Dhanda accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the sale of evidence gathered during criminal investigations or used during criminal proceedings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 109].

7 Office of Communications Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Office of Communications Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (OFCOM offices in Wales and Scotland)—(Mr Simon Thomas)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Pete Wishart, Mr Elfyn Llwyd: 62.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Graham Stringer: 301.

Amendment (No. 14) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) The Secretary of State shall ensure that the membership of OFCOM includes a member dedicated to ensuring that the needs of people with disabilities are represented.’.—(Mr Simon Thomas.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 2, at the end, to insert the words ‘and

(c) any proposal by the Secretary of State to bring within the remit of OFCOM the BBC Board of Governors.’.—(Mr Tim Yeo.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(aa) the BBC Board of Governors.’.—(Mr Tim Yeo.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Desmond Swayne: 121.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr John Heppell: 308.

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 3, at the end, to insert the words ‘, up to a maximum of £10 million in any one financial year.’.—(Miss Anne McIntosh.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:

Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 25, at the end, to insert the words—

‘Consumer Panel

14A—(1) It shall be the duty of OFCOM to establish a Consumer Panel of 10 members, comprising persons who are neither members nor employees of OFCOM.

(2) Members will be appointed for four year terms and shall serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.

(3) Paragraphs 17, 18, and 19 of the Schedule shall apply to the proceedings of the Consumer Panel, but paragraphs 15 and 16 shall not apply and the Consumer Panel shall make other such arrangements for regulating their own procedure as they think fit.

(4) The Consumer Panel shall—

(a) research consumers' views and concerns on issues relating to OFCOM’s functions,

(b) publish its advice, conclusions and reports to OFCOM, and

(c) take due account in its work of the views of consumers with special needs, including those on low incomes or with disabilities.

(5) The Consumer Panel shall be funded by means of grants from OFCOM.

(6) The Consumer Panel shall make an annual report of its proceedings and financial position to each House of Parliament.’.—(Miss Anne McIntosh.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [14th January], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That the Amendment (No. 12) be made, put and negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Dan Norris: 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Thomas, Pete Wishart: 6.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

8 Contracting Out,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Contracting Out (Local Education Authority Functions) (England) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 7th February, be approved.—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—It was agreed to.

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

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-three minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.37 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. 95) on 2001-02 Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children [by Act]; to be printed [No. 670] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Animals,—Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 473), dated 4th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Immigration,—(1) Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 472), and

dated 2nd March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

4 Government Trading Funds,—Treasury Minute, dated 6th March 2002, concerning a further financial objective desirable of achievement by the Driving Standards Agency Trading Fund for the period 1st April 1997 to 31st March 2007 [by Act] [Mr Andrew Smith].

5 Miscellaneous (No. 2, 2002),—Modification of Article 22 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Amendments to the Regulations under the PCT adopted by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its Thirtieth (13th Ordinary) Session on 3rd October 2001, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5457] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 National Heritage Bill [Lords]:

(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: Ms Karen Buck, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mrs Helen Clark, Andrew George, Dr Kim Howells, Martin Linton, Tim Loughton, Miss Anne McIntosh, Shona McIsaac, Mr Edward O’Hara, Dr Nick Palmer, Lawrie Quinn, Mr John Randall, Ms Debra Shipley, Mr Alan Simpson and Mr Simon Thomas.

2 Draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Derek Twigg from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Linda Gilroy.

3 Draft Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Desmond Browne, David Cairns, Harry Cohen, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Mark Francois, Mr John Hayes, Lady Hermon, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr David Kidney, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Gillian Merron, Lembit Öpik, Mr Dennis Skinner, Angela Smith, Mark Tami and Mr Andrew Turner.

4 Draft Asylum Support (Repeal) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Allan, Roger Casale, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Angela Eagle, Paul Farrelly, Mike Gapes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Mark Hoban, Simon Hughes, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Jim Sheridan and Dr Rudi Vis.

5 Draft Renewables Obligation Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Kidney from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Todd.
6 Local Government (Finance) Special Grant Report (No. 93) (House of Commons Paper No. 654) on the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund 2002–03:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report 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: Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Julian Brazier, Annette Brooke, Paul Clark, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Brian Cotter, Dr Jack Cunningham, Jim Dowd, Mr Bill Etherington, Dr Hywel Francis, Glenda Jackson, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Andrew Rosindell, Mr Bill Tynan, David Winnick and Mr Phil Woolas.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order 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: Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Julian Brazier, Colin Burgon, Mr Paul Burstow, Paul Clark, Ross Cranston, Paul Holmes, Mr George Howarth, Mr Brian Jenkins, Ms Sally Keeble, Siobhain McDonagh, Dr Andrew Murrison, Mr George Osborne, Mr Mike Wood and Mr Phil Woolas.

8 Draft Social Security Administration Act 1992 (Amendment) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Nigel Beard Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr James Clappison, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr David Heath, Mr Mark Hendrick, Paul Holmes, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Greg Pope, Syd Rapson, Andrew Selous, Mr Mark Simmonds, Angela Smith and Malcolm Wicks.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Ian Davidson, Geraint Davies, Julia Drown, Mr Adrian Flook, Linda Gilroy, Chris Mole, Mr Malcolm Moss, Dr Nick Palmer, Dr John Pugh, Mr Adrian Sanders, Dr Alan Whitehead, Mrs Betty Williams and Mr Phil Woolas.

10 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report No. 90 (House of Commons Paper No. 611).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report.

11 Draft Electricity and Gas (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Tony Banks, Miss Anne Begg, Mr Russell Brown, Ms Karen Buck, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Robert Key, Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Andrew Mackinlay, Patrick Mercer, Mr Ian Pearson, Hugh Robertson, Rachel Squire, Ian Stewart, Mr Andrew Stunell and Mr Brian Wilson.

12 Draft Royal Mint Trading Fund (Extension and Variation) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Ninth 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: Mr David Cameron, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Edward Davey, Valerie Davey, Mr Howard Flight, Ruth Kelly, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Stephen McCabe, Mr Alan Meale, Bridget Prentice, Joan Ryan, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Paul Truswell, Mr Roger Williams and Derek Wyatt.

13 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) (Amendment) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr David Taylor Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Ann Clwyd, Mr Wayne David, Denzil Davies, Paul Flynn, Mr Dai Havard, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Paul Murphy, Lembit Opik, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Laurence Robertson, Llew Smith, Gareth Thomas, Mr Simon Thomas and Mr Bill Wiggin.

European Standing Committees

14 The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 11932/01, the European Transport Policy for 2010, and European Document No. 12597/01, Proposals for a Decision on Community Guidelines for the Development of the Trans-European Network.

15 The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 14117/01, the Commission Strategy Paper and Report on the progress towards accession by each of the candidate countries, and Addenda 1–13, the 2001 Regular Reports on progress by individual candidate countries.

16 European Union Documents Nos. 12692/1/01 and 12693/1/01, relating to a single European sky, have been referred to European Standing Committee A together with No. 13735/99, already referred to the Committee on 18th July, and in place of Nos. 12692/01 and 12693/01, referred to the Committee on 21st November.

17 European Union Documents Nos. 15014/01 and 5119/02, relating to aircraft noise, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

18 European Union Document No. 5745/02, relating to the common financial framework 2004–2006 for accession negotiations, has been referred to European Standing Committee B together with European Union Document No. 14117/01 and Addenda 1–13, relating to the European Commission strategy paper on enlargement and reports on progress by applicants, referred to the Committee on 30th January.

19 European Union Document No. 15475/01, relating to food hygiene, has been referred to European Standing Committee C together with No. 10427/00, already referred to the Committee on 18th July.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee on the Threat from Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 667];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Armed Forces Pensions and Compensation Reviews]; to be printed [No. 666-i];

(3) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Defence and Security in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [No. 518-iv]; and

(4) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Armed Forces Pensions and Compensation Reviews].

[Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Teaching Unions]; to be printed [No. 506-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Future of UK Agriculture: Farming Beyond Subsidies?]; to be printed [No. 550-vi] [Mr David Curry].

4 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [UK Preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development]; to be printed [No. 616-iii] [Mr John Horam].

5 European Scrutiny,—(1) Twentieth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xx]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 25th, 26th and 27th February and 6th March [Democracy and Accountability in the EU and the Role of National Parliaments]; to be printed [Nos. 347-iii to -xi]

[Mr Jimmy Hood].
6 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [National Institute for Clinical Excellence]; to be printed [No. 515-iv] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

7 Public Accounts.—(1) Twenty-sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Better Regulation: Making Good Use of Regulatory Impact Assessments]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 682];
   (2) Twenty-seventh Report from the Committee [The Medical Assessment of Incapacity and Disability Benefits]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 683]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Agriculture fraud: The case of Joseph Bowden]; to be printed [No. 684-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—(1) Seventh Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [London Underground—The Public Private Partnership: Follow Up]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 680]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [10 Year Plan for Transport; London Underground—The Public Private Partnership]; to be printed [Nos. 558-iv and 656-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [The Inland Revenue’s Self Assessment Systems]; to be printed [No. 681-i] [Mr John McFall].

10 Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Pension Credit]; to be printed [No. 638-ii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 110; WH, No. 62.]

Wednesday 6th March 2002.

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 Phil Woolas);

Mr George Galloway, Member for Glasgow Kelvin, having used a grossly disorderly expression and having declined the Deputy Speaker’s requests to withdraw it, the Deputy Speaker stated that he would report the matter to the House.

And the Question being put;

Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
Thursday 7th March 2002.

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 the 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 14th March.

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Tax Credit Up-Rating Order 2002.

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

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 317).

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Office of Communications Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

5 Estimates[2nd allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution[5th February], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee).

Supplementary Estimates, 2001–02.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That further resources, not exceeding £3,020,000, be authorised for use during the year ending on 31st March 2002, and that a sum, not exceeding £3,020,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending on 31st March 2002 for expenditure by HM Treasury—(Mr Phil Woolas);

The Debate was concluded, and the Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates).

Supplementary Estimates, 2001–02.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That further resources, not exceeding £2,058,352,000, be authorised for use during the year ending on 31st March 2002, and that a sum, not exceeding £1,636,556,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending on 31st March 2002 for expenditure by the Ministry of Defence—(Mr Graham Stringer);

And it being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings, and the Question necessary to dispose of the proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates).

The Deputy Speaker, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates), put the deferred Questions on Supplementary Estimates, 2001–02.

Resolved, That further resources, not exceeding £3,020,000, be authorised for use during the year ending on 31st March 2002, and that a sum, not exceeding £3,020,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending on 31st March 2002 for expenditure by HM Treasury.

Resolved, That further resources, not exceeding £2,058,352,000, be authorised for use during the year ending on 31st March 2002, and that a sum, not exceeding £1,636,556,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending on 31st March 2002 for expenditure by the Ministry of Defence.

6 Estimates.—The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions required to be put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.).

Resolved, 2002–03 (Navy) Vote A

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 2003 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 2003 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.

Estimates, 2002–03 (Air) Vote A

Resolved, That during the year ending on 31st March 2003 a number not exceeding 57,415 all ranks be maintained for Air Force Service, a number not exceeding 23,050 for service in the Reserve Air Forces, and a number not exceeding 550 for service as Special Members of the Reserve Air Forces under Part V of the Reserve Forces Act 1996.

Estimates, Excesses, 2000–01

Resolved, That a sum, not exceeding £3,097,059.33, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to make good excesses of certain grants for defence and civil services for the year ended on 31st March 2001, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 635.

Supplementary Estimates, 2001–02

Resolved, That further resources, not exceeding £4,531,170,000, be authorised for use for defence and civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2002, and that a further sum, not exceeding £3,727,881,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the cost of defence and civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2002, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 636.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions relating to Estimates, Excesses, 2000–01, and Supplementary Estimates, 2001–02: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Andrew Smith, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Paul Boateng and Ruth Kelly do prepare and bring it in.

7 Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill,—Mr Paul Boateng 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 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 106].

8 Town and Country Planning,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Town and Country Planning (Fees for Applications and Deemed Applications) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 12th February, be approved—(Angela Smith)—It was agreed to.

9 Electricity,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Renewables Obligation Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 13th February, be approved—(Angela Smith)—It was agreed to.

10 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

1 residents of Brockenhurst against the creation of a campsite at New Park,

2 residents of Sittingbourne, Kent, in support of a new secondary school on the north side of Sittingbourne, and

3 residents of Dronfield and district in support of the consolidation of Dronfield School on a single site

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—(Angela Smith);

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

[Adjourned at 7.40 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Companies,—(1) Draft Companies (Particulars of Usual Residential Address) (Confidentiality Orders) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command], and
   (2) Companies (Competent Authority) (Fees) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 502), dated 7th March 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Partnership,—(1) Draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Particulars of Usual Residential Address) (Confidentiality Orders) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command],
   (2) draft Limited Liability Partnerships (No. 2) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command], and
   (3) Limited Liability Partnerships (Competent Authority) (Fees) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 503), dated 7th March 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

   (3) Education (Teacher Training Bursaries) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 508), and
   dated 6th March 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

4 Education (Wales),—Education (Amount to Follow Permanently Excluded Pupil) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 408), dated 6th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

5 Fees and Charges,—Measuring Instruments (EEC Requirements) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 511), dated 6th March 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


8 Public Passenger Transport,—Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment, Use and Certification) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 489), dated 6th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

9 Road Traffic,—(1) Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 487), and
   dated 6th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

10 Miscellaneous (No. 1, 2002),—Kyoto Protocol, adopted at Kyoto on 11th December 1997, to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5379] [Mr Secretary Straw].

11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [9th May 2001] from residents of West Hertfordshire against the testing of genetically modified crops in farm-scale trials at Wood Farm, Piccotts End, Hemel Hampstead [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 National Heritage Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Harry Cohen from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Greg Pope.

3 Draft Tax Credit Up-rating Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Miss Anne Begg, Paul Farrelly and Ms Gisela Stuart from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Ian Lucas, Lawrie Quinn and David Taylor.

4 Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 317).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen McCabe from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution John Mann.

5 Draft Audit Commission (Borrowing Limit) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jim Marshall from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Tam Dalyell.

European Standing Committees

6 The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 14117/01, the Commission Strategy Paper and Report on the progress towards accession by each of the candidate countries, and Addenda 1–13, the 2001 Regular Reports on progress by individual candidate countries, in place of Mr Joe Benton.

7 The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 14th November 2001, relating to animal testing and cosmetic products.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Police Reform Bill]; to be printed [No. 612-iv] [Mr Chris Mullin].

2 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Appointments and Patronage; Government Information and Communication]; to be printed [Nos. 686-i and 303-ii] [Tony Wright].

[No. 111; WH, No. 63.]

Thursday 7th March 2002.

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

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

Adjournment (Increasing access to heritage attractions).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 12th March.

[Adjourned at 5.28 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment (Police).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

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

2 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 11th March.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Education.—(1) Education (Budget Statements) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 535), and


(2) Environmental Protection (Controls on Ozone-Depleting Substances) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 528), dated 8th March 2002, and


[by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


(2) Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (England) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 522), and

(3) Local Government (Best Value) Performance Indicators and Performance Standards Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 523) dated 8th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Light Dues) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 504), dated 6th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

6 Patents.—Patents (Amendment) Rules 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 529), dated 7th March 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Pesticides.—Plant Protection Products (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 526), dated 7th March 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


   (2) Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 470), dated 4th March 2002,
   (3) Social Security (Guardian’s Allowances) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 492),
   (4) Social Security (Loss of Benefit) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 486), and
dated 5th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling], and
   (6) Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 525), dated 7th March 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

11 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—(1) Tax Credits (Claims and Payments and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 527), and
   (2) Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 524)
dated 7th March 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

12 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Redundancy Payments (Continuity of Employment in Local Government, etc.) (Modification) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 532), dated 7th March 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Other Papers:

14 Treasury,—Treasury Minute, dated 8th March 2002, relating to the dissolution and reconfiguration of certain NHS Trusts and the remission of outstanding public dividend capital [Mr Andrew Smith].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Brian Iddon from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Michael Clapham.

2 Draft Audit Commission (Borrowing Limit) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Bacon and Geraldine Smith from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Hoban and Mr Gwyn Prosser.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

**PRAYERS.**

1 **First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.**—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.

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

2 **Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.**—Mr James Cran reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Audit Commission (Borrowing Limit) Order 2002.

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

3 **Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 3).**—Ordered, That the Orders of 8th January (Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme)) and 31st January (Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2)) shall be supplemented as follows—

**Consideration**

The proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of the allotted days as shown in the first column of the following Table and shall be taken in the order so shown, and each part of the proceedings shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the second column of the Table.

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—(Mr Michael Wills.)

4 **Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords] [1st allotted day].**—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Judgement creditor of commonhold association)—(Mr William Cash)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Desmond Swayne: 140.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Graham Stringer: 241.

Another Clause (Restriction on building)—(Mr William Cash)—brought up, and read the first time.
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 22, to leave out the words ‘anyone who’.—(Mr Adrian Sanders.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tom Brake, Mr Desmond Swayne: 148.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Graham Stringer: 276.

Amendments (Nos. 10 to 13) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 75) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 39, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(6) On the grant of a lease of a commonhold unit, the landlord shall inform the tenant of the effect of section 48( )—

(a) by including an explanation in any written lease, and

(b) in any other case by giving the tenant notice in a prescribed form.’.—(Mr William Cash.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 32) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 68) proposed to the Bill, in page 96, line 25, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(3) Sections 364 and 365 of that Act (annual return (company not having a share capital) and time for completion of annual return) shall not apply to a commonhold association.’.—(Mr William Cash.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Julian Brazier: 152.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Graham Stringer: 281.

And it being after Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [31st January and this day], put the Question necessary to dispose of Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 33, 14 to 21, 23, 24 and 22) made to the Bill.

A Clause (Charges under estate management schemes)—(Ms Sally Keeble)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Premises including railway track)—(Ms Sally Keeble)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Extension of right to challenge landlord’s choice of insurer)—(Ms Sally Keeble)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Consultation about service charges)—(Ms Sally Keeble)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Landlord’s share of marriage value)—(Mr Adrian Sanders)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tom Brake, Bob Russell: 48.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Tony McNulty: 294.

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

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

5 Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being 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 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Tax Credits Up-rating Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 14th February, be approved—(Mr Ian Pearson):—It was agreed to.

7 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Companies (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 317), dated 13th February 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th February, be approved—(Mr Ian Pearson):—It was agreed to.

8 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 26th March, do adjourn till Tuesday 9th April—(Mr Ian Pearson):—It was agreed to.

9 Animals.—Ordered, That the Fur Farming (Compensation Scheme) (England) Order 2002 (S.I. 2002, No. 221), dated 5th February 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th February, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Ian Pearson.)

10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Kensworth in Bedfordshire against the siting of mobile telephone masts in residential areas in Kensworth was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Pearson.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Deregulation,—Draft Deregulation (Correction of Birth and Death Entries in Registers or Other Records) Order 2002, together with a statement by the Office for National Statistics [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) (England and Wales) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 637),

(3) Gaming (Bingo) Act (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 640), and

(4) Lotteries (Gaming Board Fees) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 639), dated 7th March 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].


(3) National Care Standards Commission (Inspection of Schools and Colleges) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 552), dated 7th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 Damages,—(1) Damages for Bereavement (Variation of Sum) (England and Wales) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 644), and

(2) Damages for Bereavement (Variation of Sum) (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 645),

dated 11th March 2002 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

6 Environmental Protection.—Environmental Protection (Waste Recycling Payments) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 531), dated 8th March 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

7 Food.—Welfare Food (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 550), dated 5th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


11 Medicines.—(1) Medicines for Human Use and Medical Devices (Fees And Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 542), dated 11th March 2002, and
(2) Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Amendment Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 549), dated 7th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

12 National Health Service.—(1) Ashworth Hospital Authority (Abolition) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 559), dated 10th March 2002,
(2) Barnsley Community and Priority Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 631), dated 8th March 2002,
(3) Birmingham Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 600), dated 8th March 2002,
(4) Birmingham Specialist Community Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 607), dated 8th March 2002,
(5) Brent & Harrow Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 573), dated 8th March 2002,
(6) Bury Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 599), dated 8th March 2002,
(7) Cambridgeshire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 585), dated 8th March 2002,
(9) CommunicaCare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 584), dated 8th March 2002,
(10) Community Health Care Service (North Derbyshire) National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 583), dated 8th March 2002,
(12) Croydon Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 571), dated 8th March 2002,
(13) Doncaster Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 568), dated 8th March 2002,
(14) Ealing, Hammersmith and Hounslow Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 605), dated 8th March 2002,
(15) East Berkshire Community Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 562), dated 8th March 2002,
(17) East Lancashire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 598), dated 8th March 2002,
(19) Gloucestershire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 621), dated 8th March 2002,
(20) Gloucestershire Royal National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 619), dated 8th March 2002,
(22) Health Authorities (Establishment and Abolition) (England) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 553), dated 10th March 2002,
(24) Hertfordshire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 597), dated 8th March 2002,
(25) Hillingdon Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 570), dated 8th March 2002,
(27) Leicestershire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 596), dated 8th March 2002,
(28) Liverpool Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 595), dated 8th March 2002,
(29) National Health Service (Charges For Drugs And Appliances) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 548), dated 7th March 2002,
(30) National Health Service (Dental Charges) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 544), dated 5th March 2002,
(33) National Health Service (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 558), dated 11th March 2002,
(34) National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 554), dated 8th March 2002,
(35) National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 547), dated 11th March 2002,
(36) National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) and (General Medical Services) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 551), dated 10th March 2002,
(37) Norfolk Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 594), dated 8th March 2002,
(38) North and East Devon Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 578), dated 8th March 2002,
(39) North Cumbria Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 593), dated 8th March 2002,
(40) North Derbyshire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 592), dated 8th March 2002,
(41) North Essex Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 586), dated 8th March 2002,
(42) North Manchester Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 590), dated 8th March 2002,
(43) North Mersey Community National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 577), dated 8th March 2002,
(44) North Sefton and West Lancashire Community National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 591), dated 8th March 2002,
(47) Oldham National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 579), dated 8th March 2002,
(48) Oxfordshire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 581), dated 8th March 2002,
(49) Portsmouth Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 628), dated 8th March 2002,
(50) Primary Care Trusts (Functions) (England) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 555), dated 8th March 2002,
(51) Primary Care Trusts (Membership, Procedure and Administration Arrangements) Amendment (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 557), dated 8th March 2002,
(52) Redbridge and Waltham Forest Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 636), dated 8th March 2002,
(53) Riverside Community Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 604), dated 8th March 2002,
(54) Rochdale Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 564), dated 8th March 2002,
(55) Rotherham Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 575), dated 8th March 2002,
(56) Rotherham Priority Health Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 627), dated 8th March 2002,
(57) Sandwell Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 569), dated 8th March 2002,
(58) Shropshire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 589), dated 8th March 2002,
(59) Shropshire’s Community & Mental Health Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 608), dated 8th March 2002,
(60) Somerset Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 625), dated 8th March 2002,
(61) Southampton and South West Hampshire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 587), dated 8th March 2002,
(62) Southampton Community Health Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 624), dated 8th March 2002,
(63) South and West Devon Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 565), dated 8th March 2002,
(64) South Essex Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 574), dated 8th March 2002,
(65) South Staffordshire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 563), dated 8th March 2002,
(66) South Warwickshire Combined Care National Health Service (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 626), dated 8th March 2002,
(67) St Helens and Knowsley Community Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 566), dated 8th March 2002,
(68) Tameside & Glossop Community and Priority Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 630), dated 8th March 2002,
(69) Taunton and Somerset National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 632), dated 8th March 2002,
(71) Warwickshire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 588), dated 8th March 2002,
(72) Wiltshire and Swindon Health Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 567), dated 8th March 2002, and

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


(2) Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Temporary Modifications to Code D) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 615), dated 3rd March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

15 Road Traffic,—(1) International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 537),
(2) International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 539), and
(3) Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) (Approval of Fitters and Workshops) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 538)
dated 8th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


Other Papers:

18 Audit Commission,—Amendments, dated 11th March 2002, to the Code of Audit Practice for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

19 Chiropractors,—Financial Statements of the General Chiropractic Council for 1st August 2000 to 31st July 2001 [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

20 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) Lord Chancellor’s Department: Collection of fines and other financial penalties in the criminal justice system, and
(2) Ministry of Defence: Implementation of Integrated Project Teams
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 672 and 671] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mark Tami from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Ms Debra Shipley.

2 Local Government (Finance) Special Grant Report (No. 93) (House of Commons Paper No. 654), on the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund 2002–03,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown and Mr Bill Tynan from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Special Grant Report); and nominated in substitution Mr Malcolm Moss and John Robertson.

3 Draft Audit Commission (Borrowing Limit) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Alice Mahon from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Lindsay Hoyle.

4 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 90) (House of Commons Paper No. 611),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Rudi Vis from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Special Grant Report); and nominated in substitution Dr Jack Cunningham.

5 Draft Royal Mint Trading Fund (Extension and Variation) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Joan Ryan from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Helen Southworth.

6 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Wayne David from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Ian Lucas.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Accounts,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Delivering the Commercialisation of Public Sector Science]; to be printed [No. 689-i]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [National Audit Office Supply Estimate 2002–03]; to be printed [No. 690-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

Tuesday 12th March 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 19th March.

2 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:
That the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Carers’ Allowance) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 17th December, should be amended before a draft Order is laid before the House.

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Asylum Support (Repeal) Order 2002.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 93) (House of Commons Paper No. 654), on the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund 2002/03.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—David Taylor reported from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) (Amendment) Order 2002.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Copyright (Visually Impaired Persons) Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Copyright (Visually Impaired Persons) Bill be printed [Bill 23–EN].

7 Broadcasting Act 1990 (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Broadcasting Act 1990 in respect of restrictions on the holding of licences: And that Mr Tim Yeo, Mr John Whittingdale, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr John Greenway, Mr Philip Hammond, Miss Anne McIntosh and Mr Laurence Robertson do prepare and bring it in.

8 Broadcasting Act 1990 (Amendment) Bill,—Mr Tim Yeo accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Broadcasting Act 1990 in respect of restrictions on the holding of licences: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 12th April and to be printed [Bill 110].

9 Opposition Day [11th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Quality of Life in London and the South East,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes pride in London’s great heritage and its status as a major international capital city; notes that London remains the heart of global financial markets, a world centre for arts, music and fashion, a leader in higher education, medicine and scientific research, and home to the most diverse tapestry of cosmopolitan culture in Europe; regrets that this status is being increasingly undermined by the steady reduction in the quality of life experienced by people in London and the South East and,
in particular, the daily crisis faced by commuters, with delays on the railways increasing and the London Underground facing severe overcrowding with little hope for significant improvement; further notes the rise in violent crime, especially on its streets, and the continuing problems for schools and hospitals struggling to cope with low morale and staff shortages; further notes the environmental scars in many parts of London of abandoned cars, graffiti and rubbish, at a time when Council Taxes are rising even further; and calls upon the Government to address the needs of people in London and the South East and to improve the quality of overstretched public services—(Mr Eric Pickles).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 6, to leave out from the word ‘Europe’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the Government’s commitment to London’s continued success, demonstrated by sound economic management, substantially increased employment opportunities, record levels of funding in health, education, crime prevention, transport and other key public services, the promotion of sustainable development, the enhancement of London’s environment, cultural diversity and the living standards of its population, as well as the restoration of democratic city-wide government to the capital; and unreservedly condemns the Opposition strategy of talking down London and the South East’, instead thereof.—(Mr Nick Raynsford.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

David Maclean rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

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

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 178.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Angela Smith: 315.

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, Angela Smith, Mr Tony McNulty: 306.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 180.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;

Resolved, That this House takes pride in London’s great heritage and its status as a major international capital city; notes that London remains the heart of global financial markets, a world centre for arts, music and fashion, a leader in higher education, medicine and scientific research, and home to the most diverse tapestry of cosmopolitan culture in Europe; welcomes the Government’s commitment to London’s continued success, demonstrated by sound economic management, substantially increased employment opportunities, record levels of funding in health, education, crime prevention, transport and other key public services, the promotion of sustainable development, the enhancement of London’s environment, cultural diversity and the living standards of its population, as well as the restoration of democratic city-wide government to the capital; and unreservedly condemns the Opposition strategy of talking down London and the South East.

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 Audit Commission (Borrowing Limit) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 14th February, be approved—(Mr Ian Pearson):—It was agreed to.

11 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 Criminal Injuries Compensation (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 25th February, be approved—(Mr Ian Pearson):—It was agreed to.

12 Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft deregulation, etc., orders), That the draft Regulatory Reform (Voluntary Aided Schools Liabilities and Funding) (England) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 25th February, be approved—(Mr Ian Pearson):—It was agreed to.
13 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Desiree Marie Eriksson-Hills and others for exemption of transplant patients from prescription charges 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 Ian Pearson.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.57 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Health and Safety,—Health and Safety (Fees) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 655), dated 12th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

2 Social Security,—Social Security (Incacity) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 491), dated 5th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

3 Civil List,—List of new and supplementary pensions granted under the Civil List Act 1972 for 2001–02 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

4 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions on the Petition [26th February] from Mrs Susan James and others against the sale of publicly owned car parks in Hadleigh [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Local Government (Finance) Special Grant Report (No. 93) (House of Commons Paper No. 654), on the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund 2002–03,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Jack Cunningham, Dr Hywel Francis and Glenda Jackson from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Mr David Clelland, Fiona Mactaggart and Chris Ruane.

2 Disabled Facilities Grants and Home Repair Assistance (Maximum Amounts) (Amendment No. 2) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4036),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Paul Clark from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Dave Watts.

3 Draft Social Security Administration Act 1992 (Amendment) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Julian Brazier from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Charles Hendry.

4 Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3576),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Linda Gilroy from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Derek Twigg.

5 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 90) (House of Commons Paper No. 611),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Linda Gilroy from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Paul Clark.

6 Draft Royal Mint Trading Fund (Extension and Variation) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen McCabe, Bridget Prentice and Derek Wyatt from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Terry Davis, Mr George Galloway and Mr Alan Simpson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Communications]; to be printed [No. 539-vii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].
2 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform.—Eighth Report from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Carers’ Allowance) Order 2002], together with Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 4th March and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 691] [Mr Peter Pike].

3 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Government’s Drug Policy: Is it Working?]; to be printed [No. 318] [Mr Chris Mullin].

4 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135] [Mr David Tredinnick].

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 114; WH, No. 64.]

Tuesday 12th March 2002.

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. 115.]

Wednesday 13th March 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Development Agency Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Development Agency Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 20th March.

2 National Heritage Bill [Lords],—Mr Mike Hancock reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the National Heritage Bill [Lords], and made an Amendment thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 19th April. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 697].

3 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 90) (House of Commons Paper No. 611). Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Royal Mint Trading Fund (Extension and Variation) Order 2002. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union documents No. 11932/01, Commission White Paper: European Transport Policy for 2010: Time to Decide, and No. 12597/01, draft decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending decision No. 1692/96/EC on Community guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network; and endorses the Government’s approach to discussions on these documents.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.
6 European Standing Committee C.—Mr Joe Benton reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the unnumbered explanatory memorandum dated 14th November 2001 from the Department of Trade and Industry on the amended draft Directive of the European Parliament and the Council amending for the seventh time Council Directive 76/768/EEC on the approximation of the laws of member states relating to cosmetic products; and welcomes it as a positive step towards maintaining the current high levels of protection for human health and safety whilst promoting animal welfare.

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

7 Foreign Exchange Transactions Tax Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a Commission to inquire into the feasibility of a foreign exchange transactions tax; to provide for the Commission’s remit and duration; and for connected purposes—(Mr Richard Allan); 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 Mr Richard Allan, Mr Harry Barnes, Peter Bottomley, Dr Jenny Tonge, Mr Simon Thomas, Mr Neil Gerrard, Tony Baldry, Julia Drown, Mr Paul Marsden, Angus Robertson and Andrew George do prepare and bring in the Bill.

8 Foreign Exchange Transactions Tax Commission Bill.—Mr Richard Allan accordingly presented a Bill to establish a Commission to inquire into the feasibility of a foreign exchange transactions tax; to provide for the Commission’s remit and duration; and for connected purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 111].

9 Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords][2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 73) proposed to the Bill, in page 100, line 6, to leave out sub-paragraph (4).—(Mr William Cash.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr John Randall: 179.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Ian Pearson: 295.

Other Amendments (Nos. 33A and 34 to 44) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 88) proposed to the Bill, in page 68, line 1, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(a) after paragraph (a) insert—

“(aa) the tenancy was granted for a term of years not exceeding 80 years”.’.—(Mr William Cash.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Charles Hendry: 113.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Dan Norris: 325.

Other Amendments (Nos. 45, 60 and 46 to 50) made to the Bill.

It being Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [31st January and 11th March] put the Questions on new Clauses selected by the Speaker for separate Division.

Another Clause (Abolition of forfeiture)—(Mr Adrian Sanders)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Sue Doughty: 48.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Dan Norris: 278.

Another Clause (Leases exceeding 21 years)—(Mr William Cash)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr David Wilshire: 151.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Dan Norris: 286.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions necessary to dispose of Amendments moved and Motions made by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 51 to 55, 61 and 56 to 59) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Failure to pay small amount for short period)—(Ms Sally Keeble)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to prescribe additional or different requirements)—(Ms Sally Keeble)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Notice to accompany demands for service charges)—(Ms Sally Keeble)—brought up, read the first time and added to the Bill.

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

Mr John Spellar, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

Mr John Spellar, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read the third time;

And it being Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [31st January]:—It was agreed to.

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

10 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) (Amendment) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 14th February, be approved—(Mr Graham Stringer):—It was agreed to.

11 Immigration,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Asylum Support (Repeal) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 25th February, be approved—(Mr Graham Stringer):—It was agreed to.

12 Local Government Finance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 93) (House of Commons Paper No. 654), on the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund 2002–03, which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mr Graham Stringer):—It was agreed to.

13 Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 117 (Standing Committee on Regional Affairs), That—

(1) the matter of the progress of the Regional Development Agencies against their objectives, being a matter relating to regional affairs in England, be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs;

(2) the Committee meet at Two o’clock on Thursday 21st March at Westminster to consider the matter referred to it under paragraph (1) above; and

(3) the proceedings at the meeting be brought to a conclusion at half-past Four o’clock—(Mr Graham Stringer):—It was agreed to.

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Family Law,—Draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2. Disabled Persons,—(1) Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Cairngorm Funicular Railway) Exemption Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 657), and
   (2) Rail Vehicle Accessibility (South West Trains Class 458 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 656), dated 8th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


Other Papers:

6. Parliamentary Commissioner,—Sixth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 2001–02: Selected Cases and Summaries of Completed Investigations, April to September 2001 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 665] [Clerk of the House].

7. Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Seventh to the Eighth and the Twelfth to the Thirteenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5470] [Mr Paul Boateng].

8. Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [9th January] from citizens of the United Kingdom calling for an independent public inquiry into the causes, progress and administration of the 2001 outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9. Treasury,—Paper, entitled Audit and Accountability in Central Government: the Government’s Response to Lord Sharman’s Report “Holding to Account” [by Command] [Cm. 5456] [Mr Andrew Smith].


11. Treaty Series (No. 12, 2002),—Exchange of Notes, done at Mbabane on 17th October and 21st November 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Swaziland extending the Agreement for the Promotion and Protection of Investments done at London on 5th May 1995 to the Isle of Man and the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey [by Command] [Cm. 5468] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 95) (House of Commons Paper No. 670), on 2001–02 Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Angela Eagle, Mike Gapes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Simon Hughes, Glenda Jackson, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr John Lyons, Mr Stephen McCabe, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Humfrey Malins, Patrick Mercer, Bridget Prentice, Mr Andrew Rosindell and Mr Adrian Sanders.

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Charlotte Atkins, Mr John Battle, Mr John Burnett, Mr Mark Field, Nigel Griffiths, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr George Howarth, Rob Marris, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr David Ruffley, Mark Tami, Mr Nigel Waterson, Tony Worthington, Derek Wyatt and Richard Younger-Ross.

3 Disabled Facilities Grants and Home Repair Assistance (Maximum Amounts) (Amendment No. 2) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4036),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr George Howarth and Mr Brian Jenkins from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Dr Hywel Francis and Mrs Joan Humble.

Standing Committee on Regional Affairs

4 The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of its meeting on Thursday 21st March.

European Standing Committees

5 The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Documents Nos. 15014/01 and 5119/02, relating to aircraft noise.

6 European Union Document No. 5638/02, relating to agricultural issues related to enlargement, has been referred to European Standing Committee B, together with European Union Documents Nos. 5745/02 and 14117/01 with Addenda 1–13, already referred to the Committee.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Armed Forces Pensions and Compensation Reviews]; to be printed [No. 666-ii] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—(1) Second Special Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Government’s and OFSTED’s Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2001–02, on The Work of OFSTED]; to be printed [No. 688]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools’ Annual Report 2000–01]; to be printed [No. 699-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Sustainable Energy]; to be printed [No. 582-iii] [Mr John Horam].

4 European Scrutiny,—Twenty-first Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xxi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Barcelona European Council]; to be printed [No. 698-i]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Turkey]; to be printed [No. 606-iii] [Donald Anderson].

6 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Delayed Discharges]; to be printed [No. 617-ii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

7 Public Accounts,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The New Deal for Young People]; to be printed [No. 700-i]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Government’s Response to the Sharman Report]; to be printed [No. 701-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
8 Science and Technology.—Memoranda laid before the Science and Technology Committee [Cancer Research—A follow-up; DTI Spring Supplementary Estimate] [Dr Ian Gibson].

9 Scottish Affairs.—(1) Third Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Post Devolution News and Current Affairs Broadcasting in Scotland], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 549]; and
(2) First Special Report from the Committee [Response from the Government and the Scottish Executive to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2001–02, on The Drinks Industry in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 696] [Mrs Irene Adams].

10 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Productivity and Competitiveness of UK Manufacturing Industry]; to be printed [No. 597-vi] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

11 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [The Inland Revenue’s Self-Assessment Systems]; to be printed [No. 681-ii] [Mr John McFall].

12 Work and Pensions.—(1) First Report from the Work and Pensions Committee ['ONE' Pilots: Lessons for Jobcentre Plus], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 426]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Pension Credit]; to be printed [No. 638-iii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 115; WH, No. 65.]

Wednesday 13th March 2002.

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 Fraser Kemp];

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 116.]

Thursday 14th March 2002.

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 21st March.

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—[Mr David Amess reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Disabled Facilities Grants and Home Repair Assistance (Maximum Amounts) (Amendment No. 2) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4036). Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Nigel Beard reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security Administration Act 1992 (Amendment) Order 2002.

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

4 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Electricity and Gas (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Order 2002.

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:

Consolidation Bills,—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of twelve Lords to join with a Committee of the Commons as the Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills; that they have ordered that the Committee have the power to agree with the Committee of the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman, and that the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee from time to time be printed and, if the Committee think fit, be delivered out; and they propose that the Joint Committee do meet on Tuesday 30th April at half-past Four o’clock.

6 Health (Patients’ Rights) Bill.—The Order for reading the Health (Patients’ Rights) Bill a second time tomorrow was read and discharged.

7 Adjournment (Women and Equality).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

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

8 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ian Pearson.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


2 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—Draft Court of Appeal (Appeals from Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission) Rules 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Pensions.—Personal Injuries (Civilians) Amendment Scheme 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 672), dated 11th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

5 Trade Marks.—Trade Marks (International Registration) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 692), dated 14th March 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

6 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Statute, dated 11th December 2001, made by the University of Oxford, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

Other Papers:

7 Building Societies.—Accounts of the Building Societies Commission for the eight months ending 30th November 2001, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 694] [Clerk of the House].

8 Competition Commission.—Report on the supply of banking services by clearing banks to small and medium-sized enterprises within the UK [by Command] [Cm. 5319] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

9 Friendly Societies.—Accounts of the Friendly Societies Commission for the eight months ending 30th November 2001, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 695] [Clerk of the House].

10 Merchant Shipping.—Report by the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions of exemptions granted under section 294 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 during the period 1st January to 31st December 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

11 Museums and Galleries.—Report and Financial Statements of the Greater Manchester Museum of Science and Industry Trust for 2000–01 [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].


13 Reserve Forces.—Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the making of a call-out order under section 56(1) of that Act [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 95) (House of Commons Paper No. 670), on 2001–02 Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Piara S. Khabra from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution David Wright.


3 Draft Social Security Administration Act 1992 (Amendment) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Eric Martlew from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Phil Sawford.

4 Draft Electricity and Gas (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Miss Anne Begg and Mr Mark Lazarowicz from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Malcolm Savidge and Mr John Smith.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Liaison,—Second Report from the Liaison Committee [Select Committees: Modernisation Proposals]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 692] [Mr Alan Williams].

2 Public Administration,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Appointments and Patronage]; to be printed [No. 686-ii]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Government Information and Communication]; to be printed [No. 303-iii]
   [Tony Wright].

ECCLESIASTICAL COMMITTEE

In pursuance of section 2(2) of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919 the Speaker has nominated David Taylor to serve, for the duration of the present Parliament, upon the Ecclesiastical Committee in the place of Mr David Lammy.

[No. 116; WH, No. 66.]

Thursday 14th March 2002.

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

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

Adjournment (Government policy on health and safety at work).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Ivor Caplin);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 19th March.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
15th March 2002

[No. 117.]

Friday 15th March 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Marine Wildlife Conservation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Marine Wildlife Conservation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

   A Clause (Sustainable development)—(Mr Michael Meacher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (Installation of boundary markers)—(Mr Michael Meacher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (Damage or destruction in a marine site)—(Mr Michael Meacher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (Meaning of “marine area” and “marine site of special interest”—(Mr Michael Meacher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (General interpretation)—(Mr Michael Meacher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (Notification of marine sites)—(Mr Michael Meacher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (Further provisions about notification)—(Mr Michael Meacher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (Modification or denotification)—(Mr Michael Meacher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (Denotification in relation to European marine sites)—(Mr Michael Meacher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Another Clause (Application to Crown)—(Mr Michael Meacher)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

   Amendments (Nos. 30 and 31) made to the Bill.

   Another Amendment (No. 54) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 24, after the word ‘take’, to insert the word ‘all’.—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

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

   Other Amendments (Nos. 32 to 37, 1 to 29 and 38) made to the Bill.

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

   Mr Michael Meacher, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

   Mr Michael Meacher, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

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

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

2 Copyright (Visually Impaired Persons) Bill.—The Copyright (Visually Impaired Persons) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

3 Food Labelling Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd November, That the Food Labelling Bill be now read a second time;

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

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

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 12th April.
4 Firearms (Replica Weapons) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Firearms (Replica Weapons) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

5 Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

6 Control of Fireworks Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Control of Fireworks Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 18th March.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture.—Feedingstuffs (Zootechnical Products) (Amendment) (England, Scotland and Wales) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 696), dated 14th March 2002 [by Act][Secretary Margaret Beckett].


5 Medicines.—Medicated Feedingstuffs (Amendment) (England, Scotland and Wales) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 697), dated 14th March 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 National Health Service.—National Health Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 561), dated 15th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

7 Pensions.—(1) Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Contracting-out) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 681), dated 13th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling]; and


8 Police.—(1) Police Service of Northern Ireland Regulations 2002 (S.R. (N.I.), 2002, No. 95), and

(2) Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve (Full-time) (Appointment and Conditions of Service) Regulations 2002 (S.R. (N.I.), 2002, No. 96), dated 8th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

9 Social Security.—(1) Social Security Contributions (Intermediaries) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 703), dated 14th March 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo]; and


Other Papers:

11 Building Societies.—Report of the Building Societies Commission for 1st April to 30th November 2001 [by Statutory Instrument] [Ruth Kelly].

12 Friendly Societies.—Report of the Friendly Societies Commission for 1st April to 30th November 2001 [by Statutory Instrument] [Ruth Kelly].

13 Honours, Decorations and Medals.—Papers, entitled—

   (1) The General Service Medal, 1962: Service on Air Operations over Iraq (Amendment to Cm. 3524), and
   (2) The Operational Service Medal: Service in Sierra Leone from 5th May 2000 [by Command] [Cmns. 5352 and 5471] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

14 Police.—Police (Secretary of State’s Objectives) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 695) dated 13th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

15 Railways.—Report of the Rail Passengers Committee for Wales for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

16 Social Security Administration.—Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee and statement by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Social Security (Disability Living Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 in accordance with Section 174 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 [by Command] [Cm. 5469] [Mr Secretary Darling].
PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 95) (House of Commons Paper No. 670), on 2001–02 Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Companies (Particulars of Usual Residential Address) (Confidentiality Orders) Regulations 2002, the Companies (Competent Authority) (Fees) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 502), the Limited Liability Partnership (Competent Authority) (Fees) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 503), the draft Limited Liability Partnerships (Particulars of Usual Residential Address) (Confidentiality Orders) Regulations 2002.

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

3 European Standing Committee A,—Mr James Cran reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 15014/01, draft Directive on the introduction of noise-related operating restrictions at Community Airports, and No. 5119/02, draft Directive on the establishment of a Community framework for noise classification of civil subsonic aircraft for the purposes of calculating noise charges; and supports the Government position to ensure that the proposed Directives allow the development of a coherent and balanced approach to managing noise nuisances at UK airports consistent with existing ICAO rules and standards.

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

4 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 14117/01, the Commission Strategy paper and Report on the progress towards accession by each of the candidate countries, with Addenda 1 to 13, the 2001 Regular Reports on progress by individual candidate countries, No. 5745/02, the Commission Communication on a Common Financial Framework 2004–2006 for the Accession Negotiations, and No. 5638/02, the Commission Communication on Enlargement and Agriculture: successfully integrating the new Member States into the CAP; welcomes the Government’s continuing commitment to EU enlargement; and supports the Government’s aim to complete negotiations with those candidates that are ready by the end of this year, so that they can participate in the European Parliament elections in 2004 as Member States.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to control the advertising and promotion of tobacco products; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords].—The Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 112].

7 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Speaker shall put successively the Question on each of the Motions in the name of Alun Michael relating to Hunting with Dogs not later than Ten o’clock, and such Questions shall include the Question on any Amendment which has been selected and may then be moved, and those Questions may be decided, though opposed, after the expiration of time for opposed business.—(Alun Michael.)
8 Hunting with Dogs: Supervision.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House considers that arrangements for the supervision of the hunting of wild mammals with dogs should be given statutory effect by provision similar to Schedule 1 to the Hunting Bill as introduced into the Commons last Session [Bill 2]—(Alun Michael).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr John Heppell: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Dan Norris: 401.

So the Question was negatived.

And it being after Ten o’clock, the Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Questions on the remaining Motions in the name of Alun Michael relating to Hunting with Dogs.

Hunting with Dogs: Hunting under Licence.—The Question being put, That this House considers that the hunting of wild mammals with dogs should be required to be regulated in accordance with arrangements similar to those set out in Schedule 2 to the Hunting Bill as introduced into the Commons last Session [Bill 2]:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr John Heppell: 169.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Dan Norris: 371.

So the Question was negatived.

Hunting with Dogs: Ban.—The Question being put, That this House considers that the hunting of wild mammals with dogs should be prohibited in accordance with provision similar to Schedule 3 to the Hunting Bill as introduced in the Commons last Session [Bill 2]:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr John Heppell: 386.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Dan Norris: 175.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House considers that the hunting of wild mammals with dogs should be prohibited in accordance with provisions similar to Schedule 3 to the Hunting Bill as introduced in the Commons last Session [Bill 2].

9 European Transport Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union documents No. 11932/01, Commission White Paper: European Transport Policy for 2010: Time to Decide, and No. 12597/01, draft decision of the European Parliament and of the Council amending decision No. 1692/96/EC on Community guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network; and endorses the Government’s approach to discussions on these documents—(Mr Graham Stringer):—It was agreed to.

10 Cosmetic 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 the unnumbered explanatory memorandum dated 14th November 2001 from the Department of Trade and Industry on the amended draft Directive of the European Parliament and the Council amending for the seventh time Council Directive 76/768/EEC on the approximation of the laws of member states relating to cosmetic products; and welcomes it as a positive step towards maintaining the current high levels of protection for human health and safety whilst promoting animal welfare—(Mr Graham Stringer):—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. 90) (House of Commons Paper No. 611), which was laid before this House on 14th February, be approved—(Mr Graham Stringer):—It was agreed to.

12 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 Royal Mint Trading Fund (Extension and Variation) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr Graham Stringer):—It was agreed to.
13 Electricity.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Electricity and Gas (Determination of Turnover for Penalties) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr Graham Stringer)—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 Social Security Administration Act 1992 (Amendment) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr Graham Stringer)—It was agreed to.

15 Regulatory Reform.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Regulatory Reform (Golden Jubilee Licensing) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr Graham Stringer)—It was agreed to.

16 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.08 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Civil Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 711), dated 10th March 2002, and
   (2) Civil Legal Aid in Family Proceedings (Remuneration) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 710), dated 18th March 2002
   [by Act] [Mr Michael Wills].

2 Legal Services Commission,—(1) Community Legal Service (Financial) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 709), dated 10th March 2002,
   (2) Criminal Defence Service (Funding) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 714), dated 13th March 2002,
   (3) Criminal Defence Service (General) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 712), dated 13th March 2002, and
   [by Act] [Mr Michael Wills].

3 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 580), dated 18th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

   (2) Social Security (Hospital In-Patients) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 685), and
   (3) Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Dependency) (Permitted Earnings Limits) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 683),
   dated 13th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

5 Friendly Societies,—Report of the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies for 1st October 2000 to 30th November 2001 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Management of Surplus Property by Trusts in the NHS in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 667] [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 95) (House of Commons Paper No. 670), on 2001–02 Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Glenda Jackson from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Mr David Stewart.


APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights,—Fifteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Police Reform Bill: Further Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 706] [Jean Corston].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Better Public Services through Joint Working]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 471];

(2) Twenty-ninth Report from the Committee [Non-Competitive Procurement in the Ministry of Defence]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 370]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [e-Revenue]; to be printed [No. 707-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

Tuesday 19th March 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Consolidated Fund Act 2002
Office of Communications Act 2002.

2 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 26th March.

3 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolutions:

That the draft Deregulation (Correction of Birth and Death Entries in Registers or Other Records) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 11th March, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

That the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 14th January, should be amended before a draft Order is laid before this House.
4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3576). Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Adjournment (The war in Afghanistan).—Mr Bernard Jenkin, Member for North Essex, rose in his place and asked leave to move the adjournment of the House for the purpose of discussing a specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration, namely the war in Afghanistan; and the pleasure of the House having been signified, the Motion stood over under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) until the commencement of public business to-morrow.

6 Age Discrimination.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it unlawful to discriminate against persons on grounds of age in connection with employment or the provision of goods; to establish an Age Equality Commission with the function of working towards the elimination of such discrimination and promoting age equality generally; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Paul Burstow, Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Roger Berry, Andrew Selous, Hywel Williams, Mr A. J. Beith, Dr Vincent Cable, Steve Webb and Dr Evan Harris do prepare and bring it in.

7 Age Discrimination Bill.—Mr Paul Burstow accordingly presented a Bill to make it unlawful to discriminate against persons on grounds of age in connection with employment or the provision of goods; to establish an Age Equality Commission with the function of working towards the elimination of such discrimination and promoting age equality generally; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 113].

8 Opposition Day [12th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Education and Skills Training.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the mounting crisis in education; regrets that unauthorised absences from secondary schools are rising, and that examination standards in mathematics fell last year among 11-year-olds; further notes that morale among teachers has fallen so low that three teaching unions are currently engaged in industrial action, including an unprecedented ballot on industrial action among head teachers; regrets the early departure from the teaching profession of so many qualified teachers; notes that teachers themselves blame the excessive workload caused by Government interference for many of these early departures; condemns the Government for its lack of support for teachers seeking to cope with disciplinary problems in schools; asks the Government to explain fully the precipitate ending of Education Action Zones; calls on the Government to restore confidence in the examination board system after the various fiascos faced by Edexcel; notes that morale among university teachers and students is also low because of funding problems; further condemns the way decent training providers, including FE colleges, were let down by the failure of Individual Learning Accounts (ILAs); and calls on the Government to make an immediate announcement about how it intends to help those affected by the ILA collapse, and what scheme it proposes to replace ILAs—(Mr Damian Green).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘recognises an education system which is benefiting from an unprecedented period of sustained investment on an unprecedented scale, in parallel with the Government’s strategy to raise standards through an ambitious series of reforms of the curriculum, the teaching profession and the organisation of schools; welcomes Ofsted’s latest annual report showing the highest ever proportion of good and excellent lessons in schools, and the OECD’s PISA Report that the UK performance was above the OECD average across all three domains of reading, mathematical and scientific literacy; notes the other tangible signs of increased investment and reform such as higher academic standards at primary and secondary level, the dramatic reduction in the numbers of infants in large classes, more teachers in schools than at any time in the last decade, extra resources and more people than ever going into Higher Education, with 45,000 new places since 1997; notes further the huge increase in the number of adults who are now acquiring basic skills and learning for their futures; recognises the clear commitment of the Government to address teacher workload in partnership with the unions and other agencies; welcomes the positive proposals the Government has given to headteachers on school exclusions, reinforcing their right to manage their schools and enforce discipline as they see fit; recognises that working closely with parents, police and health professionals is key to tackling unacceptable levels of absence and supports the Government’s work in this area; and supports the measures being taken by the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority to ensure that examination results are delivered successfully’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Estelle Morris).
And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Wilshire, Dr Julian Lewis: 180.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Ian Pearson: 322.
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 Fraser Kemp, Mr Ian Pearson: 307.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 178.
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 an education system which is benefiting from an
unprecedented period of sustained investment on an unprecedented scale, in parallel with
the Government’s strategy to raise standards through an ambitious series of reforms of the
curriculum, the teaching profession and the organisation of schools; welcomes Ofsted’s latest annual report showing the highest ever proportion of good and excellent
lessons in schools, and the OECD’s PISA Report that the UK performance was above
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literacy; notes the other tangible signs of increased investment and reform such as higher
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health professionals is key to tackling unacceptable levels of absence and supports the
Government’s work in this area; and supports the measures being taken by the
Qualifications and Curriculum Authority to ensure that examination results are
delivered successfully.

The Chinook Helicopter Crash.—A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That this House notes the House of Lords Select Committee Report on
Chinook ZD 576, which concludes that ‘the Air Marshals were not justified in finding
that negligence on the part of the pilots of ZD 576 caused the crash’ in the Mull of Kintyre
on 2nd June 1994; and calls on the Government to exonerate the deceased pilots, flight
lieutenants Jonathan Tapper and Richard Cook—(David Davis);

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 House of Lords Select
Committee Report on Chinook ZD 576; further notes that the Government is currently
studying the report; and looks forward to the Government’s promised full and detailed
response to the House of Lords’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Hoon.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;
And it being Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Aircraft Noise.—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. 15014/01, draft Directive on the introduction of noise-
related operating restrictions at Community Airports, and No. 5119/02, draft Directive
on the establishment of a Community framework for noise classification of civil subsonic
aircraft for the purposes of calculating noise charges; and supports the Government
position to ensure that the proposed Directives allow the development of a coherent and
balanced approach to managing noise nuisances at UK airports consistent with existing
ICAO rules and standards—(Mr Graham Stringer)—It was agreed to.

Enlargement.—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 No. 14117/01, the Commission Strategy paper and
Report on the progress towards accession by each of the candidate countries, with
Addenda 1 to 13, the 2001 Regular Reports on progress by individual candidate
countries, No. 5745/02, the Commission Communication on a Common Financial
Framework 2004-2006 for the Accession Negotiations, and No. 5638/02, the
Commission Communication on Enlargement and Agriculture: successfully integrating the new Member States into the CAP; welcomes the Government’s continuing commitment to EU enlargement, and supports the Government’s aim to complete negotiations with those candidates that are ready by the end of this year, so that they can participate in the European Parliamentary elections in 2004 as Member States—(Mr Graham Stringer)—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. 95) (House of Commons Paper No. 670), on 2001–02 Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr Graham Stringer)—It was agreed to.

12 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 (Competent Authority) (Fees) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 502), dated 7th March 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Graham Stringer)—It was agreed to.

13 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Companies (Particulars of Usual Residential Address) (Confidentiality Orders) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Graham Stringer)—It was agreed to.

14 Partnership.—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 Partnership (Competent Authority) (Fees) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 503), dated 7th March 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Graham Stringer)—It was agreed to.

15 Partnership.—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 (No. 2) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Graham Stringer)—It was agreed to.

16 Partnership.—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 (Particulars of Usual Residential Address) (Confidentiality Orders) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 7th March, be approved—(Mr Graham Stringer)—It was agreed to.

17 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, on Tuesday 26th March,—

(1) the provisions of the Orders of 20th November 2000 relating to Thursday sittings and meetings of Standing Committees shall apply as if that day were a Thursday; and

(2) there shall be no sitting in Westminster Hall.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

18 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the parishes of Bishampton and Throckmorton, Pinvin, Wyre Piddle and Hill and Moor and other residents of Worcestershire against the siting of an accommodation centre for asylum seekers at Throckmorton was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

19 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

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 Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture.—Nitrate Sensitive Areas (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 744), dated 18th March 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Food.—Food (Star Anise from Third Countries) (Emergency Control) (England) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 602), dated 19th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
3 Public Health.—National Care Standards Commission (Director of Private and Voluntary Health Care) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 603), dated 18th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 Road Traffic.—(1) Removal and Disposal of Vehicles (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 746), dated 19th March 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett], and

(2) Vehicle Excise Duty (Immobilisation, Removal and Disposal of Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 745), dated 18th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

5 Firearms.—Report of the Firearms Consultative Committee for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 501] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

6 Government Trading Funds.—Treasury Minute, dated 19th March 2002, concerning a further financial objective desirable of achievement by the ABRO Trading Fund [by Act] [Mr Andrew Smith].

7 Health Service Commissioners.—Fourth Report of the Health Service Ombudsman, Session 2001–02: Investigations Completed—August to November 2001 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 679-I and -II] [Clerk of the House].

8 Miscellaneous (No. 3, 2002).—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 4th and 23rd January 2002, between the Government of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Maritime Organisation, further amending the Agreement regarding the Headquarters of the Organization signed at London on 28th November 1968, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5473] [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 Miscellaneous (No. 4, 2002).—Revised Text of Annex XII to the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations, approved by the Assembly of the International Maritime Organization on 22nd November 2001, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5474] [Mr Secretary Straw].

10 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Government Response to the First Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2001–02, on Passenger Rail Franchising and the Future of Railway Infrastructure [by Command] [Cm. 5472] [Mr Secretary Byers].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3576).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tam Dalyell from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Brian White.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Third Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Arts 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. 489] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform.—Ninth Report from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee [The draft Deregulation (Correction of Birth and Death Entries in Registers or Other Records) Order 2002; Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979) Order 2002], together with Appendices and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 22nd January; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 708] [Mr Peter Pike].

3 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Government’s Drugs Policy: Is it Working?]; to be printed [No. 318-xi] [Mr Chris Mullin].
4 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Parliamentary Questions and Electronic Tabling of Questions and Motions]; to be printed [No. 622-iii] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

5 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Science Education from 14 to 19]; to be printed [No. 508-ii][Dr Ian Gibson].

6 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xxiii] [Brian White].

7 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Ordnance Survey]; to be printed [No. 481-ii] [Andrew Bennett].

[No. 119; WH, No. 67.]

Tuesday 19th March 2002.

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 Phil Woolas.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.56 p.m.

[No. 120.]

Wednesday 20th March 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Development Agency Bill,—The Order of the Day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Development Agency Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 26th March.

2 Consolidation, &c., Bills,—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 14th March relating to the Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

3 Organ Donation (Presumed Consent and Safeguards),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the removal of organs for transplantation purposes, after death has been confirmed in a person aged 16 or over, except where a potential donor previously registered an objection or where a close relative objects; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Tom Watson, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr Parmjit Dhand, Dr Evan Harris, Dr Ian Gibson, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Peter Pike, Mr Nicholas Soames, Mark Tami, Dr Richard Taylor and Dr Jenny Tonge do prepare and bring it in.

4 Organ Donation (Presumed Consent and Safeguards) Bill,—Mr Tom Watson accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the removal of organs for transplantation purposes, after death has been confirmed in a person aged 16 or over, except where a potential donor previously registered an objection or where a close relative objects; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 114].

5 Adjournment (The war in Afghanistan),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Bernard Jenkin);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings pursuant to Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration); and the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.
Consideration and Third Reading

(1) Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be concluded in three allotted days.

(2) The proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of the allotted days as shown in the first column of the following Table and shall be taken in the order so shown, and each part of the proceedings shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the second column of the Table.

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(3) The proceedings on Third Reading shall be brought to a conclusion six hours after the commencement of the proceedings on the Bill on the third allotted day.

(4) An allotted day is one on which the Bill is put down on the main business as first Government Order of the day.—(Jacqui Smith.)

Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 24, after the word ‘needs’, to insert the words ‘or needs of connected persons’.—(Mr Julian Brazier.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 48 and 43) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 31, to leave out subsection (1) and insert the words—

‘(1) Regulations under section 9 may establish a procedure under which any person in respect of whom a determination has been made by an adoption agency may apply to an organisation or panel, independent of any local authority or voluntary adoption agency but approved by the appropriate Minister for a review of that determination.’, instead thereof.—(Mr Julian Brazier.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And it being two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for the Programme Order, the Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

Question, That the Amendment (No. 22) be made, put and negatived.

The Speaker then put the Questions necessary to dispose of Amendments moved and Motions made by a Minister of the Crown.
Another Amendment (No. 34) made to the Bill.
A Clause (Use of an organisation as agency for payments)—(Mr Fraser Kemp)—brought up, read the first time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Territorial application)—(Mr Fraser Kemp)—brought up, read the first time, and added to the Bill.
Other Amendments (Nos. 68 to 90 and 37) made to the Bill.
And it being more than two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for the Programme Order, further consideration stood adjourned.
Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

8 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) residents of St Albans against the transfer of Sandringham School to the Harpenden educational area; and
(2) supporters of Rugby League throughout the United Kingdom for action to encourage fair and constructive media coverage of Rugby League
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Fraser Kemp);
And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Legal Services Commission,—Draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Order Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Michael Wills].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 National Health Service,—National Health Service (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 601), dated 19th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Social Security,—Workmen’s Compensation (Supplementation) (Amendment) Scheme 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 718), dated 15th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:

7 Access to Justice,—Amendment (No. 4) to the Funding Code, presented pursuant to sections 9(2) and 9(5) of the Access to Justice Act 1999 [by Act] [Mr Michael Wills].

8 Crime and Disorder,—Accounts of the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales for 2000-01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 709] [Clerk of the House].

9 Environmental Pollution,—Twenty-third Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, on Environmental Planning [by Command] [Cm. 5459] [Ms Rosie Winterton].
10 Government Trading Funds.—Treasury Minute, dated 20th March 2002, concerning a further financial objective desirable of achievement by OGC buying solutions Trading Fund [by Act] [Mr Andrew Smith].

11 Miscellaneous (No. 5, 2002).—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 3rd and 10th May 2001, between the Government of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United Nations regarding the Application of the General Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the United Nations to the Organisation’s Offices in the United Kingdom, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5475] [Mr Secretary Straw].

12 Miscellaneous (No. 6, 2002).—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 3rd and 30th May 2001, between the Government of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the International Labour Organization regarding the Application of the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies of the United Nations to the Organization’s Office in the United Kingdom, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5476] [Mr Secretary Straw].

13 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the Ninth and Tenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5477] [Mr Paul Boateng].

14 Rent Service.—Report and Financial Statements of the Rent Service for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 685] [Mr Secretary Byers].

15 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions Minute, dated 20th March 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability in respect of the issue of letters in support of Public Private Partnership contracts for the London Underground [by Command] [Mr Secretary Byers].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr James Clappison, Clive Efford, Patrick Hall, Mr David Heath, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr John Lyons, Andrew Selous, Angela Smith, Bob Spink, Mr Tom Watson, Steve Webb, Malcolm Wicks and Mr James Wray.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr David Chidgey Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Dr Vincent Cable, Brian Cotter, Mr Wayne David, Mr Howard Flight, Mr Paul Goodman, Glenda Jackson, Helen Jones, Ann Keen, Ruth Kelly, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Alice Mahon, Dr Andrew Murrison, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Tony Worthington.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Nicholas Winterton Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Richard Bacon, Norman Baker, Peter Bradley, Mr Tony Colman, Jeremy Corbyn, Matthew Green, Mr Paara S. Khabra, Ms Oona King, Mr Elliot Morley, Linda Perham, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Desmond Swayne and Mr Bill Wiggin.

4 Mental Health Act 1983 (Remedial) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3712).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.
European Standing Committees

5 European Union Document No. 6918/02, relating to Fisheries: specific access requirements and associated conditions applicable to fishing for deep-sea stocks, has been referred to European Standing Committee A, together with European Union Documents Nos. 14130/01 and 15238/01, already referred to the Committee.

6 European Union Documents Nos. 5721/02, 5744/02, 5723/02, 5724/02, 5726/02 and 5727/02, relating to railways, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

7 European Union Documents Nos. 13361/01 and 14591/01, relating to authorisation of human and veterinary medicines, have been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Missile Defence]; to be printed [No. 644-ii] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)]; to be printed [No. 711-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [UK Preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development]; to be printed [No. 616-iv] [Mr John Horam].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Twenty-second Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xii]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 18th and 20th March [Democracy and Accountability in the EU and the Role of National Parliaments]; to be printed [Nos. 347-xii and -xiii]
   [Mr Michael Connarty].

5 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Delayed Discharges]; to be printed [No. 617-iii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Introduction of the Aggregates Levy in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 713-i] [Mr Michael Mates].

7 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Work of the Commission for Racial Equality in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 712-i] [Mrs Irene Adams].

8 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [10 Year Plan for Transport]; to be printed [No. 558-v] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [The Inland Revenue’s Self Assessment Systems]; to be printed [No. 681-iii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 120; WH, No. 68.]

Wednesday 20th March 2002.

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 1.53 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 Tuesday 26th March.

2 Standing Committee on Regional Affairs.—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, That it had considered the matter of progress of the Regional Development Agencies against their objectives, referred to it on 13th March.

3 Adjournment (Education: 14 to 19 year olds).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell);
   
   And it being Seven o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

4 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)
   
   And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-five minutes past Seven o'clock, adjourned till Monday 25th March.

[Adjourned at 7.25 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Veterinary Surgeons.—Draft Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Local Government,—(1) Local Authorities (Access to Meetings and Documents) (Period of Notice) (England) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 715) and
   
   (2) Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 716), dated 14th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

5 National Health Service.—National Health Service Pension Scheme (Additional Voluntary Contributions) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 610), dated 20th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 Police.—Police (Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 767), dated 20th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

7 Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance.—Account of the Legal Aid Fund (Northern Ireland) for 2000-01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 714] [Clerk of the House].

8 National Audit.—Financial Auditing and Reporting: General Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for 2000-01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 335–XIX] [Mr Paul Boateng].

9 House of Commons Members’ Fund.—Report by the Government Actuary on the Valuation of the House of Commons Members’ Fund as at 30th September 2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 693] [Clerk of the House].
10 Probation Board (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 715] [Clerk of the House].


12 Treasury,—Treasury Minute, dated 21st March 2002, concerning an extension to contingent liabilities undertaken in respect of the provision of third party (war and terrorism) insurance cover to UK operating airlines and the UK airline industry [by Command] [Ruth Kelly].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees [Annual Report on Strategic Exports for 2000 and Prior Parliamentary Scrutiny]; to be printed [No. 718-i] [Donald Anderson; Tony Baldry; Mr Bruce George; Mr Martin O’Neill].

2 Environmental Audit,—Third Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [UK Preparations for the World Summit on Sustainable 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. 616] [Mr John Horam].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Police Reform Bill]; to be printed [No. 612-v] [Mr Chris Mullin].

4 Human Rights,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Implementation of the Human Rights Act and the Work of the Human Rights Unit of the Lord Chancellor’s Department]; to be printed [No. 719-i] [Jean Corston].

5 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Ombudsman Issues]; to be printed [No. 563-ii] [Tony Wright].

[No. 121; WH, No. 69.]

Thursday 21st March 2002.

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

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

Adjournment (Ministerial Accountability and Parliamentary Questions—Second Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, Session 2000–01, and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Ian Pearson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 9th April, pursuant to Resolution [11th March] and Order [19th March].

[Adjourned at 5.28 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 112–EN].

2 State Pension Credit Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the State Pension Credit 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 State Pension Credit Bill [Lords] because it involves a further move towards the mass means-testing of the pensioner population; believes that it will greatly increase the complexity of the pension system both for today’s pensioners and for future generations, will result in many pensioners missing out on their entitlements, and will serve to erode incentives to save; and believes that the additional expenditure would have been better directed towards the basic state pension, particularly for older pensioners’, instead thereof.—(Mr David Willetts.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Mr Julian Brazier: 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Jim Fitzpatrick: 299.

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 State Pension Credit Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the State Pension Credit Bill [Lords]:

**Committal**

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

**Programming of proceedings**

(2) All proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any other messages from the Lords) shall be programmed.

**Proceedings in Standing Committee**

(3) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 30th April.

(4) The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

**Consideration and Third Reading**

(5) 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.

(6) 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 proceedings on consideration are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o’clock on that day.

(7) Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—(Mr Fraser Kemp);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Jim Fitzpatrick: 354.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Desmond Swayne: 134.

So the Question was agreed to.
4 State Pension Credit Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to State Pension Credit Bill [Lords] [Money],

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

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
   (a) any sums payable by way of state pension credit;
   (b) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State or other government department under or by virtue of the Act; and
   (c) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other Act; and

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable into that Fund—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—
It was agreed to.

5 Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, 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 Committee shall meet on Wednesday 24th April at half-past Ten o’clock and between Four o’clock and Six o’clock at Westminster to take questions under Standing Order No. 103 (Welsh Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)), and to consider the Budget Statement and its implications for Wales, under Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales)).—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

6 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of North Kent for the restriction of occasions on which fireworks can be sold to and used by the general public,

(2) residents of Bolton against the closure of Bolton Magistrates’ Court, and

(3) Mr and Mrs L. S. Morgan regarding the conviction of their son Gerard Morgan, were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

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 delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 22nd March 2002 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Health,—Department of Health Minutes, dated 22nd March 2002, concerning—

(1) a proposed contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for any legal action against Mr John Alder, Chair, and members of the external review team into retained organs handling at Birmingham Children’s Hospital,

(2) a proposed contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for any legal action against Mr Nigel Pleming QC, Chair, and members of the independent investigation into how the NHS handled allegations about the conduct of William Kerr and Michael Haslam, and

(3) a proposed contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for any legal action against Ms Tove Steen Sorensen-Bentham, Chair, and members of the Portsmouth Hospitals Trust external review of renal services

[Mr Secretary Milburn].

2 Treaty Series (No. 13, 2002),—Exchange of Notes, done at The Hague on 11th January 2000 and 14th September 2001, between the Government of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands extending the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters 1959 to the Isle of Man [Cm. 5478] [Mr Secretary Straw].
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 22nd March 2002 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Food.—(1) Food (Figs, Hazelnuts and Pistachios from Turkey) (Emergency Control) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 773), and


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 25th March 2002:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Agriculture.—Hemp (Third Country Imports) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 787), dated 25th March 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


8 Social Care.—Protection of Young Children and Vulnerable Adults and Care Standards Tribunal Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 816), dated 25th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:


10 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 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

11 Culture, Media and Sport.—Government Response to the Second Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2001–02, on Testing the Waters: The Sport of Swimming [by Command] [Cm. 5480] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

12 Customs and Excise.—Report and Financial Statements of the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Customs and Excise for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5309] [Mr Paul Boateng].

13 Fire Services.—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Fire Services for England and Wales 2000–01 [by Command] [Cm. 5466] [Mr Secretary Byers].

14 Government Trading Funds.—Treasury Minute, dated 25th March 2002, concerning a further financial objective desirable of achievement by the Driving Standards Agency Trading Fund [by Act] [Mr Andrew Smith].

15 Industrial Organisation and Development.—Report and Accounts of the Apple and Pear Research Council for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

16 Law Commission.—Thirty-sixth Annual Report of the Law Commission for 2001 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 642] [Mr Michael Wills].

17 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums.—Corporate Plan of the Electoral Commission for 2002–03 to 2006–07 [by Act] [The Speaker].

18 Public Petitions.—Observations by—
   (1) the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petitions [28th February] from citizens of United Kingdom, and from farmers, hoteliers, families and residents of south Cumbria, calling for a full and independent public inquiry into the recent foot-and-mouth epidemic, and
(2) the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions on the Petition [11th March] from residents of Kensworth against the siting of mobile phone masts in residential areas in Kensworth [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

19 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of—
(1) Hastings and St. Leonards Education Action Zone, and
(2) Leigh Park Education Action Zone
for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 716 and 717] [Clerk of the House].

20 Treasury Executive Agencies,—Product Accounts of National Savings for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 702] [Ruth Kelly].

Papers withdrawn:

21 Legal Services Commission,—Draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Order Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 [laid 20th March].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Opening the Post: Postcomm and postal services—the risks and opportunities]; to be printed [No. 632-ii] [Mr Edward Leigh].

2 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Science Education from 14 to 19]; to be printed [No. 508-iii] [Dr Ian Gibson].

[No. 123.]

Tuesday 26th March 2002.

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

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 Tuesday 9th April.

2 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 10th April.

3 London Development Agency Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Development Agency Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 11th April.

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

HSBC Investment Banking Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to provide for the transfer of the investment banking business of HSBC Investment Bank plc to HSBC Bank plc and the transfer of the private banking business of HSBC Investment Bank plc to HSBC Republic Bank (UK) Limited; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 HSBC Investment Banking Bill [Lords].—The HSBC Investment Banking Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

6 Telecommunications Transmitters (Restrictions on Planning Applications) Bill,—The Order for reading the Telecommunications Transmitters (Restrictions on Planning Applications) Bill a second time on Friday 12th April was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th April.
7 Enterprise Bill.—Ms Secretary Hewitt, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Reid, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mrs Secretary Liddell, Miss Melanie Johnson and Mr Paul Boateng, presented a Bill to establish and provide for the functions of the Office of Fair Trading and the Competition Appeal Tribunal; to make provision about mergers and market structures and conduct; to establish the Competition Service; to amend the constitution and functions of the Competition Commission; to create an offence for those entering into certain anti-competitive agreements; to provide for the disqualification of directors of companies engaging in certain anti-competitive practices; to make other provision about competition law; to amend the law relating to the protection of the collective interests of consumers; to make further provision about the disclosure of information obtained under competition and consumer legislation; to amend the Insolvency Act 1986 and make other provision about insolvency; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Tuesday 9th April and to be printed [Bill 115].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Enterprise Bill be printed [Bill 115–EN].

8 Trespassers on Land (Liability for Damage and Eviction).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make a person liable for any damage caused to land, or property on that land, on which he is trespassing for the purpose of residing there; to amend the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 in respect of eviction from land; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Sir Paul Beresford, Virginia Bottomley, Chris Grayling, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Andrew Mackay, Mr Humfrey Malins, Richard Ottaway, Mr Ian Taylor and Mr David Wilshire do prepare and bring it in.

9 Trespassers on Land (Liability for Damage and Eviction) Bill.—Mr Crispin Blunt accordingly presented a Bill to make a person liable for any damage caused to land, or property on that land, on which he is trespassing for the purpose of residing there; to amend the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 in respect of eviction from land; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 116].

10 Standards and Privileges.—Resolved, That this House approves the Sixth Report of the Committee on Standards and Privileges (House of Commons Paper No. 624); Registration of Interests by Members who have not taken their seat, and resolves that its provisions should come into force three months after the date of this Resolution.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

11 Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2 were agreed to.

12 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 Gerry Sutcliffe);

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

13 Pensions.—Ordered, That the Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 206), dated 5th February 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th February, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Angela Smith.)

14 Local Government.—Ordered, That the Local Government (Best Value) Performance Plans and Reviews Amendment and Specified Dates Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 305), dated 13th February 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th February, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Angela Smith.)

15 Social Security.—Ordered, That the Social Security Amendment (Residential Care and Nursing Homes) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 398), dated 21st February 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th February, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Angela Smith.)

16 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Angela Smith.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Seven o’clock, adjourned till Tuesday 9th April, pursuant to Resolution [11th March].

[Adjourned at 7 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Environmental Protection,—(1) Draft Landfill (England and Wales) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett] and
   (2) Draft Offshore Chemicals Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Legal Services Commission,—Draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Order Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 Local Government Finance,—(1) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 97) on Special Grants for Local Government On-Line Funding to Local Authorities [by Act]; to be printed [No. 721] [Mr Secretary Byers] and
   (2) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 96) on Special Grants for School Standards and Support of post-sixteen budgets [by Act]; to be printed [No. 710] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

4 National Health Service,—Draft Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


9 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Miscellaneous) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 819), dated 26th March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

10 Chelsea Hospital,—Accounts of the Royal Hospital Chelsea for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 720] [Clerk of the House].

11 Culture, Media and Sport,—Paper, entitled A Safer Bet for Success—Modernising Britain’s Gambling Laws: The Government’s Response to the Gambling Review Report [by Command] [Cm. 5397] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

12 Education and Skills,—Department for Education and Skills Minute, dated 26th March 2002, concerning a contingent liability in respect of arrangements to allow the appointment of a receiver to manage the affairs of Nottinghamshire Enterprises Ltd. (formerly North Nottinghamshire Training and Enterprise Council) [by Command] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

13 Government Annuities,—Account of Government Annuities and Insurances for 2001 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

14 Immigration,—Immigration (Designation of Travel Bans) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 795), dated 23rd March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

15 Merchant Shipping,—Report and Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to printed [No. 703] [Mr Secretary Byers].
16 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Better Public Services through e-government, and
   (2) Pipes and Wires
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 704-I to -III and 723] [Clerk of the House].

17 National Lottery.—Report and Financial Summary of Sport England and Lottery Statistics
   for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

18 Police.—(1) National Crime Squad (Secretary of State’s Objectives) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002,
   No. 779), and
   (2) National Criminal Intelligence Service (Secretary of State’s Objectives) Order 2002
   (S.I., 2002, No. 778),
   dated 21st March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

19 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the:—
   (1) N. Somerset Education Action Zone for 1999–2000, and of
   (2) Clacton and Harwich Education Action Zone for 2000–01, and
   (3) Wolverhampton Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
   [Nos. 724, 726 and 725] [Clerk of the House].

20 Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 26th March 2002 in respect
   of temporary borrowing by the British Waterways Board from National Westminster
   Bank plc [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Disposal of
   Refrigerators Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee
   [Disposal of Refrigerators]; to be printed [No. 673-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

2 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory
   Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No.
   135-xxiv] [Mr Brian White].

3 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Broadband
   Cabling in Wales]; to be printed [No. 676-ii] [Mr Martyn Jones].
Notice given by the Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances):

Whereas Her Majesty’s Government have represented to me, Michael Martin, Speaker of the House of Commons, that the public interest requires the House to meet at an earlier time than the 9th day of April 2002 and I am satisfied that the public interest does so require:

Now, therefore, I hereby give notice pursuant to the Standing Order (Earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances) that the House shall meet on Wednesday the 3rd day of April 2002 at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Given under my hand this 31st day of March 2002.

[No. 124.]

Wednesday 3rd April 2002.

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

PAPERS.

1 Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother,—The House observed a minute’s silence in memory of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, who died on 30th March.

2 Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother,—Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an Humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, expressing the deep sympathies and condolences of this House on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, whose life was given unstintingly in devoted public service to the Country and the Commonwealth; who with his late Majesty King George VI rallied the nation in the darkest days of war and who in times of peace was a unifying figure for Britain, inspiring love and affection in all she met.—(The Prime Minister.)

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.

3 Sittings of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Wednesday 10th April.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe):—It was agreed to.

4 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill on Tuesday 9th April was read and discharged.

Bill to be further considered on Wednesday 10th April.

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past One o’clock, adjourned till Wednesday 10th April, pursuant to Resolution [this day].

[Adjourned at 1.28 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):

Thursday 28th March 2002

1 Slovakia (No. 1, 2002),—Agreement, done at Bratislava on 11th January 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Slovak Republic on International Road Transport [Cm. 5479] [Mr Secretary Straw].

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 27th March 2002


3 Constitutional Law,—Scottish Administration (Offices) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 801), dated 26th March 2002 [Mrs Secretary Liddell].
[Secretary Estelle Morris].


6 Medical Profession,—European Specialist Medical Qualifications Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 849), dated 26th March 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Thursday 28th March 2002


14 National Health Service,—(1) Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 847), dated 26th March 2002,
(2) Bradford Community Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 866), dated 27th March 2002,
(3) Buckinghamshire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) No. 2 Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 861), dated 26th March 2002,
(4) Buckinghamshire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) No. 3 Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 862), dated 26th March 2002,
(5) Buckinghamshire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) No. 4 Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 863), dated 26th March 2002,
(6) East Gloucestershire National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) No. 2 Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 854), dated 26th March 2002,
(7) East Kent Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 876), dated 27th March 2002,
(8) Gloucestershire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) No. 2 Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 864), dated 26th March 2002,
(9) Invicta Community Care National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 878), dated 26th March 2002,
(10) Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 872), dated 27th March 2002,
(13) Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) No. 2 Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 871), dated 27th March 2002,
(14) Mid-Sussex National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 851), dated 27th March 2002,
(15) National Health Service (General Medical Services Supplementary List) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 848), dated 26th March 2002,
(16) Northumberland Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 850), dated 27th March 2002,
(18) Parkside National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) No. 2 Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 858), dated 27th March 2002,
(20) South West London Community National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) No. 2 Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 877), dated 27th March 2002,
(21) Sunderland Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 869), dated 27th March 2002,
(22) Surrey and Sussex Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 856), dated 26th March 2002,
(23) Sussex Weald and Downs National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 867), dated 27th March 2002,
(26) Wakefield Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 852), dated 26th March 2002,
(28) West Kent Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 875), dated 27th March 2002, and
[Mr Secretary Milburn].


Tuesday 2nd April 2002

19 Pensions,—Occupational and Personal Pension Schemes (Bankruptcy) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 836), dated 26th March 2002 [Mr Secretary Darling].


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Kevan Jones from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mrs Liz Blackman.

2 Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 682),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Keen, Ms Gisela Stuart and Glenda Jackson from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Chris Pond, Jim Dobbin and Ms Meg Munn.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means;
   Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Monday 15th April at Seven o’clock.

2 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 17th April.

3 Land at Palace Avenue, Kensington (Acquisition of Freehold) Bill,—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Land at Palace Avenue, Kensington (Acquisition of Freehold) Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
   Bill to be read the third time.

4 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Anne Begg reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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6 Housing (Wales) Bill,—The Order for reading the Housing (Wales) Bill a second time on Friday 12th April was read and discharged.
   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

7 Children (Safeguards for Unaccompanied Travel),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for a tracking system to safeguard the welfare of children travelling to the United Kingdom without their parents: And that Margaret Moran, Mark Tami, Ann Keen, Fiona Mactaggart, Helen Jackson, Mr Hilton Dawson, Kevin Brennan, Ms Meg Munn, Ms Debra Shipley and Ms Oona King do prepare and bring it in.

8 Children (Safeguards for Unaccompanied Travel) Bill,—Margaret Moran accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for a tracking system to safeguard the welfare of children travelling to the United Kingdom without their parents: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 117].

9 Enterprise Bill,—The Enterprise Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

10 Enterprise Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the Enterprise Bill:

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

   Programming of proceedings
   2. All proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) shall be programmed.

   Proceedings in Standing Committee
   3.—(1) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 14th May 2002.
   (2) The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.
Consideration and Third Reading

4.—(1) Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be completed in two days.

(2) Proceedings on consideration (so far as not previously concluded) shall be brought to a conclusion at Eight o’clock on the second of those days or, if that day is a Thursday, at Five o’clock on that day.

(3) Proceedings on Third Reading (so far as not previously concluded) shall be brought to a conclusion at Ten o’clock on the second of those days or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o’clock on that day.

Programming Committee

5. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—(Mr John Heppell);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Fraser Kemp: 308.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Desmond Swayne: 185.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

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

(a) any expenditure incurred by the Office of Fair Trading, the Secretary of State, any other Minister of the Crown or a Government Department by virtue of the Act;

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

(2) the payment of sums out of the Consolidated Fund into the Insolvency Services Account or the Insolvency Services Investment Account—(Angela Smith):—It was agreed to.

12 Enterprise 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 Enterprise Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the charging of fees; and

(b) payments into the Consolidated Fund—(Angela Smith):—It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Mr Leslie Allan and other ex-prisoners of war for equality of treatment between ex-prisoners of war held in German camps and those held in Japanese camps was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Angela Smith);

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 twelve minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.48 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):

Wednesday 3rd April 2002

1 Health,—Department of Health Minute, dated 3rd April 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for any legal action against Dr Margaret Bamford, Chair, and members of the independent review team into paediatric neurology services in Leicester [Mr Secretary Milburn].
Friday 5th April 2002


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 3rd April 2002

3 Food,—Food (Jelly Confectionery) (Emergency Control) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 931), dated 3rd April 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Thursday 4th April 2002


5 Pensions,—Naval, Military and Air Forces Etc. (Disablement and Death) Service Pensions Amendment Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 792), dated 26th March 2002 [Mr Secretary Hoon].

6 Plant Health,—Plant Health (Forestry) (Great Britain) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 927), dated 28th March 2002 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Monday 8th April 2002


Tuesday 9th April 2002


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Wednesday 10th April 2002:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

11 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 98) on Maintenance of Roads Grant 2002-03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 727][Mr Secretary Byers].

12 Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme 2002 [by Statutory Instrument], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Reid].

13 Social Security,—Draft Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

14 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Draft Tax Credits (Decisions and Appeals) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

15 Immigration,—(1) Immigration (Swiss Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1012), dated 26th March 2002, and

(2) Immigration (Swiss Free Movement of Persons) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1013), dated 6th April 2002
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
16 Insolvency,—Insolvency Act 1986 (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1037), dated 9th April 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

17 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Elected Mayor and Mayor’s Assistant) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 975), dated 4th April 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

18 Public Passenger Transport,—(1) Bus Service Operators Grant (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1015), and
   (2) Travel Concessions (Eligible Services) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1016), dated 9th April 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

19 Animals,—Pet Travel Scheme (Pilot Arrangements) (England) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1011), dated 8th April 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

20 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Department for International Development: Performance Management—Helping to Reduce World Poverty, and
   (2) Public Private Partnerships: Airwave
   [by Act]: to be printed [Nos. 739 and 730] [Clerk of the House].

21 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 22nd March 2002 on loans proposed to be raised by—
   (1) Calderdale and Huddersfield National Health Service Trust,
   (2) Dewsbury Health Care National Health Service Trust,
   (3) East Anglian Ambulance National Health Service Trust,
   (4) Gateshead Health National Health Service Trust,
   (5) Norfolk Mental Health Care National Health Service Trust,
   (6) Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (7) Northampton General Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (8) North Hampshire Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (9) Nottingham City Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (10) Queens Medical Centre Nottingham University Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (11) Rotherham General Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (12) Southampton University Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (13) South of Tyne and Wearside Mental Health National Health Service Trust,
   (14) Tees and North East Yorkshire National Health Service Trust,
   (15) United Lincolnshire Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (16) University Hospitals of Leicester National Health Service Trust, and
   (17) West Hampshire National Health Service Trust
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


23 Police,—Draft Code of Practice on Visual Recording with Sound of Interviews with Suspects [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

24 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the:—
   (1) Bridgwater Education Action Zone,
   (2) Bristol Education Action Zone,
   (3) East Brighton Education Action Zone,
   (4) Halifax Education Action Zone,
   (5) Newham Education Action Zone,
   (6) North Southwark Education Action Zone,
   (7) North Stockton Education Action Zone, and
   (8) Westminster Education Action Zone
for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 732, 734, 728, 736, 737, 729, 733 and 731] [Clerk of the House].
25 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions Minutes—
(1) dated 8th April 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability in respect of a Government guarantee in respect of Railtrack plc (in administration), and
(2) dated 10th April 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability in respect of the associate members of the Strategic Partnering Taskforce
[by Command] [Mr Secretary Byers].

26 Treasury.—Treasury Minutes, dated 10th April 2002—
(1) concerning an extension to contingent liabilities undertaken, in respect of the provision of third party (war and terrorism) insurance cover to UK operating airlines and the UK airline industry, and
(2) concerning a proposed contingent liability to cover the actions of a member of the Financial Ombudsman Service in his role as the new Adjudicator for National Savings and Investments
[by Command] [Ruth Kelly].

27 Treaty Series (No. 15, 2002),—Exchange of Notes, done at Almaty on 6th July and 29th July 1999, extending the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan for the Promotion and Protection of Investments signed at London on 23rd November 1995 to the Isle of Man and the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey [by Command] [Cm. 5488] [Mr Secretary Straw].

28 Treaty Series (No. 16, 2002),—Exchange of Notes, done at Tashkent on 30th September and 12th November 1999, extending the Agreement between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Uzbekistan for the Promotion and Protection of Investments done at London on 24th November 1993 to the Isle of Man and the Bailiwicks of Guernsey and Jersey [by Command] [Cm. 5489] [Mr Secretary Straw].

29 Treaty Series (No. 17, 2002),—Agreement, done at Freetown on 13th January 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Sierra Leone for the Promotion and Protection of Investments [by Command] [Cm. 5490] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 State Pension Credit Bill [Lords]:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Julian Brazier, Kevin Brennan, David Cairns, Jon Cruddas, Maria Eagle, Annabelle Ewing, Mr Ian McCartney, John Mann, Patrick Mercer, Kali Mountford, Sandra Osborne, James Purnell, Andrew Selous, Angela Smith, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr Neil Turner, Mr Bill Tynan and Steve Webb.

2 Enterprise Bill.—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Derek Conway and Mr Nigel Beard Chairmen.

3 Copyright (Visually Impaired Persons) Bill:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee C; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Gregory Barker, Hugh Bayley, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr David Heath, Paul Holmes, Helen Jackson, Miss Melanie Johnson, Shona McNaac, Dr Doug Naysmith, Sandra Osborne, Rachel Squire, Ian Stewart, Ms Dari Taylor, Mr John Taylor, Mr Nigel Waterson and Mrs Betty Williams.

4 Draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Liz Blackman, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Tom Watson and Mr James Wray from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Fisher, Mr John Randall, Mr Siôn Simon and Jon Trickett.

5 Draft Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 2002:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Richard Bacon, Malcolm Bruce, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Barbara Follett, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Iain Luke, Chris McCafferty, Mr Elliot Morley, Anne Picking, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Michael Weir and Mr Bill Wiggin.

(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: Mr John Baron, Peter Bottomley, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Don Foster, Linda Gilroy, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Adrian Sanders, Geraldine Smith, Paddy Tipping, Mr Bill Tynan, Dr Alan Whitehead, Mr Phil Woolas and Mr James Wray.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Don Foster, Linda Gilroy, Mr Roger Godsiff, Chris Grayling, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr David Heyes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Peter Mandelson, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Phil Woolas.

8 Social Security Amendment (Residential Care and Nursing Homes) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 398):
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Battle, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Julian Brazier, Colin Burgon, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Maria Eagle, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Mark Field, Mr Stephen McCabe, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Angela Smith, Mark Tami, Mr Neil Turner and Steve Webb.

9 Draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Order Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2002:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Burnett, Mr William Cash, Mrs Louise Ellman, Simon Hughes, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr George Osborne, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Keith Vaz and Mr Michael Wills.

European Standing Committees

10 European Union Document No. 6980/02, relating to the execution of orders freezing assets or evidence, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

11 European Union Documents Nos. SN 1107/02, SN 1108/02, SN 1109/02, SN 1111/02, SN 1112/02, SN 1113/02, SN 1319/1/02, SN 1320/1/02, SN 1321/02, SN 1322/02, SN 1323/02, SN 1324/1/02, SN 1325/1/02, OJ C51/7, SN 1361/02, SN 1382/1/02 and SN 1383/1/02, relating to the Stability and Convergence Programmes of each Member State, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

12 European Union Document No. 6240/02, relating to the authorisation of traditional herbal medicinal products, has been referred to European Standing Committee C, together with European Union Documents Nos. 13361/01 and 14591/01, already referred to the Committee on 20th March.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Defence and Security in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [No. 518-v and -vi] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Future of UK Agriculture: Farming Beyond Subsidies?]; to be printed [No. 550-vii] [Mr David Curry].
3 European Scrutiny.—Twenty-third Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xxiii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Public Accounts.—(1) Thirtieth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Auction of Radio Spectrum for the Third Generation of Mobile Phones]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 436]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Ministry of Defence: Combat Identification]; to be printed [No. 759-1]
[Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Science and Technology.—(1) Second Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Research Assessment Exercise], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 507]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Research Assessment Exercise]
[Dr Ian Gibson].

6 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Planning Green Paper]; to be printed [No. 476-ii];
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Planning Green Paper]; to be printed [No. 476-II];
(3) Memoranda laid before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Committee [How the Local Government Act 2000 is Working; New Towns: Their Problems and Future]; to be printed [Nos. 602-II and 603-II]
[Andrew Bennett]; and
(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Government Response to the Committee's First Report of Session 2001–02, on Passenger Rail Franchising and the Future of Railway Infrastructure]; to be printed [No. 756-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

7 Treasury.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The Financial Regulation of Public Limited Companies]; to be printed [No. 758-ii]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Financial Regulation of Public Limited Companies]; to be printed [No. 758-II]
[Mr John McFall].

8 Work and Pensions.—Second Report from the Work and Pensions Committee [Pension Credit], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [Nos. 638-I and -II] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 125; WH, No. 70.]

Wednesday 10th April 2002.

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.—(Dan Norris.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAyERS.

1 London Development Agency Bill.—The Order of the Day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Development Agency Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 18th April.

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Nicholas Winterton reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Fur Farming (Compensation Scheme) (England) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 221).

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

3 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Mental Health Act 1983 (Remedial) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3712).

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

4 Christmas Day Trading Bill [Lords].—The Christmas Day Trading Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th April and to be printed [Bill 118].

5 Waiting Time for Discharge from Hospital Bill.—The Order for reading the Waiting Time for Discharge from Hospital Bill a second time on Friday 19th April was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

6 Adjournment (Armed forces personnel).—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.

7 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform.—Ordered, That John McDonnell be discharged from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee and Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas be added.—(Dan Norris.)

8 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

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 Special Parliamentary Procedure:

1 Water Industry.—South West Water Limited Ilsham Valley Pumping Station Compulsory Purchase Order 2000, dated 28th November 2000, together with a Certificate by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

2 Museums and Galleries.—Report and Consolidated Financial Statements of the Horniman Public Museum and Public Park Trust for 2000–01 [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

3 National Lottery.—Accounts of the National Lottery Distribution Fund for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 753] [Clerk of the House].

4 School Standards and Framework.—(1) Account of the Hackney Education Action Zone for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 742], and
(2) Accounts of the—

(a) Birmingham Education Action Zone,
(b) Lambeth Education Action Zone,
(c) Newcastle Education Action Zone,
(d) North West Shropshire Education Action Zone,
(e) Sheffield Education Action Zone,
(f) Slough Education Action Zone,
(g) Stoke Education Action Zone,
(h) Telford & Wrekin Education Action Zone, and
(i) Thetford Education Action Zone

for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [Nos. 745, 740, 746, 744, 751, 743, 741, 752 and 747]
[Clerk of the House].

5 Social Security Administration,—Account of the Social Fund for 2000–01, with the Report
of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 754][Clerk
of the House].

6 Treasury,—Paper, entitled Responding to the Challenges of Globalisation—The UK and the
IMF 2001 [by Command][Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 State Pension Credit Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths and Mr Peter Atkinson Chairmen of
Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Hugo Swire from Standing
Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr James
Clappison.

2 Enterprise Bill,—The Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve
on Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill: Mr Douglas Alexander, Charlotte
Atkins, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr David Borrow, Mr Russell Brown, Mr John Burnett,
Andy Burnham, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Jonathan Djanogly,
Mr Mark Field, Mr Charles Hendry, Huw Irranca-Davies, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr
Andrew Lansley, Mr Tony McWalter, Mr Ian Pearson, Dr John Pugh, Mr Ken
Purchase, Mr Gareth R. Thomas and Mr Nigel Waterson.

3 Copyright (Visually Impaired Persons) Bill,—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing
Committee D (transferred from Standing Committee C).

4 Draft Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 2002,—The Speaker has
appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated
Legislation in respect of the Order.


(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of the Second Standing
Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Peter Bottomley from the Second
Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the
Regulations); and nominated in substitution Chris Grayling.

6 Fur Farming (Compensation Scheme) (England) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 221),—The
Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jeremy Corbyn from the Third Standing
Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated
in substitution Mrs Louise Ellman.

7 Local Government (Best Value) Performance Plans and Reviews Amendment and Specified

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the Third Standing
Committee on Delegated Legislation of the Order; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Linda Gilroy from the Third Standing
Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated
in substitution Mr Dave Watts.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Appointments and Patronage]; to be printed [No. 686-iii] [Tony Wright].

Thursday 11th April 2002.

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

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

Adjournment (UK-Japan relations),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.34 p.m.]

Friday 12th April 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill,—Mr Secretary Blunkett, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Reid, Mr Secretary Murphy and Angela Eagle, presented a Bill to make provision about nationality, immigration and asylum; to create offences in connection with international traffic in prostitution; to make provision about international projects connected with migration; and for connected purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 15th April and to be printed [Bill 119].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill be printed [Bill 119–EN].

2 Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, to leave out from the word ‘Jews’ to the word ‘must’ in line 10.—(Mr Gareth R. Thomas.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

3 Copyright, Etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Copyright, Etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

4 Pensions Annuities (Amendment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Pensions Annuities (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, to leave out the words ‘or sums for investment in a Retirement Failsafe Fund’.—(Ruth Kelly.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Andrew Miller: 7.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Charles Hendry: 59.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 16, to leave out the words 'Subject to subsection (7) below'.—(Ruth Kelly.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Andrew Dismore: 15.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Charles Hendry: 56.

It being half-past Two o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Friday 10th May.

5 Motor Vehicles (Prohibition on Use of Hand-held Mobile Telephones) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Vehicles (Prohibition on Use of Hand-held Mobile Telephones) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

6 Right to Self-Employment Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Right to Self-Employment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

7 Football Spectators Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Football Spectators Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

8 Religious Discrimination and Remedies Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Religious Discrimination and Remedies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

9 Travel Concessions (Young Persons) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Travel Concessions (Young Persons) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

10 Endangered Species (Illegal Trade) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Endangered Species (Illegal Trade) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

11 Museums Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Museums Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

12 Patients Without Legal Capacity (Safeguards) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patients Without Legal Capacity (Safeguards) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

13 Broadcasting Act 1990 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Broadcasting Act 1990 (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

14 Food Labelling Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd November, That the Food Labelling Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 21st June.

15 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

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 three minutes past Three o’clock, till Monday 15th April.

[Adjourned at 3.03 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

Reserve Forces.—Report under sections 54(7) and 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the making of call-out orders under sections 54(1) and 56(1) of that Act [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 State Pension Credit Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Ian McCartney, Angela Smith, Mr Neil Turner, Mr Bill Tynan and Steve Webb members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Enterprise Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Burnett from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Dr Vincent Cable.

3 Enterprise Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Borrow, Mr John Burnett, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Charles Hendry, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Ian Pearson and Mr Nigel Waterson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

4 Draft Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Terry Rooney from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Peter Bradley.
[No. 128.]

Monday 15th April 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable).—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills. That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

HSBC Investment Banking Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by the Commons to the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords], with an Amendment, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords].—Lords consequential Amendment to the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 120].

4 Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that the following provisions shall apply to the Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 10th July 2001:

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 at Seven o’clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

Subsequent stages

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 Desmond Browne);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Graham Stringer: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Desmond Swayne: 162.

So the Question was agreed to.

5 Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.

It being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all their remaining Amendments:—It was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 16 were accordingly agreed to.

6 City of London (Ward Elections) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the City of London (Ward Elections) Bill, as amended by the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Amendment ((a)) proposed to the proposed Clause (Exclusion of Crown property), in line 1, to leave out from the word ‘department’ to the word ‘shall’ in line 2.—(John McDonnell.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Andrew Dismore: 50.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Mark Field: 357.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Andrew Mitchell: 341.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Andrew Mackinlay: 44.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 8, 149, 10 to 13, 15 to 17, 19 to 22, 25, 27, 29 and 30) made to the Bill.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr George Osborne: 278.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Dismore, John Cryer: 30.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.42 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Police,—Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Visual Recording of Interviews) Order 2002, dated 11th April 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Explosives,—Explosives (Fireworks) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (S.R. (N.I.), 2002, No. 147), dated 11th April 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

3 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Modification of Enactments) (England) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No.1057), dated 11th April 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


5 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Clinical Negligence Scheme) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1073), dated 11th April 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Other Papers:

7 Broadcasting,—Report and Accounts of the Independent Television Commission for 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

8 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Ministry of Defence: Redevelopment of MOD Main Building, and
(2) Winding-up The New Millennium Experience Company Ltd [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 748 and 749] [Clerk of the House].


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Enterprise Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Dr Vincent Cable in place of Mr John Burnett as a member of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.
2. Draft Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Brian H. Donohoe and Barbara Follett from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey, Ms Meg Munn and Ian Lucas.

3. Local Government (Best Value) Performance Plans and Reviews Amendment and Specified Dates Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 305).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter Mandelson from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Khalid Mahmood.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Disposal of Refrigerators Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Disposal of Refrigerators]; to be printed [No. 673-iii] [Mr Michael Jack].

2. Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The Management of Surplus Property by Trusts in the NHS in England]; to be printed [No. 765-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

3. Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Science Education from 14 to 19]; to be printed [No. 508-iv] [Dr Ian Gibson].

PRAYERS.

1. First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Joe Benton reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 2002.

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

2. Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr James Cran reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 206).

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4. Health (Patients’ Rights) Bill.—Ordered, That the Health (Patients’ Rights) Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

5. Organ Donation (Presumed Consent and Safeguards) Bill.—The Order for reading the Organ Donation (Presumed Consent and Safeguards) Bill a second time on Friday 19th April was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

6. Selective Schools (Transitional Arrangements).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish that a maximum of five per cent. of pupils can be selected, by aptitude or ability, for admission to any state secondary school; to specify the period of time in which, and the means by which, those schools currently exceeding this percentage will be required to reduce their selective intake to five per cent.; to specify the criteria for such selection and the means by which schools should conduct assessments; and for connected purposes—(Mr David Chaytor);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Lynne Jones, Dr Stephen Ladyman: 154*.
Tellers for the Noes, Michael Fabricant, Mr George Osborne: 112.
So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr David Chaytor, Andrew Bennett, Valerie Davey, Mrs Janet Dean, Mr David Hinchcliffe, Glenda Jackson, Lynne Jones, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr Tony Lloyd and Mr Chris Mullin do prepare and bring in the Bill.

7 Selective Schools (Transitional Arrangements) Bill.—Mr David Chaytor accordingly presented a Bill to establish that a maximum of five per cent. of pupils can be selected, by aptitude or ability, for admission to any state secondary school; to specify the period of time in which, and the means by which, those schools currently exceeding this percentage will be required to reduce their selective intake to five per cent.; to specify the criteria for such selection and the means by which schools should conduct assessments; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 121].

8 Adjournment (The Middle East).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Graham Stringer);

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

9 Division (Numbers incorrectly reported),—*Lynne Jones, being a Teller in the Aye Lobby in the Division this day relating to Selective Schools (Transitional Arrangements), came to the Table and informed the House that the numbers voting Aye had been erroneously reported as 163, instead of 154, which was the correct number.

Whereupon the Speaker directed the Clerk to correct the number in the Journal accordingly: Ayes 154, Noes 112.

10 Mental Health.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Mental Health Act 1983 (Remedial) Order 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 3712), dated 18th November 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th November, be approved—(Mr John Heppell):—It was agreed to.

11 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) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 682), dated 14th March 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th March, be approved—(Mr John Heppell):—It was agreed to.

12 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the parishes of Arncott and Piddington in Oxfordshire against the proposal to build an accommodation centre for asylum seekers in Bicester was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John Heppell.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.26 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 735] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

5 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 722] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

6 Museums and Galleries,—Financial Statements of the Museum of London for 2000–01 [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Construction of Portcullis House, the new Parliamentary building [by Act]; to be printed [No. 750] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 206),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fabian Hamilton and Mr James Wray from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr David Chaytor and Rob Marris.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Genetically-modified Organisms Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Genetically-modified Organisms]; to be printed [No. 767-i] [Mr Mark Todd].

2 International Development,—Second Report from the International Development Committee [The Effectiveness of the Reforms of European Development Assistance], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [Nos. 417-I and II] [Tony Baldry].

3 Procedure,—(1) Second Report from the Procedure Committee [Appointment of Deputy Speakers], together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed, with Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 770]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Parliamentary Questions and Electronic Tabling of Questions and Motions]; to be printed [No. 622-iv] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

4 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-fifth report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xxv] [Brian White].

5 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Postcomm’s proposals for opening the postal market]; to be printed [Nos. 769-i and ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

6 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The Financial Regulation of Public Limited Companies]; to be printed [No. 758-ii] [Mr John McFall].

7 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Broadband Cabling in Wales]; to be printed [No. 676-iii] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 129; WH, No. 72.]

Tuesday 16th April 2002.

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 Ian Pearson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 24th April.

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government (Best Value) Performance Plans and Reviews Amendment and Specified Dates Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 305).
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Social Security Amendment (Residential Care and Nursing Homes) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 398).
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Fireworks Bill,—The Order for reading the Fireworks Bill a second time on Friday 19th April was read and discharged.
   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

5 Compulsory Voting Bill,—Ordered, That the Compulsory Voting Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

6 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, April 2002, as laid before this House by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

7 Ways and Means,—Provisional Collection of Taxes,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 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) Rates of tobacco duty (motion No. 2);
   (b) Vehicle excise duty (cars registered on or after 1st March 2001) (motion No. 14);
   (c) Vehicle excise duty (motorcycles) (motion No. 15)—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

8 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed,—
   (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 paragraph (3) 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 any relief, other than a relief that—
         (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 providing for relief on the acquisition from another member State of any goods in relation to which, if they were imported from a place outside the member States, relief would be given by an order under section 37 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer);
   And it being Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)
   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 Affirmative Resolution:

1. Housing.—Draft Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002, together with a statement by the Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3. Charities.—Draft Charities (Cheadle Royal Hospital, Manchester) Order 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

4. Race Relations.—Draft Code of Practice on the duty to promote race equality [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5. Road Traffic.—Vehicle Excise Duty (Designation of Small Islands) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1072), dated 14th April 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


   (2) Value Added Tax (Consideration for Fuel Provided for Private Use) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1099), dated 17th April 2002,
   (4) Value Added Tax (Increase of Registration Limits) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1098), dated 17th April 2002, and
   (5) Value Added Tax (Reduced Rate) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1100), dated 17th April 2002 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

Other Papers:

8. Air Force (Constitution).—Amendment to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].


10. Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report.—Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report, April 2002, entitled The strength to make long-term decisions: Investing in an enterprising, fairer Britain [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 592] [Mr Paul Boateng].

11. Finance.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Audit of Assumptions for the 2002 Budget [by Act]; to be printed [No. 760] [Clerk of the House].

12. Insolvency.—Accounts prepared pursuant to section 409 of the Insolvency Act 1986 of the sums received and paid by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry under section 403 of that Act, and of the sums credited and debited to the Investment Account by the National Debt Commissioners for the year ended 31 March 2001, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 772] [Clerk of the House].

13. Miscellaneous (No. 7, 2002).—Convention, done at Paris on 5th October 1962, establishing a European Organisation for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5493] [Mr Secretary Straw].

14. Miscellaneous (No. 8, 2002).—Financial Protocol, done at Paris on 5th October 1962, annexed to the Convention establishing a European Organisation for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5494] [Mr Secretary Straw].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Northern Ireland Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Scheme to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Desmond Browne, Roger Casale, Mrs Helen Clark, Mr John Hayes, Lady Hermon, Alan Keen, Mr David Kidney, John McDonnell, Fiona Mactaggart, Gillian Merron, Lembit Öpik, Mr Clive Soley, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Hugo Swire and Mr Andrew Turner.

2 Draft Court of Appeal (Appeals from Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission) Rules 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Rules to the Second 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: John Austin, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Harold Best, Mr William Cash, Mr Mark Field, Barbara Follett, Kate Hoey, Simon Hughes, Mr John MacDougall, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Graham Stringer, Ms Rosie Winterton and Richard Younger-Ross.

3 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 97) (House of Commons Paper No. 721), on Local Government On-Line Funding to Local Authorities:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report 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: Mr Richard Allan, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Julian Brazier, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Frank Dobson, Jim Dowd, Mr Neil Gerrard, Linda Gilroy, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Andrew Rosindell, Mr Adrian Sanders, Jonathan Shaw, Mr John Taylor, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Phil Woolas.

4 Local Government (Best Value) Performance Plans and Reviews Amendment and Specified Dates Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 305),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Linda Gilroy from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Dave Watts.

5 Social Security Amendment (Residential Care and Nursing Homes) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 398),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jim Marshall from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Kali Mountford.

6 Draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Order Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gordon Marsden from the Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Laura Moffatt.

7 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 98) (House of Commons Paper No. 727) on Maintenance of Roads Grant 2002-03:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Sixth 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: Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Clive Bets, Tom Brake, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr David Drew, Mr Don Foster, Chris Grayling, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Malcolm Moss, Dr Doug Naysmith, Christine Russell, Mr Robert N. Wareing, Mr Dave Watts, Mr Shaun Woodward and Mr Phil Woolas.

8 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Visual Recording of Interviews) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Bob Ainsworth, Annette Brooke, Mr Chris Bryant, Mr William Cash, Tom Cox, Mrs Janet Dean, Michael Fabricant, Mr Edward Garnier, Simon Hughes, Mr David Lepper, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr George Mudie, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Dr Howard Stote and Ms Gisela Stuart.
The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Documents Nos. 14130/01, 15238/01 and 6918/02 entitled, respectively, Fisheries: Total Allowable Catches and Quotas 2002, Fisheries: total allowable catches for deep-sea stocks in 2002, and Fisheries: access requirements for deep-sea stocks.

The Speaker has appointed Mr David Chidgey Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Documents Nos. 10427/00 and 15475/01 on Food Hygiene.

The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meetings on Wednesday 24th April.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Defence and Security in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [Nos. 518-vii and -viii] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—(1) Second Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Standards and Quality in Education: The Annual Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools for 2000-01], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 699], and

   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Standards and Quality in Education: The Annual Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools for 2000-01] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Future of UK Agriculture: Farming Beyond Subsidies?]; to be printed [No. 550-viii] [Mr David Curry].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Twenty-fourth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xxiv]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Democracy and Accountability in the EU and the Role of National Parliaments]; to be printed [No. 347-xiv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) First Special Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [The Attendance of a Minister from HM Treasury before the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee]; to be printed [No. 771]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Planning Green Paper]; to be printed [No. 476-iii] [Andrew Bennett].

6 Treasury,—Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee on 22nd January [LIFFE: Takeover by Euronext NV]; to be printed [No. 547-ii] [Mr John McFall].

7 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Medical Services], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 761-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 130; WH, No. 73.]

Wednesday 17th April 2002.

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.—(Angela Smith.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.58 p.m.]
[No. 131.]

Thursday 18th April 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Land at Palace Avenue, Kensington (Acquisition of Freehold) Bill,—The Land at Palace Avenue, Kensington (Acquisition of Freehold) Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 London Development Agency Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Development Agency Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 25th April.

3 Foreign Exchange Transactions Tax Commission Bill,—The Order for reading the Foreign Exchange Transactions Tax Commission Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged.

   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

4 Members of Parliament (Employment Disqualification) Bill,—The Order for reading the Members of Parliament (Employment Disqualification) Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged.

   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

5 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday—

   (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 paragraph (3) 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 any relief, other than a relief that—

   (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 providing for relief on the acquisition from another member State of any goods in relation to which, if they were imported from a place outside the member States, relief would be given by an order under section 37 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994;

   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 22nd April.

6 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

   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.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Gaming Clubs (Bankers’ Games) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1130), dated 17th April 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].


3 Telecommunications,—(1) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Eurocall Limited) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1071), and
(2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Fibernet UK Limited) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1070), dated 14th April 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

4 Access to Justice,—Direction by the Lord Chancellor under section 5(6) of the Access to Justice Act 1999, imposing requirements on the Legal Services Commission as to the services to be funded from specified amounts paid into the Community Legal Services Fund for 2002–03 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

5 Armed Forces’ Pay,—Supplement to the Thirty-first Report of the Armed Forces’ Pay Review Body: Service Medical and Dental Officers [by Command] [Cm. 5362] [The Prime Minister].

6 Biological Standards,—Accounts of the National Biological Standards Board for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 768] [Clerk of the House].

7 Health,—Paper, entitled Delivering the NHS Plan—next steps on investment, next steps on reform [by Command] [Cm. 5503] [Mr Secretary Millburn].

8 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of the Geffrye Museum Trust Limited for 2000–01 [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

9 Overseas Territories,—Overseas Territories (Zimbabwe) (Restrictive Measures) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1077), dated 17th April 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

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

   (1) Eurocall Limited, and
   (2) Fibernet UK Limited

[by Act] [Secretary Patricia Hewitt].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Northern Ireland Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Roger Casale, Mrs Helen Clark, Mr David Kidney and Fiona Mactaggart from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Scheme); and nominated in substitution Tony Cunningham, Jim Dobbin, Joan Humble and Gisela Stuart.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 98) (House of Commons Paper No. 727) on Maintenance of Roads Grant 2002–03,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Drew and Mr Terry Lewis from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Mr Chris Bryant and Ross Cranston.

3 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Visual Recording of Interviews) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Michael Fabricant from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Flook.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Global Climate Change and Sustainable Development]; to be printed [No. 519-iv] [Tony Baldry].

2 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Appointments and Patronage]; to be printed [No. 686-iv] [Tony Wright].
Thursday 18th April 2002.

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

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


And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 23rd April.

[Adjourned at 5 p.m.]

Friday 19th April 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Industrial and Provident Societies Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Power to modify, etc. to assimilate to company law)—(Mr Gareth R. Thomas)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Channel Islands)—(Mr Gareth R. Thomas)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Annual fees)—(Mr Greg Knight)—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 Greg Knight, Mr John Butterfill: 10.

Tellers for the Noes, Phil Hope, Rob Marris: 74.

Amendments (Nos. 2, 3, 1, 4 and 5) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to enable the law relating to societies registered under the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 to be amended so as to bring it into conformity with certain aspects of the law relating to companies; to amend the procedure whereby such a society may convert itself into, or amalgamate with or transfer its engagements to, a company; and for connected purposes.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 National Heritage Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the National Heritage Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Compensation to affected parties)—(Mr Greg Knight)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 11, after the word ‘waters’, to insert the words ‘and continental shelf’.—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 19, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(4) For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Act shall permit any activity on or near any wreck prohibited by the Protection of Military Remains Act 1986. ’—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 22) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 36, at the end, to insert the words—

'(1A) The Commission shall, before exercising its powers under subsections (1)(d) and (e) above, consult and thereafter take account of any representations made by the Government, or any equivalent body to the Commission, of the country concerned.'—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

3 Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs etc.) Bill.—The Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs etc.) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

4 Housing Benefit (Withholding of Payment) Bill.—The Housing Benefit (Withholding of Payment) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

5 Telecommunications Transmitters (Restrictions on Planning Applications) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telecommunications Transmitters (Restrictions on Planning Applications) Bill:

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

6 Christmas Day Trading Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Christmas Day Trading Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 10th May.

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Housing.—Housing (Right to Acquire) (Discount) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1091), dated 15th April 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Monday 22nd April 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother.—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That its Address of 3rd April had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and had given the following Answer:

I thank you most sincerely for your expression of sympathy in the great loss which I have sustained by the death of my dear mother, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth.

I am greatly moved by your comments about my mother and by your sincere condolences. These are a source of comfort to my family and to me at this time.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Northern Ireland Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme 2002.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the National Heritage Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

4 Vaccination of Children (Parental Choice).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to allow parents to choose to have their child vaccinated separately against measles, mumps and rubella; and for connected purposes—(Miss Julie Kirkbride);

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 Miss Julie Kirkbride, Sir Patrick Cormack, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr George Osborne, Mr Bill Wiggin and Mr Gregory Barker do prepare and bring in the Bill.

5 Vaccination of Children (Parental Choice) Bill.—Miss Julie Kirkbride accordingly 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 21st June and to be printed [Bill 122].

6 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 18th April—

(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 paragraph (3) 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 any relief, other than a relief that—

(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 providing for relief on the acquisition from another member State of any goods in relation to which, if they were imported from a place outside the member States, relief would be given by an order under section 37 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994; And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.
7 Scottish Grand Committee.—Ordered, That—

(1) the Scottish Grand Committee shall meet at Westminster on Wednesday 8th May at half-past Ten o’clock to consider a substantive Motion for the adjournment of the Committee, and

(2) in respect of that sitting Standing Order No. 99 (Scottish Grand Committee (substantive motions for the adjournment)) shall have effect with the substitution in paragraph (2)(b) of the word ‘seven’ for the word ‘ten’.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

8 Wireless Telegraphy.—Ordered, That the Wireless Telegraphy (Television Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 641), dated 6th March 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 11th March, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

9 Aggregates Levy.—Ordered, That the Aggregates Levy (Registration and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4027), dated 19th December 2001, a copy of which was laid before this House on 20th December, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

10 Aggregates Levy.—Ordered, That the Aggregates Levy (General) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 761), dated 21st March 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st March, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

11 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.27 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Regulatory Reform.—Draft Regulatory Reform (Carer’s Allowance) Order 2002, together with a statement by the Department for Work and Pensions [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

2 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Government on the Web II [by Act]; to be printed [No. 764] [Clerk of the House].

3 National Health Service.—Summarised Accounts of Health Authorities, Primary Care Trusts and NHS Trusts in England, of the Dental Practice Board and Special Health Authorities providing central services in England, and of Funds held on Trust by Health Authorities, NHS Trusts, Special Health Authorities and Special Trustees in England for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 766] [Clerk of the House]

4 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on—

(1) the Petition [11th February] from Brenda Elvidge and others to limit the number of fireworks to be sold to unlicensed individuals and the number of days on which fireworks may be exploded, and

(2) the Petition [25th March] from residents of North Kent for the restriction of occasions on which fireworks can be sold to and used by the general public [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

5 School Standards and Framework.—Accounts of—

(1) Sunderland Education Action Zone for 1999-2000,

(2) East Basildon Education Action Zone for 2000-01,

(3) Herefordshire Education Action Zone for 2000-01, and
(4) Southend Education Action Zone for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 775, 776, 777 and 778] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Court of Appeal (Appeals from Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission) Rules 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Barbara Follett and Kate Hoey from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Rules); and nominated in substitution Ross Cranston and Jane Griffiths.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [The Case for a Human Rights Commission for the UK]; to be printed [No. 781-i] [Jean Corston].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Thirty-first Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Postcomm: Opening the Post]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 632]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Public Private Partnerships: Airwave]; to be printed [No. 783-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

3 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Customs Services in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 782-i] [Mrs Irene Adams].

4 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Budget 2002]; to be printed [No. 780-i] [Mr John McFall].

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

PRAYERS.

1 Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill,—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Greenham and Crookham Commons Bill; and the same were agreed to.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Amess reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Court of Appeal (Appeals from Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission) Rules 2002.

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 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 97) (House of Commons Paper No. 721), on Local Government On-Line Funding to Local Authorities.

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

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 98) (House of Commons Paper No. 727) on Maintenance of Roads Grant 2002–03.

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

5 European Standing Committee A,—Miss Anne Begg reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 14130/01, draft Council Regulation fixing for 2002 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where limitations in catch are required, No. 15238/01,
draft Council Regulation fixing for 2002 the fishing opportunities for deep-sea fish stocks, and No. 6918/02, draft Council Regulation establishing specific access requirements and associated conditions applicable to fishing for deep-sea stocks; recognises that a number of fish stocks have fallen to particularly low levels; notes the Government’s success in negotiating TACs which take full account of scientific advice while securing the best possible fishing opportunities for UK fishermen; recognises that action is required to constrain fishing effort in relation to deep-sea species; and supports the Government’s attempts to secure a European agreement that will return these species to long-term viability.

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

6 Annuities (Competition) Bill.—Mr Frank Field presented a Bill to require pension providers to provide information from the Financial Services Authority on annuity rates to all holders of personal pensions policies which allow the purchase of an annuity from any provider: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 123].

7 Alcohol Services,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require local authorities and health authorities to provide alcohol services in their areas to address the needs of people with alcohol problems, to produce joint five-year strategic projections and annual service evaluations and plans, and to establish joint commissioning arrangements in their areas for the purchase of alcohol services: And that Ross Cranston, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mrs Marion Roe, Bob Russell, Mr Russell Brown, Jon Cruddas, Mr David Amess, Mr David Drew, Mrs Betty Williams, Mr Siôn Simon, The Reverend Martin Smyth and Fiona Mactaggart do prepare and bring it in.

8 Alcohol Services Bill,—Ross Cranston accordingly presented a Bill to require local authorities and health authorities to provide alcohol services in their areas to address the needs of people with alcohol problems, to produce joint five-year strategic projections and annual service evaluations and plans, and to establish joint commissioning arrangements in their areas for the purchase of alcohol services: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 124].

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 18th April—

(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 paragraph (3) 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 any relief, other than a relief that—

(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 providing for relief on the acquisition from another member State of any goods in relation to which, if they were imported from a place outside the member States, relief would be given by an order under section 37 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994; And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Nick Ainger: 408.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 155.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Speaker then, pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 51 (Ways and means motions), put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the further Motions which were made by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.
2. Rates of tobacco products 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—

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<td>3. Hand-rolling tobacco</td>
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<td>£98.66 per kilogram.</td>
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<td>4. Other smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco</td>
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(2) This Resolution shall have effect as from 6 o’clock in the evening of 17th April 2002.
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. Rates of duty on cider

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 62(1A) of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979—
   (a) in paragraph (b), for “£39.21” there shall be substituted “£38.43”;
   (b) in paragraph (c), for “£26.13” there shall be substituted “£25.61”.
(2) This Resolution shall have effect as from 28th April 2002.
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. Duty on beverages made with spirits

Resolved, That—

(1) Section 1(9) of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979 shall be omitted.
(2) This Resolution shall come into force on 28th April 2002.
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. Beer (small breweries: reduced rates of duty)

Resolved, That—

(1) In subsection (1) of section 36 of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979, for “at the rate of £11.89 per hectolitre per cent of alcohol in the beer” there shall be substituted “at the rates specified in subsection (1AA) below”.
(2) In that section, after that subsection there shall be inserted—
   “(1AA) The rates at which the duty shall be charged are—
   (a) in the case of beer that is not small brewery beer, £11.89 per hectolitre per cent of alcohol in the beer;
   (b) in the case of small brewery beer produced in a singleton brewery, the rate per hectolitre per cent of alcohol in the beer that is given by section 36D below;
   (c) in the case of small brewery beer produced in a co-operated brewery, the rate per hectolitre per cent of alcohol in the beer that is given by section 36F below.”.
(3) In that Act, after that section (and before the heading ”Reliefs from excise duty”) there shall be inserted—
   “Reduced rates of excise duty

36A Beer from small breweries: introductory

(1) For the purposes of section 36(1AA) above (but subject to subsection (2) below)—
   (a) whether beer produced in a singleton brewery is “small brewery beer” is determined in accordance with section 36C below, and
   (b) whether beer produced in a co-operated brewery is “small brewery beer” is determined in accordance with section 36E below.
(2) Beer is not small brewery beer if it is produced by a person on any premises in circumstances in which he is required to be, but is not, registered under section 47 below in respect of those premises.

36B Interpretation of provisions relating to small brewery beer

(1) The following provisions of this section have effect for the purposes of section 36(1AA) above, section 36A above, this section and sections 36C to 36F below.

(2) A brewery is a “singleton brewery” at any particular time in a calendar year if it is not a co-operated brewery at that time.

(3) A brewery is a “co-operated brewery” at any particular time in a calendar year if—

(a) a person who produces beer in the brewery at that time or any earlier time in that year, or

(b) a person connected with such a person, also produces beer in any other brewery at that time or any earlier time in that year.

(4) “Brewery” means premises (whether or not in the United Kingdom) on which beer is produced and that are situated physically apart from any other premises on which beer is produced.

(5) “The standard beer duty rate” means the rate of duty specified by section 36(1AA)(a) above.

(6) References to “the grossed-up amount” of an estimate of the amount of a brewery’s production in a calendar year are to the amount given by—

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\frac{E}{(365-N)} \times 365
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where—

E is the amount of the estimate, and

N is the number of days (if any) in the calendar year before the brewery begins to be used as beer-production premises.

(7) References to a brewery being used as beer-production premises are, in the case of a brewery in the United Kingdom, to there being at least one person who is required to be registered under section 47 below in respect of the brewery.

(8) Any question whether a person is connected with another shall be determined in accordance with section 839 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

36C Meaning of “small brewery beer”: beer from singleton breweries

(1) This section applies to beer produced in a brewery at a time in a calendar year (“the current year”) when the brewery is a singleton brewery.

(2) The beer is “small brewery beer” if the following conditions are satisfied; but this is subject to subsections (9) and (10) below.

(3) The first condition is that either—

(a) no beer was produced in the brewery in the previous calendar year (“the previous year”), or

(b) the amount of beer produced in the brewery in the previous year was not more than 30,000 hectolitres.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (3)(b) above, where the brewery was in use as beer-production premises during part only of the previous year, the amount of beer produced in the previous year in the brewery shall be taken to have been—

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A is the amount of beer actually produced in the previous year in the brewery, and

D is the number of days in that part of the previous year.

(5) The second condition is that the amount of the estimate under subsection (9) below of the brewery’s production in the current year is not more than 30,000 hectolitres.

(6) The third condition is that if the brewery begins to be used as beer-production premises part-way through the current year, the grossed-up amount of that estimate is not more than 30,000 hectolitres.

(7) The fourth condition is that less than half of the beer produced in the brewery in the previous year was produced under licence.

(8) The fifth condition is that the beer is not produced under licence.
(9) Beer produced in the brewery in the current year before the person who first produces beer in the brewery in that year has made a reasonable estimate of the amount of beer that will be produced in the brewery in that year is not small brewery beer.

(10) Beer produced in the brewery in the current year after the amount of beer produced in the brewery in the current year has reached 30,000 hectolitres is not small brewery beer.

(11) Subsection (10) above is without prejudice to section 167(4) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (recovery of duty unpaid by reason of untrue document or statement).

36D Rate of duty for small brewery beer from singleton breweries

(1) This section applies to small brewery beer produced in a brewery at a time in a calendar year (“the current year”) when the brewery is a singleton brewery.

(2) The rate of duty in the case of that beer (“the brewery rate”) is determined in accordance with this section.

(3) Subsection (4) below applies if—

(a) beer was produced in the brewery in the previous calendar year (“the previous year”) and the amount produced in the brewery in that year was not more than 5,000 hectolitres, or

(b) no beer was produced in the brewery in the previous year and the grossed-up amount of the estimate under section 36C(9) above of the brewery’s production in the current year is not more than 5,000 hectolitres.

(4) If this subsection applies, “the brewery rate” is 50% of the standard beer duty rate at the time concerned; but this is subject to rounding under subsection (7) below.

(5) Subsection (6) below applies if—

(a) beer was produced in the brewery in the previous year and the amount produced in the brewery in that year was more than 5,000 hectolitres but not more than 30,000 hectolitres, or

(b) no beer was produced in the brewery in the previous year and the grossed-up amount of the estimate under section 36C(9) above of the brewery’s production in the current year is more than 5,000 hectolitres but not more than 30,000 hectolitres.

(6) If this subsection applies, “the brewery rate” is, subject to rounding under subsection (7) below, given by—

\[
P - \frac{2,500}{P} \times \text{the standard beer duty rate at the time concerned}
\]

where—

if this subsection applies by reason of subsection (5)(a) above, \( P \) is the amount, in hectolitres, of beer produced in the brewery in the previous year, and

if this subsection applies by reason of subsection (5)(b) above, \( P \) is the grossed-up amount (expressed in hectolitres) mentioned in subsection (5)(b).

(7) Where a rate given by subsection (4) or (6) above would (apart from this subsection) not be a whole number of pennies, the rate given by that subsection shall be taken to be the rate actually given by that subsection rounded up to the nearest penny.

(8) Where the brewery was in use as beer-production premises during part only of the previous year, for the purposes of subsections (3)(a), (5)(a) and (6) above the amount of beer produced in the brewery in the previous year shall be taken to have been—

\[
\frac{A}{D} \times 365
\]

where—

\( A \) is the amount of beer actually produced in the previous year in the brewery, and

\( D \) is the number of days in that part of the previous year.

36E Meaning of “small brewery beer”: beer from co-operated breweries

(1) This section applies to beer produced in a brewery at a time in a calendar year (“the current year”) when the brewery is a co-operated brewery.

(2) The beer is “small brewery beer” if the following conditions are satisfied; but this is subject to subsections (10) and (11) below.
In this section—

“the group” means the group of breweries consisting of—

(a) the co-operated brewery, and

(b) every brewery (other than the co-operated brewery) in which beer is produced at the time mentioned in subsection (1) above, or at any earlier time in the current year, by—

(i) a person who produces beer in the co-operated brewery at the time so mentioned or at any earlier time in the current year, or

(ii) a person connected with such a person;

“group brewery” means a brewery that is in the group;

“the previous year” means the calendar year immediately preceding the current year.

The first condition is that either—

(a) no beer was produced in the previous year in the group, or

(b) the amount given by \( PY + GE \) is not more than 30,000 hectolitres, where—

\[
PY \text{ is the amount of beer produced in the previous year in the group, and}
\]

\[
GE \text{ is the aggregate of the grossed-up amount of each estimate that—}
\]

(i) is an estimate for the purposes of subsection (10) below of the amount of the production in the current year in a group brewery in which no beer was produced in the previous year, and

(ii) is made no later than the time mentioned in subsection (1) above.

For the purposes of subsection (4)(b) above, where a group brewery was in use as beer-production premises during part only of the previous year, the amount of beer produced in the previous year in that brewery shall be taken to have been—

\[
\frac{A}{D} \times 365
\]

where—

\( A \) is the amount of beer actually produced in the previous year in that brewery, and

\( D \) is the number of days in that part of the previous year.

The second condition is that the aggregate of each estimate that—

(a) is an estimate for the purposes of subsection (10) below of the amount of a group brewery’s production in the current year, and

(b) is made no later than the time mentioned in subsection (1) above, is not more than 30,000 hectolitres.

The third condition is that if any group brewery begins to be used as beer-production premises part-way through the current year, the aggregate of the grossed-up amount of each estimate that—

(a) is an estimate for the purposes of subsection (10) below of the amount of a group brewery’s production in the current year, and

(b) is made no later than the time mentioned in subsection (1) above, is not more than 30,000 hectolitres.

The fourth condition is that less than half of the beer produced in the previous year in each group brewery was produced under licence.

The fifth condition is that the beer is not produced under licence.

Beer produced in the co-operated brewery at an unestimated time is not small brewery beer; and here “unestimated time” means a time in the current year when there is a group brewery for which there does not exist a reasonable estimate, made by the person who first produces beer in that brewery in that year, of the amount of beer that will be produced in that brewery in that year.

Beer produced in the co-operated brewery in the current year after the amount of beer produced in the group in the current year has reached 30,000 hectolitres is not small brewery beer.

Subsection (11) above is without prejudice to section 167(4) of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 (recovery of duty unpaid by reason of untrue document or statement).
36F Rate of duty for small brewery beer from co-operated breweries

(1) This section applies to small brewery beer produced in a brewery at a time in a calendar year ("the current year") when the brewery is a co-operated brewery.

(2) The rate of duty in the case of that beer ("the brewery rate") is determined in accordance with this section.

(3) In this section—

“the group” means the group of breweries consisting of—

(a) the co-operated brewery, and

(b) every brewery (other than the co-operated brewery) in which beer is produced at the time mentioned in subsection (1) above, or at any earlier time in the current year, by—

(i) a person who produces beer in the co-operated brewery at the time so mentioned or at any earlier time in the current year, or

(ii) a person connected with such a person;

“group brewery” means a brewery that is in the group;

“the previous year” means the calendar year immediately preceding the current year;

“the notional previous year’s production” has the meaning given by subsection (4) below.

(4) In this section “the notional previous year’s production” means the amount, in hectolitres, given by \( PY + GE \) where—

PY is the amount of beer produced in the group in the previous year, and

GE is the aggregate of the grossed-up amount of each estimate that—

(a) is an estimate for the purposes of section 36E(10) above of the amount of the production in the current year in a group brewery in which no beer was produced in the previous year, and

(b) is made no later than the time mentioned in subsection (1) above.

(5) Where a group brewery was in use as beer-production premises during part only of the previous year, in calculating \( PY \) for the purposes of subsection (4) above the amount of beer produced in that brewery in the previous year shall be taken to have been—

\[
\frac{A}{D} \times 365
\]

where—

A is the amount of beer actually produced in the previous year in that brewery, and

D is the number of days in that part of the previous year.

(6) Subsection (7) below applies if—

(a) beer was produced in at least one group brewery in the previous year and the notional previous year’s production is not more than 5,000 hectolitres, or

(b) no beer was produced in the group in the previous year and the aggregate of each estimate that—

(i) is an estimate for the purposes of section 36E(10) above of the amount of a group brewery’s production in the current year, and

(ii) is made no later than the time mentioned in subsection (1) above, is not more than 5,000 hectolitres.

(7) If this subsection applies, “the brewery rate” is 50% of the standard rate at the time mentioned in subsection (1) above; but this is subject to rounding under subsection (10) below.

(8) Subsection (9) below applies if—

(a) beer was produced in at least one group brewery in the previous year and the notional previous year’s production is more than 5,000 hectolitres but not more than 30,000 hectolitres, or

(b) no beer was produced in the group in the previous year and the aggregate mentioned in subsection (6)(b) above is more than 5,000 hectolitres but not more than 30,000 hectolitres.
(9) If this subsection applies, “the brewery rate” is, subject to rounding under subsection (10) below, given by—

$$\frac{P-2,500}{P} \times \text{the standard rate}$$

where—

if this subsection applies by reason of subsection (8)(a) above, \(P\) is the previous year’s notional production,

if this subsection applies by reason of subsection (8)(b) above, \(P\) is the amount, in hectolitres, of the aggregate mentioned in subsection (6)(b) above, and

“the standard rate” means the standard beer duty rate at the time mentioned in subsection (1) above.

(10) Where a rate given by subsection (7) or (9) above would (apart from this subsection) not be a whole number of pennies, the rate given by that subsection shall be taken to be the rate actually given by that subsection rounded up to the nearest penny.

36G Assessments where incorrectly low rate of duty applied

(1) Subsection (3) below applies if—

(a) duty is charged by section 36 above on any beer, and

(b) it appears at the excise duty point that the beer is small brewery beer for the purposes of section 36(1AA) above, but

(c) it turns out that the beer was not small brewery beer for those purposes (because, for example, circumstances were not as they appeared at that point or they subsequently changed).

(2) Subsection (3) below also applies if—

(a) duty is charged by section 36 above on any beer that is small brewery beer for the purposes of section 36(1AA) above, and

(b) the rate of duty that at the excise duty point appeared to be the correct rate turns out to have been lower than the correct rate (because, for example, circumstances were not as they appeared at that point or they subsequently changed).

(3) In any such case the Commissioners—

(a) may assess the amount that is the difference between—

(i) the actual amount of the duty charged on the beer by section 36 above, and

(ii) the lower amount that, at the excise duty point, appeared to be the amount charged,

as being excise duty due from the person liable to pay the duty charged on the beer by section 36 above, and

(b) may notify him or his representative accordingly.

(4) Where two or more persons are liable to pay the duty charged on the beer—

(a) the reference in subsection (3)(a) above to the person liable to pay the duty is to any one or more of those persons, and

(b) the reference in subsection (3)(b) above to notifying the person liable or his representative is to notifying each person assessed or his representative.”.

(4) In the Finance Act 1994—

(a) in section 12A(3)(bb), for “or 11” there shall be substituted “, 11 or 36G”;

(b) in section 12B(2), after paragraph (eb) there shall be inserted—

“(ec) in the case of an assessment under section 36G of that Act, the time at which the requirement to pay the duty took effect (which time, in a case where there was an excise duty point for the beer fixed under section 1 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1992, is that excise duty point);”;

and

(c) in section 14(1)(ba), for “or 11” there shall be substituted “, 11 or 36G”.

(5) This Resolution shall come into force on 1st June 2002.

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

_Resolved_, That provision may be made—

(a) imposing excise duty on biodiesel and mixtures containing biodiesel,

(b) for the application in relation to biodiesel and such mixtures of the provisions of the enactments relating to hydrocarbon oil or any description of hydrocarbon oil, and

(c) defining biodiesel for those purposes and conferring power to amend the definition by order.

7. Hydrocarbon oil duties (rebates)

_Resolved_, That provision may be made as to the meaning of references to “rebate” in provisions of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979.

8. Hydrocarbon oil duties (fuel substitutes)

_Resolved_, That provision may be made amending section 6A of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979 and section 10 of the Finance Act 1993.

9. Amusement machine licences (excepted machines)

_Resolved_, That—

(1) In section 21 of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981, for paragraphs (c) and (d) of subsection (3A) there shall be substituted—

“(c) a fifty-penny machine that is not a gaming machine.”.

(2) For subsection (3B) of that section there shall be substituted—

“(3B) For the purposes of this section an amusement machine is a fifty-penny machine if, and only if—

(a) where it is a machine on which a game can be played solo, the price for a solo game does not exceed 50p; and

(b) where it is a machine on which a game can be played by more than one person at a time, the price to participate in such a game does not exceed 50p.”.

(3) In subsection (3C) of that section, for “35p”, in both places where it occurs, there shall be substituted “50p”.

(4) In section 25 of that Act, in subsections (4) and (6), for “an excepted video machine falling within section 21(3A)(d) above” there shall be substituted “a fifty-penny machine within section 21(3B) above”.

(5) This Resolution shall have effect in relation to the provision of an amusement machine at any time on or after 1st May 2002.

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

10. Amusement machine licence duty (rates)

_Resolved_, That—

(1) In the Table in section 23(2) of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981, for columns (4) and (6) there shall be substituted—

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(2) Paragraph (1) above shall apply in relation to any amusement machine licence for which an application is received by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise after 30th April 2002.

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. Gaming duty (sic bo and three card poker)

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 10(2) of the Finance Act 1997—
(a) after “American roulette” there shall be inserted “sic bo”;
(b) after “super pan 9” there shall be inserted “three card poker”.

(2) This Resolution shall have effect in relation to games begun on or after 24th April 2002.

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

12. Pool betting duty etc

Resolved, That—

(1) The Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981 shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (10).

(2) For sections 6 to 8 there shall be substituted—

“Pool betting duty

6 The duty
A duty of excise to be known as pool betting duty shall be charged in accordance with sections 7 to 8C.

7 Duty charged on net pool betting receipts
(1) If the amount of a person’s net pool betting receipts for an accounting period is greater than zero, pool betting duty is charged on those receipts.

(2) The amount of that duty is 15 per cent of the amount of the receipts.

7A Calculating net pool betting receipts
For the purposes of section 7, the amount of a person’s net pool betting receipts for an accounting period is—

\[ S + E - W \]

where—

S is the aggregate of amounts falling due to the person in the accounting period in respect of dutiable pool bets,
E is the aggregate of expenses and profits falling within section 7E(2) that are attributable to the accounting period, and
W is the aggregate of amounts paid by the person in the accounting period by way of winnings on dutiable pool bets (irrespective of when the bets were made or determined).

7B Net pool betting receipts: meaning of “dutiable pool bet”
(1) For the purposes of a calculation under section 7A of the amount of a person’s net pool betting receipts for any accounting period, a bet (wherever made) is a “dutiable pool bet” if—
(a) the bet is made by way of pool betting, and
(b) the following conditions are satisfied.

(2) The first condition is that—
(a) the bet is made by means of a totalisator situated in the United Kingdom and that person is the operator, or
(b) the bet is made otherwise than by means of a totalisator and that person is the promoter and is in the United Kingdom.

(3) The second condition is that the bet is not—
(a) made by way of sponsored pool betting,
(b) made as mentioned in section 4(3), or
(c) made for community benefit.

(4) The third condition is that if the bet was made before 31st March 2002, at least one event to which it relates takes place on or after that date.

7C Net pool betting receipts: calculating stake money
(1) This section applies for the purpose of calculating S in a calculation under section 7A.
(2) Any payment that entitles a person to make a bet shall, if he makes the bet, be treated as stake money on the bet.

(3) All payments made—

(a) for or on account of or in connection with bets that are dutiable pool bets for the purposes of the calculation,

(b) in addition to the stake money, and

(c) by the persons making the bets,

shall be treated as amounts due in respect of the bets except in so far as the contrary is proved by the person whose net pool betting receipts are being calculated.

7D Net pool betting receipts: when stakes etc fall due

(1) Subsections (2) to (5) apply for the purpose of calculating S in a calculation under section 7A.

(2) Where—

(a) a person makes a bet, and

(b) the bet relates to a single event, or to two or more events all taking place on the same day,

any sum due to a person in respect of the bet shall be treated as falling due on the day on which the event or events take place.

(3) Where—

(a) a person makes a bet, and

(b) subsection (2) does not apply,

any sum due to a person in respect of the bet shall (subject to subsection (5)) be treated as falling due when the bet is made.

(4) Subsections (2) and (3) have effect in relation to a sum irrespective of when it is actually paid or required to be paid (even where a sum that those subsections require to be treated as falling due on or after 31st March 2002 was actually paid, or required to be paid, before that date).

(5) As respects a bet made before 31st March 2002 that relates to events at least one of which takes place before that date and at least one of which takes place on or after that date, any sum paid on or after that date in respect of the bet shall be treated as falling due when it is paid.

7E Net pool betting receipts: expenses and profits

(1) Subsections (2) and (3) apply for the purpose of calculating E in a calculation under section 7A.

(2) The expenses and profits falling within this subsection are (subject to subsection (3))—

(a) those of the person whose net pool betting receipts are being calculated, and

(b) those of any other person concerned with or benefiting from the promotion of the betting concerned.

(3) Expenses and profits do not fall within subsection (2) so far as they are—

(a) provided out of amounts due, in respect of bets that are dutiable pool bets for the purposes of the calculation, to the person whose net pool betting receipts are being calculated, or

(b) referable to matters other than—

(i) the promotion or management of the betting concerned, or

(ii) activities ancillary to, or connected with, such promotion or management.

7F Net pool betting receipts: calculating winnings

(1) Subsections (2) to (5) apply for the purpose of calculating W in a calculation under section 7A.

(2) The reference to paying an amount to a person includes a reference to holding it in an account if the person is notified that the amount is being held for him in the account and that he is entitled to withdraw it on demand.

(3) The return of a stake shall be treated as a payment by way of winnings.

(4) Only payments of money shall be taken into account.

(5) Where a bet made before 31st March 2002 relates to events at least one of which takes place before that date and at least one of which takes place on or after that date, no account shall be taken of any payment by way of winnings on the bet.
8 Payment and recovery

(1) Pool betting duty charged on a person’s net pool betting receipts for an accounting period—

(a) becomes due at the end of the period,

(b) shall be paid by the person, and

(c) shall, subject to any directions under paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 to this Act, be paid when it becomes due.

(2) Pool betting duty that is due to be paid may be recovered from the following persons as if they were jointly and severally liable to pay the duty—

(a) the person on whose net pool betting receipts the duty is charged (“the primary payer”);

(b) a person responsible for the management of any business in the course of which any bets have been made that are dutiable pool bets for the purposes of calculations under section 7A of the amount of the primary payer’s net pool betting receipts for any accounting period;

(c) a person responsible for the management of any totalisator used for the purposes of any such business;

(d) where a person within any of paragraphs (a) to (c) is a company, a director.

8A Meaning of “bet made for community benefit” in sections 6 to 8

(1) For the purposes of sections 6 to 8 (but subject to any direction under subsection (3)), a bet is made “for community benefit” if—

(a) the promoter of the betting concerned is a community society or is bound to pay all benefits accruing from the betting to such a society, and

(b) the person making the bet knows, when making it, that the purpose of the betting is to benefit such a society.

(2) In the case of a bet made by means of a totalisator, the reference in subsection (1) to the promoter of the betting concerned is a reference to the operator.

(3) The Commissioners may direct that any bet specified by the direction, or of a description so specified, is not a bet made for community benefit.

(4) The power conferred by subsection (3) may not be exercised unless the Commissioners consider that an unreasonably large part of the amounts paid in respect of the bets concerned will, or may, be applied otherwise than—

(a) in the payment of winnings, or

(b) for the benefit of a community society.

(5) In this section “community society” means—

(a) a society established and conducted for charitable purposes only, or

(b) a society established and conducted wholly or mainly for the support of athletic sports or athletic games and not established or conducted for purposes of private gain.

(6) In this section “society” includes any club, institution, organisation or association of persons, by whatever name called.

8B Meaning of “accounting period” in sections 6 to 8

For the purposes of sections 6 to 8, each period that ends with the last Saturday in a calendar month, and begins with the Sunday immediately following the previous such Saturday, is an accounting period.

8C Meaning of “bet” in sections 6 to 8A

(1) For the purposes of sections 6 to 8A, “bet” does not include the taking of a ticket or chance in a lottery.

(2) Where payments are made for the chance of winning any money or money’s worth on terms under which the persons making the payments have a power of selection that may (directly or indirectly) determine the winner, those payments shall be treated as bets for the purposes of sections 6 to 8A notwithstanding that the power is not exercised.

(3) Subsection (2) has effect subject to section 12(3).

(4) Where any payment entitles a person to take part in a transaction that is, on his part only, not a bet made by way of pool betting by reason of his not in fact making any stake as if the transaction were such a bet, the transaction shall be treated as such a bet for the purposes of pool betting duty (and section 7C(3) shall apply to any such payment).
(3) In section 2(2)—
   (a) in paragraph (b), after “bet,” there shall be inserted “or”, and
   (b) paragraph (d), and the word “or” immediately preceding it, shall be omitted.

(4) In section 4(6), for the words from “do not apply” to the end there shall be substituted “do not apply to on-course bets.”.

(5) In section 9(2), the words “or coupon betting” shall be omitted (in both places).

(6) In section 9(3)—
   (a) in paragraph (a), the words “or coupon betting” shall be omitted,
   (b) for sub-paragraphs (i) to (iv) of paragraph (a) there shall be substituted—
      “(i) the bet is not made by means of a totalisator, and
         (ii) the promoter is in the Isle of Man; or”, and
   (c) in paragraph (aa)(i), the words “or coupon betting” shall be omitted.

(7) For section 9(6) there shall be substituted—
   “(6) Section 8C(1) to (3) above shall have effect for the purposes of subsections (2)(a) and (5) above as it has effect for the purposes of sections 6 to 8A above.”.

(8) Section 11 shall be omitted.

(9) In section 12(3), the words “(except in sections 6, 7, 8, 9(2)(a) and 9(5) in their application to coupon betting)” shall be omitted.

(10) Schedule 1 shall be amended as follows—
   (a) in paragraph 1, in the definition of “pool betting business”, at the end there shall be inserted “or would or might involve such sums becoming so payable if receipts from bets made for community benefit (as defined by section 8A of this Act) were not excluded from that duty.”;
   (b) in paragraph 4(2), for “sub-paragraphs (3) and (4)” there shall be substituted “sub-paragraph (3)”;
   (c) paragraph 4(4) to (6) shall be omitted;
   (d) in paragraph 5(1), for “made entry or given notice in accordance with paragraph 4(2) or (4)” there shall be substituted “made entry in accordance with paragraph 4(2)”;
   (e) paragraph (b) of paragraph 5(2) shall be renumbered as paragraph 5(3);
   (f) in what remains of paragraph 5(2) after that renumbering, for the words from “paragraph 12(3) below, except that” to the end there shall be substituted “sub-paragraph (3) below.”;
   (g) in paragraph 6(2), paragraph (b) shall be omitted;
   (h) paragraphs 8 and 12 shall be omitted;
   (i) in paragraph 14(1), the words after paragraph (b) shall be omitted; and
   (j) in paragraph 15(4), for “the said Schedule 1” there shall be substituted “Schedule 1 to the Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963”.

(11) In section 1(3) of the Excise Duties (Surcharge or Rebates) Act 1979, the words from “,” except that if the duty is pool betting duty” to the end shall be omitted.

(12) In paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 to the Finance Act 1994, after sub-paragraph (2) there shall be inserted—
   “(3) Any decision consisting in the giving of a direction under section 8A(3) of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981 (pool betting duty: direction that bet is not made for community benefit).”.

(13) If—
   (a) stake money is paid before 31st March 2002 in respect of a bet to which paragraph (17) applies, and
   (b) pool betting duty charged on that money before that date is not paid before 24th April 2002,

that duty ceases on 24th April 2002 to be charged on that money.
If—

(a) stake money is paid before 31st March 2002 in respect of a bet to which paragraph (17) applies, and

(b) pool betting duty charged on that money before that date is paid before 24th April 2002,

the person who paid that duty becomes entitled on 24th April 2002 to a credit equal to the amount of the duty.

Effect is given to such a credit by setting it (until fully utilised) against pool betting duty that the person is liable to pay in respect of accounting periods beginning on or after 31st March 2002 (taking earlier such periods before later ones).

Such a credit does not—

(a) carry interest,

(b) affect the payability of the duty mentioned in paragraph (14), or

(c) entitle any person to any payment in respect of the credit.

This paragraph applies to a bet if—

(a) it is a dutiable pool bet for the purposes of a calculation, under the section 7A of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981 inserted by this Resolution, of the amount of a person’s net pool betting receipts for any accounting period, and

(b) it is made before 31st March 2002 but all the events to which it relates take place on or after that date.

Any notification under paragraph 4(4) of Schedule 1 to the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981 that is effective immediately before 24th April 2002 shall on and after that date have effect (until withdrawn) as a notification made on 31st March 2002 under paragraph 4(3) of that Schedule.

The amendments made by paragraph (2) shall have effect for the purposes of accounting periods beginning on or after 31st March 2002. The amendments made by paragraphs (3) and (4) shall apply to bets made on or after 31st March 2002.

Subject to paragraph (22), this Resolution shall be deemed to have come into force on 31st March 2002.

Paragraphs (5), (6)(a) and (c) and (7) to (18) shall come into force on 24th April 2002. 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.

13. General betting duty (spread bets)

Resolved, That provision may be made as to the bets that are spread bets for the purposes of general betting duty.

14. Vehicle excise duty (cars registered on or after 1st March 2001)

Resolved, That—

(1) For the Table in paragraph 1B of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 there shall be substituted—

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(2) This Resolution shall apply to any licence taken out on or after 18th April 2002 for a period beginning on or after 1st May 2002.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.
15. Vehicle excise duty (motorcycles)

Resolved, That—

(1) For paragraph 2(1) to (1B) of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 there shall be substituted—

"2(1) The annual rate of vehicle excise duty applicable to a motorcycle that does not exceed 450 kilograms in weight unladen is—

(a) if the cylinder capacity of the engine does not exceed 150 cubic centimetres, £15;

(b) if the vehicle is a motorbicycle and the cylinder capacity of the engine exceeds 150 cubic centimetres but does not exceed 400 cubic centimetres, £30;

(c) if the vehicle is a motorbicycle and the cylinder capacity of the engine exceeds 400 cubic centimetres but does not exceed 600 cubic centimetres, £45;

(d) in any other case, £60."

(2) In sections 13(3)(a), 35A(5)(b) and 36(3)(b) of that Act, and in section 13(4)(a) of that Act as substituted under paragraph 8 of Schedule 4 to that Act, for "(1)(c)" there shall be substituted "(1)(d)".

(3) Paragraph (1) of this Resolution, and the amendments in section 13 of that Act, shall apply to any licence taken out on or after 18th April 2002 for a period beginning on or after 1st May 2002.

(4) The amendments in sections 35A and 36 of that Act shall apply where the relevant period begins on or after 1st May 2002.

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

16. Vehicle excise duty (registered vehicles etc)

The Question being put, That provision may be made for vehicle excise duty to be charged in respect of—

(a) vehicles registered under the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 that are neither used nor kept on a public road (within the meaning of that Act);

(b) things that have been but have ceased to be mechanically propelled vehicles;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mrs Anne McGuire: 397.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 155.

So the Question was agreed to.

17. Vehicle excise duty (calculation of cylinder capacity)

Resolved, That provision may be made for the calculation of the cylinder capacity of engines for purposes of vehicle excise duty.

18. Value added tax (disallowance of input tax where consideration not paid)

Resolved, That provision may be made about entitlement to credit for input tax where some or all of the consideration for the supply is not paid within a certain period.

19. Value added tax (flat-rate scheme)

Resolved, That—

(1) Before section 27 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 there shall be inserted—

"26B Flat-rate scheme

(1) The Commissioners may by regulations make provision under which, where a taxable person so elects, the amount of his liability to VAT in respect of his relevant supplies in any prescribed accounting period shall be the appropriate percentage of his relevant turnover for that period.

A person whose liability to VAT is to any extent determined as mentioned above is referred to in this section as participating in the flat-rate scheme.

(2) For the purposes of this section—

(a) a person’s "relevant supplies" are all supplies made by him except supplies made at such times or of such descriptions as may be specified in the regulations;

(b) the "appropriate percentage" is the percentage so specified for the category of business carried on by the person in question;"
(c) a person’s “relevant turnover” is the total of—

(i) the value of those of his relevant supplies that are taxable supplies, together with the VAT chargeable on them, and

(ii) the value of those of his relevant supplies that are exempt supplies.

(3) The regulations may designate certain categories of business as categories in relation to which the references in subsection (1) above to liability to VAT are to be read as references to entitlement to credit for VAT.

(4) The regulations may provide for persons to be eligible to participate in the flat-rate scheme only in such cases and subject to such conditions and exceptions as may be specified in, or determined by or under, the regulations.

(5) Subject to such exceptions as the regulations may provide for, a participant in the flat-rate scheme shall not be entitled to credit for input tax. This is without prejudice to subsection (3) above.

(6) The regulations may—

(a) provide for the appropriate percentage to be determined by reference to the category of business that a person is expected, on reasonable grounds, to carry on in a particular period;

(b) provide, in such circumstances as may be prescribed, for different percentages to apply in relation to different parts of the same prescribed accounting period;

(c) make provision for determining the category of business to be regarded as carried on by a person carrying on businesses in more than one category.

(7) The regulations may provide for the following matters to be determined in accordance with notices published by the Commissioners—

(a) when supplies are to be treated as taking place for the purposes of ascertaining a person’s relevant turnover for a particular period;

(b) the method of calculating any adjustments that fall to be made in accordance with the regulations in a case where a person begins or ceases to participate in the flat-rate scheme.

(8) The regulations may make provision enabling the Commissioners—

(a) to authorise a person to participate in the flat-rate scheme with effect from—

(i) a day before the date of his election to participate, or

(ii) a day that is not earlier than that date but is before the date of the authorisation;

(b) to direct that a person shall cease to be a participant in the scheme with effect from a day before the date of the direction.

The day mentioned in paragraph (a)(i) above may be a day before the date on which the regulations come into force.

(9) Regulations under this section—

(a) may make different provision for different circumstances;

(b) may make such incidental, supplemental, consequential or transitional provision as the Commissioners think fit, including provision disapplying or applying with modifications any provision contained in or made under this Act.

(2) In section 83 of that Act, after paragraph (f) there shall be inserted—

“(fza) a decision of the Commissioners—

(i) refusing or withdrawing authorisation for a person’s liability to pay VAT (or entitlement to credit for VAT) to be determined as mentioned in subsection (1) of section 26B;

(ii) as to the appropriate percentage or percentages (within the meaning of that section) applicable in a person’s case.”.

(3) In section 84 of that Act, after subsection (4) there shall be inserted—

“(4ZA) Where an appeal is brought—

(a) against such a decision as is mentioned in section 83(fza), or

(b) to the extent that it is based on such a decision, against an assessment, the tribunal shall not allow the appeal unless it considers that the Commissioners could not reasonably have been satisfied that there were grounds for the decision.”.
(4) This Resolution shall come into force on 24th April 2002.

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

20. Value added tax (invoices)

Resolved, That provision may be made about VAT invoices.

21. Income tax (charge and rates for 2002–03)

The Question being put, That income tax shall be charged for the year 2002–03, and for that year—

(a) the starting rate shall be 10%;
(b) the basic rate shall be 22%;
(c) the higher rate shall be 40%.

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, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Nick Ainger: 344.

So the Question was agreed to.

22. Indexed rate bands for 2002–03: PAYE deductions etc

Resolved, That for the year 2002–03—

(a) section 1(5A) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, and
(b) section 257C(2A) of that Act as it has effect for the application of sections 257AA(2) and 265 of that Act,

shall have effect as if “17th June” were substituted for “17th May”.

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

23. Corporation tax (charge and rate for 2003)

Resolved, That corporation tax shall be charged for the financial year 2003 at the rate of 30%.

24. Corporation tax (small companies’ rate for 2002)

Resolved, That for the financial year 2002—

(a) the small companies’ rate shall be 19%, and
(b) the fraction mentioned in section 13(2) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall be 11/400ths.

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

25. Corporation tax (starting rate)

Resolved, That for the financial year 2002—

(a) the corporation tax starting rate shall be 0%, and
(b) the fraction mentioned in section 13AA(3) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall be 19/400ths.

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

26. Statutory paternity pay and statutory adoption pay

Resolved, That provision may be made about the taxation of statutory paternity pay and statutory adoption pay.

27. Schedule E charge

Resolved, That provision may be made amending Chapters 1 and 2 of Part 5, and section 595, of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

28. Deductions under the Construction Industry Scheme

Resolved, That provision may be made about the treatment of sums deducted under section 559 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.
29. Chargeable gains (provision in connection with substantial shareholding exemption)

Resolved, That provision may be made in connection with provision conferring exemptions for disposals by companies with a substantial shareholding in another company—
(a) restricting allowable losses, and
(b) restricting the operation of relieving provisions.

30. Chargeable gains (miscellaneous amendments)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 with respect to—
(a) share exchanges and company reconstructions;
(b) taper relief.

31. Tax relief for R&D expenditure of small or medium-sized enterprises

Resolved, That provision may be made amending Schedule 20 to the Finance Act 2000.

32. Change of basis of computation of profits

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about the effect of a change of basis of computation of profits for tax purposes.

33. Deduction of expenditure involving crime

Resolved, That provision may be made that, in calculating profits chargeable under Schedule D, no deduction shall be made for any expenditure incurred in making a payment outside the United Kingdom where the making of a corresponding payment in any part of the United Kingdom would constitute a criminal offence there.

34. Loan relationships etc

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made for the purposes of corporation tax in relation to—
(a) loan relationships; and
(b) other relationships where a company stands, or is treated as standing, in the position of a creditor or debtor in relation to a debt.

35. Foreign exchange gains and losses

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made for the purposes of corporation tax in relation to gains and losses arising as a result of comparing at different times the expression in one currency of the valuation put on an asset or liability by a company in another currency.

36. Corporation tax (currencies other than sterling)

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to the use of currencies other than sterling for purposes relating to corporation tax.

37. Derivative contracts

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made for the purposes of corporation tax in relation to—
(a) futures;
(b) options;
(c) contracts relating to fluctuations in the value or price of property or in an index or other factor;
(d) instruments entitling a person to subscribe for shares in a company or for assets representing a loan relationship of a company; and
(e) contracts which are qualifying contracts for the purposes of Chapter 2 of Part 4 of the Finance Act 1994.

38. Gains and losses from a company’s intangible fixed assets

Resolved, That provision may be made about the taxation of gains, and the allowing of losses, of a company from its intangible fixed assets, including—
(a) provision restricting capital gains roll-over relief on the disposal of existing assets, and
(b) provision affecting the value of an intangible fixed asset in the hands of a company’s counter-party (as transferor or transferee) for any purposes of the Tax Acts.

39. Gains of insurance company from venture capital limited partnership

Resolved, That provision may be made about the taxation of the gains of an insurance company from a limited partnership that invests in unquoted shares or securities.
40. Lloyd’s underwriters

Resolved, That provision may be made about Lloyd’s underwriters.

41. Controlled foreign companies

The Question being put, That provision may be made amending Chapter 4 of Part 17 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mrs Anne McGuire: 387.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 151.

So the Question was agreed to.

42. Petroleum extraction activities (companies carrying on ring fence trades)

The Question being put, That provision may be made in relation to companies carrying on ring fence trades, as defined in section 502(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Ian Pearson: 319.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 209.

So the Question was agreed to.

43. Films: restriction of relief

Resolved, That provision may be made restricting relief under the following provisions—

(a) section 40D of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1992;
(b) section 41 of that Act;
(c) section 42 of that Act;
(d) section 48 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1997.

44. Distributions (reasonable commercial return for use of principal secured)

Resolved, That provision may be made as to the cases in which any interest or other distribution out of assets of a company is a distribution, within the meaning of the Corporation Tax Acts, by virtue of section 209(2)(d) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

45. References to accounting practice etc

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made standardising references in the Tax Acts to accounting practice and periods of account.

46. Discounted securities etc

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1996.

47. Valuation of trading stock

Resolved, That provision may be made as to the valuation of trading stock sold or transferred together with other assets.

48. Manufactured dividends and interest

Resolved, That provision may be made amending Schedule 23A to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

49. Venture capital trusts (winding up, mergers and further share issues)

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made—

(a) for cases where venture capital trusts are wound up;
(b) for mergers (including takeovers) of venture capital trusts;
(c) for disapplying, or restricting the application of, section 842AA(5B) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

50. Stamp duty (land in disadvantaged areas)

Resolved, That provision may be made about stamp duty on a conveyance or transfer of an estate or interest in land situated wholly or partly in a disadvantaged area, or on a lease of such land.
51. Stamp duty (withdrawal of group relief)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning with
24th April 2002 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section
50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) Paragraph (2) of this Resolution shall apply where—

(a) an instrument ("the relevant instrument") transferring land in the United
Kingdom from one company ("the transferor company") to another ("the
transferee company") has been stamped on the basis that group relief applies,
(b) before the end of the period of two years beginning with the date on which the
instrument was executed the transferee company ceases to be a member of the
same group as the transferor company, and
(c) at the time when it ceases to be a member of the same group as the transferor
company it holds an estate or interest in land—

(i) that was transferred to it by the relevant instrument, or
(ii) that is derived from an estate or interest that was so transferred,

and that was not subsequently transferred to it by a duly stamped instrument
for which group relief was not claimed.

(2) In those circumstances—

(a) group relief in relation to the relevant instrument, or an appropriate proportion
of it, is withdrawn, and
(b) the stamp duty that would have been payable on stamping the relevant
instrument but for group relief if the estate or interest in land transferred by that
instrument had been transferred at market value, or an appropriate proportion of
the duty that would have been so paid, is payable by the transferee company within
30 days after that company ceases to be a member of the same group as the
transferor company.

(3) In paragraph (2) of this Resolution “an appropriate proportion” means an
appropriate proportion having regard to what was transferred by the relevant instrument
and what the transferee company holds at the time it ceases to be a member of the same
group as the transferor company.

(4) In this Resolution “group relief” means relief under any of the following
provisions—

(a) section 42 of the Finance Act 1930 or section 11 of the Finance Act (Northern
Ireland) 1954;
(b) section 151 of the Finance Act 1995.

(5) In this Resolution—

(a) references to the transfer of land include the grant or surrender of an estate or
interest in or over land;
(b) “company” includes any body corporate; and
(c) references to a company being in the same group as another company are to the
companies being associated bodies corporate within the meaning of the relevant
group relief provision.

(6) Where the relevant instrument transfers land in the United Kingdom together with
other property, the provisions of this Resolution apply as if there were two separate
instruments, one relating to land in the United Kingdom and the other relating to other
property.

(7) Paragraph (2) of this Resolution does not apply if the transferee company ceases
to be a member of the same group as the transferor company by reason of the latter
company leaving the group.

(8) The transferor company is regarded as leaving the group if the companies cease to
be members of the same group by reason of a transaction relating to shares in—

(a) the transferor company, or
(b) another company that as a result of the transaction ceases to be a member of the
same group as the transferee company.

(9) Paragraph (2) of this Resolution does not apply if—

(a) the transferee company ceases to be a member of the same group as the transferor
company as a result of an acquisition of shares by another company (“the parent
company”) in relation to which acquisition relief applies, and
(b) the transferee company is immediately after that acquisition a member of the
same group as the parent company (“the new group”).
(10) For this purpose—
(a) “acquisition relief” means relief under section 75 of the Finance Act 1986; and
(b) references to an acquisition in relation to which such relief applies are to an
acquisition such that an instrument effecting the transfer of the shares is exempt
from stamp duty by virtue of that provision.

(11) But if before the end of the period of two years beginning with the date on which
the relevant instrument was executed—
(a) the transferee company ceases to be a member of the new group, and
(b) at the time when it ceases to be a member of the new group it holds an estate or
interest in land that—
(i) was transferred to it by the relevant instrument, or
(ii) is derived from an estate or interest that was so transferred,
and that was not subsequently transferred to it by a duly stamped instrument for
which group relief was not claimed,
the provisions of this Resolution shall apply as if the company had then ceased to be a
member of the same group as the transferor company.

(12) Where an amount of duty is payable under this Resolution, interest on that
amount is payable as from the end of the period of 30 days from the day on which the
relevant instrument was executed.

(13) The provisions of section 15A(3) to (5) of the Stamp Act 1891 apply in relation to
interest under paragraph (12) of this Resolution.

(14) The transferee company shall, within the period of 30 days mentioned in
paragraph (2)(b) of this Resolution within which payment is to be made, notify the
Commissioners of—
(a) the date on which it ceased to be a member of the same group as the transferor
company,
(b) the relevant land held by it at that time,
(c) the nature of the relevant instrument, the date on which it was executed, the
parties to the instrument and the date on which the instrument was stamped,
(d) the market value of the land transferred to it by the relevant instrument at the
date on which that instrument was executed, and
(e) the amount of duty and interest payable by it under this Resolution.

(15) In paragraph (14)(b) of this Resolution the “relevant land” held by the transferee
company means every estate or interest in relation to which paragraph (1)(c) of this
Resolution applies.

(16) Section 98 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 shall have effect as if a reference
to paragraph (14) of this Resolution were inserted in the second column of the Table in
subsection (5) of that section.

(17) The provisions of regulations under section 98 of the Finance Act 1986, and the
provisions of the Taxes Management Act 1970 applied by those regulations, have effect
with the necessary modifications in relation to—
(a) the determination by the Commissioners of the duty payable under this
Resolution or the interest payable thereon,
(b) appeals against any such determination, and
(c) the collection and recovery of any such duty or interest,
as if it were an amount of stamp duty reserve tax.

(18) This paragraph applies where—
(a) an amount is payable under this Resolution by the transferee company,
(b) a notice of determination of the amount payable has been issued by the
Commissioners, and
(c) the whole or part of that amount is unpaid six months after the date on which it
became payable.

(19) The following persons may, by notice under paragraph (22) of this Resolution, be
required to pay the unpaid amount—
(a) any company that at any relevant time was a member of the same group as the
transferee company, and
(b) any person who at any relevant time was a controlling director of the transferee
company or of a company having control of the transferee company.

(20) For this purpose a “relevant time” means any time between the execution of the
relevant instrument and the transferee company ceasing to be a member of the same
group as the transferor company.
(21) In paragraph (19) of this Resolution—
(a) “director”, in relation to a company, has the meaning given by section 168(8) of
the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (read with subsection (9) of that
section) and includes any person falling within section 417(5) of that Act (read with
subsection (6) of that section); and
(b) “controlling director”, in relation to a company, means a director of the
company who has control of it (construing control in accordance with section 416
of that Act).

(22) The Commissioners may serve a notice on a person within paragraph (19) of this
Resolution requiring him, within 30 days of the service of the notice, to pay the amount
that remains unpaid.

(23) Any such notice must be served before the end of the period of three years
beginning with the date on which the notice of determination mentioned in paragraph
(18)(b) of this Resolution is issued.

(24) The notice must state the amount required to be paid by the person on whom the
notice is served.

(25) The notice has effect—
(a) for the purposes of the recovery from that person of the amount required to be
paid and of interest on that amount, and
(b) for the purposes of appeals,
as if it were a notice of determination and that amount were an amount of stamp duty
reserve tax due from that person.

(26) A person who has paid an amount in pursuance of a notice under paragraph (22)
of this Resolution may recover that amount from the transferee company.

(27) A payment in pursuance of such a notice is not allowed as a deduction in
computing any income, profits or losses for any tax purposes.

(28) The Commissioners may by notice require any person to furnish them within such
time, not being less than 30 days, as may be specified in the notice with such information
(including documents or records) as the Commissioners may reasonably require for the
purposes of this Resolution.

(29) A barrister or solicitor shall not be obliged in pursuance of a notice under
paragraph (28) of this Resolution to disclose, without his client’s consent, any
information with respect to which a claim to professional privilege could be maintained.

(30) Section 98 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 shall have effect as if a reference
to paragraph (28) of this Resolution were inserted in the first column of the Table in
subsection (5) of that section.

(31) This Resolution shall be construed as one with the Stamp Act 1891.

(32) This Resolution shall apply where the relevant instrument is executed after 23rd
April 2002.

(33) But this Resolution does not apply to an instrument giving effect to a contract
made on or before 17th April 2002, unless—
(a) the instrument is made in consequence of the exercise after that date of any
option, right of pre-emption or similar right, or
(b) the instrument transfers the property in question to, or vests it in, a person other
than the purchaser under the contract because of an assignment (or, in Scotland,
assignation) or further contract made after that date.

(34) This Resolution shall come into force on 24th April 2002.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution
should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.

52. Stamp duty (restriction of relief for company acquisitions)

Resolved. That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning with
24th April 2002 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section
50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) Section 76 of the Finance Act 1986 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (2) for “the condition mentioned in subsection (3) below” substitute
“the first and second conditions (as defined below)”.

(3) In subsection (3) for “The condition” substitute “The first condition”.

Resolved. That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning with
24th April 2002 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section
50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

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“the first and second conditions (as defined below)”.

(3) In subsection (3) for “The condition” substitute “The first condition”. 
(4) After subsection (3) insert—

“(3A) The second condition applies only in relation to an instrument transferring land in the United Kingdom and is that the acquiring company is not associated with another company that is a party to arrangements with the target company relating to shares of the acquiring company issued in connection with the transfer of the undertaking or part.

(3B) Where an instrument transfers land in the United Kingdom together with other property, the provisions of this section apply as if there were two separate instruments, one relating to land in the United Kingdom and the other relating to other property.”.

(5) In subsection (5) for “subsection (2) above” (twice) substitute “this section”.

(6) After subsection (6) insert—

“(6A) For the purposes of subsection (3A) above—

(a) companies are associated if one has control of the other or both are controlled by the same person or persons, and

(b) “arrangements” includes any scheme, agreement or understanding, whether or not legally enforceable.”.

The references in paragraph (a) above to control shall be construed in accordance with section 416 of the Taxes Act 1988.”.

(7) This Resolution shall apply to instruments executed after 23rd April 2002.

(8) But this Resolution does not apply to an instrument giving effect to a contract made on or before 17th April 2002, unless—

(a) the instrument is made in consequence of the exercise after that date of any option, right of pre-emption or similar right, or

(b) the instrument transfers the property in question to, or vests it in, a person other than the purchaser under the contract because of an assignment (or, in Scotland, assignation) or further contract made after that date.

(9) This Resolution shall come into force on 24th April 2002.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.

53. Stamp duty (withdrawal of relief for company acquisitions)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning with 24th April 2002 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) Paragraph (2) of this Resolution shall apply where—

(a) an instrument (“the relevant instrument”) transferring land in the United Kingdom from one company to another company (“the acquiring company”) has been stamped on the basis that relief under section 76 of the Finance Act 1986 (“section 76 relief”) applies,

(b) before the end of the period of two years beginning with the date on which the instrument was executed control of the acquiring company changes, and

(c) at the time control of that company changes the acquiring company holds an estate or interest in land—

(i) that was transferred to it by the relevant instrument, or

(ii) that is derived from an estate or interest so transferred, and that was not subsequently transferred to it by a duly stamped instrument on which ad valorem duty was paid and in relation to which section 76 relief was not claimed.

(2) In those circumstances—

(a) section 76 relief in relation to the relevant instrument, or an appropriate proportion of it, is withdrawn, and

(b) the additional stamp duty that would have been payable on stamping the relevant instrument but for section 76 relief if the estate or interest in land transferred by that instrument had been transferred at market value, or an appropriate proportion of that additional duty, is payable by the acquiring company within 30 days after control of that company changes.

(3) In paragraph (2) of this Resolution “an appropriate proportion” means an appropriate proportion having regard to what was transferred by the relevant instrument and what the acquiring company holds at the time control of it changes.
(4) In this Resolution—
(a) references to the transfer of land include the grant or surrender of an estate or interest in or over land;
(b) “control” shall be construed in accordance with section 416 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988; and
(c) references to control of a company changing are to the company becoming controlled—
   (i) by a different person,
   (ii) by a different number of persons, or
   (iii) by two or more persons at least one of whom is not the person, or one of the persons, by whom the company was previously controlled.

(5) Where the relevant instrument transfers land in the United Kingdom together with other property, the provisions of this Resolution apply as if there were two separate instruments, one relating to land in the United Kingdom and the other relating to other property.

(6) Paragraph (2) of this Resolution does not apply by reason of control of the acquiring company changing as a result of any of the transactions listed in the Schedule to the Stamp Duty (Exempt Instruments) Regulations 1987.

(7) Paragraph (2) of this Resolution does not apply by reason of control of the acquiring company changing as a result of a transfer of shares (“the intra-group transfer”) in relation to which group relief applies.

(8) For this purpose—
(a) “group relief” means relief under section 42 of the Finance Act 1930 or section 11 of the Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1954; and
(b) references to a transfer in relation to which group relief applies are to a transfer such that an instrument effecting the transfer is exempt from stamp duty by virtue of either of the group relief provisions.

(9) But if before the end of the period of two years beginning with the date on which the relevant instrument was executed—
(a) a company (“company B”) holding shares in the acquiring company to which the intra-group share transfer related, or that are derived from shares to which that instrument related, ceases to be a member of the same group as the company referred to in section 76 as the target company (“company C”), and
(b) the acquiring company, at that time, holds an estate or interest in land—
   (i) that was transferred to it by the relevant instrument, or
   (ii) that is derived from an estate or interest so transferred, and that was not subsequently transferred to it by a duly stamped instrument on which ad valorem duty was paid and in relation to which section 76 relief was not claimed, the following provisions apply.

(10) In those circumstances—
(a) section 76 relief in relation to the relevant instrument (or an appropriate proportion of that relief) is withdrawn, and
(b) the additional stamp duty that would have been paid on stamping the relevant instrument but for that relief if the land in question had been transferred by that instrument at market value, or an appropriate proportion of that amount, is payable by the acquiring company within 30 days after company B ceases to be a member of the same group as company C.

(11) In paragraphs (7) to (10) of this Resolution—
(a) “company” includes any body corporate; and
(b) references to a company being in the same group as another company are to the companies being associated bodies corporate within the meaning of the relevant group relief provision.

(12) Paragraph (2) of this Resolution does not apply by reason of control of the acquiring company changing as a result of a transfer of shares (“the exempt transfer”) to another company (“the parent company”) in relation to which share acquisition relief applies.

(13) For this purpose—
(a) “share acquisition relief” means relief under section 77 of the Finance Act 1986; and
(b) references to a transfer in relation to which such relief applies are to a transfer such that an instrument effecting the transfer is exempt from stamp duty by virtue of that provision.
(14) But if before the end of the period of two years beginning with the date on which the relevant instrument was executed—

(a) control of the parent company changes at a time when that company holds any shares transferred to it by the exempt transfer, or any shares derived from shares so transferred, and

(b) the acquiring company, at that time, holds an estate or interest in land—

(i) that was transferred to it by the relevant instrument, or

(ii) that is derived from an estate or interest so transferred, and that was not subsequently transferred to it by a duly stamped instrument on which *ad valorem* duty was paid and in relation to which section 76 relief was not claimed, the following provisions apply.

(15) In those circumstances—

(a) section 76 relief in relation to the relevant instrument (or an appropriate proportion of that relief) is withdrawn, and

(b) the additional stamp duty that would have been paid on stamping the relevant instrument but for that relief if the land in question had been transferred by that instrument at market value, or an appropriate proportion of that additional duty, is payable by the acquiring company within 30 days after control of the parent company changed.

(16) Where an amount of duty is payable under this Resolution, interest on that amount is payable as from the end of the period of 30 days from the day on which the relevant instrument was executed.

(17) The provisions of section 15A(3) to (5) of the Stamp Act 1891 apply in relation to interest under paragraph (16) of this Resolution.

(18) The acquiring company shall, within the period of 30 days within which payment is to be made, notify the Commissioners of—

(a) the date on which the event occurred by reason of which it is liable to make a payment of duty under this Resolution,

(b) the relevant land held by it at that time,

(c) the nature of the relevant instrument, the date on which it was executed, the parties to the instrument and the date on which the instrument was stamped,

(d) the market value of the land transferred to it by the relevant instrument at the date on which that instrument was executed, and

(e) the amount of duty and interest payable by it.

(19) In paragraph (18)(b) of this Resolution the “relevant land” held by the acquiring company means every estate or interest in relation to which paragraph (1)(c) of this Resolution applies.

(20) Section 98 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 shall have effect as if a reference to paragraph (18) of this Resolution were inserted in the second column of the Table in subsection (5) of that section.

(21) The provisions of regulations under section 98 of the Finance Act 1986, and the provisions of the Taxes Management Act 1970 applied by those regulations, have effect with the necessary modifications in relation to—

(a) the determination by the Commissioners of the duty payable under this Resolution or the interest payable thereon,

(b) appeals against any such determination, and

(c) the collection and recovery of any such duty or interest, as if it were an amount of stamp duty reserve tax.

(22) This paragraph applies where—

(a) an amount is payable under this Resolution by the acquiring company,

(b) a notice of determination of the amount payable has been issued by the Inland Revenue, and

(c) the whole or part of that amount is unpaid six months after the date on which it became payable.

(23) The following persons may, by notice under paragraph (26) of this Resolution, be required to pay the unpaid amount—

(a) any company that at any relevant time was a member of the same group as the acquiring company, and

(b) any person who at any relevant time was a controlling director of the acquiring company or of a company having control of the acquiring company.
(24) For this purpose a “relevant time” means any time between the execution of the relevant instrument and the change of control by virtue of which the liability to pay the amount arises.

(25) In paragraph (23) of this Resolution—
(a) references to companies being in the same group are to one company having control of the other or both companies being under the control of the same person or persons;
(b) “director”, in relation to a company, has the meaning given by section 168(8) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (read with subsection (9) of that section) and includes any person falling within section 417(5) of that Act (read with subsection (6) of that section); and
(c) “controlling director”, in relation to a company, means a director of the company who has control of it.

(26) The Commissioners may serve a notice on a person within paragraph (23) of this Resolution requiring him, within 30 days of the service of the notice, to pay the amount that remains unpaid.

(27) Any such notice must be served before the end of the period of three years beginning with the date on which the notice of determination mentioned in paragraph (22)(b) is issued.

(28) The notice must state the amount required to be paid by the person on whom the notice is served.

(29) The notice has effect—
(a) for the purposes of the recovery from that person of the amount required to be paid and of interest on that amount, and
(b) for the purposes of appeals,
as if it were a notice of determination and that amount were an amount of stamp duty reserve tax due from that person.

(30) A person who has paid an amount in pursuance of a notice under paragraph (26) of this Resolution may recover that amount from the acquiring company.

(31) A payment in pursuance of such a notice is not allowed as a deduction in computing any income, profits or losses for any tax purposes.

(32) The Commissioners may by notice require any person to furnish them within such time, not being less than 30 days, as may be specified in the notice with such information (including documents or records) as the Commissioners may reasonably require for the purposes of this Resolution.

(33) A barrister or solicitor shall not be obliged in pursuance of a notice under paragraph (32) of this Resolution to disclose, without his client’s consent, any information with respect to which a claim to professional privilege could be maintained.

(34) Section 98 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 shall have effect as if a reference to paragraph (32) of this Resolution were inserted in the first column of the Table in subsection (5) of that section.

(35) This Resolution shall be construed as one with the Stamp Act 1891.

(36) This Resolution shall apply where the relevant instrument is executed after 23rd April 2002.

(37) But this Resolution does not apply to an instrument giving effect to a contract made on or before 17th April 2002, unless—
(a) the instrument is made in consequence of the exercise after that date of any option, right of pre-emption or similar right, or
(b) the instrument transfers the property in question to, or vests it in, a person other than the purchaser under the contract because of an assignment (or, in Scotland, assignation) or further contract made after that date.

(38) This Resolution shall come into force on 24th April 2002.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.

54. Stamp duty (contracts for sale of land)

Resolved, That provision may be made with respect to stamp duty on contracts or agreements for the sale of an estate or interest on land.
55. Stamp duty (abolition on instruments relating to goodwill)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning 23rd April 2002 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) No stamp duty shall be chargeable on an instrument for the sale, transfer or other disposition of goodwill.

(2) The provisions of paragraphs (3) to (7) of this Resolution shall apply where stamp duty under Part 1 of Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1999 is chargeable on an instrument that relates partly to goodwill and partly to property other than goodwill.

(3) In such a case—

(a) the consideration in respect of which duty would otherwise be charged shall be apportioned, on a just and reasonable basis, as between the goodwill and the other property, and

(b) the instrument shall be charged only in respect of the consideration attributed to the other property.

(4) Where part of the property referred to in section 58(1) of the Stamp Act 1891 consists of goodwill, that provision shall have effect as if “the parties think fit” read “is just and reasonable”.

(5) Where part of the property referred to in section 58(2) of the Stamp Act 1891 consists of goodwill, and both or (as the case may be) all the relevant persons are connected with one another, that provision shall have effect as if the words from “for distinct parts of the consideration” to the end of the subsection read “the consideration shall be apportioned in such manner as is just and reasonable, so that a distinct consideration for each separate part or parcel is set forth in the conveyance relating thereto, and such conveyance is to be charged with ad valorem duty in respect of such distinct consideration.”.

(6) In a case where paragraph (4) or (5) of this Resolution applies and the consideration is apportioned in a manner that is not just and reasonable, the enactments relating to stamp duty shall have effect as if—

(a) the consideration had been apportioned in a manner that is just and reasonable, and

(b) the amount of any distinct consideration set forth in any conveyance relating to a separate part or parcel of property were such amount as is found by a just and reasonable apportionment (and not the amount actually set forth).

(7) For the purposes of paragraph (5) of this Resolution—

(a) a person is a relevant person if he is a person by or for whom the property is contracted to be purchased;

(b) the question whether persons are connected with one another shall be determined in accordance with section 839 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

(8) Goodwill shall be disregarded for the purposes of paragraph 6 of Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1999.

(9) Any statement as mentioned in paragraph 6(1) of that Schedule shall be construed as leaving out of account any matter which is to be so disregarded.

(10) Section 12 of the Finance Act 1895 does not require any person who is authorised to purchase any property as mentioned in that section after 23rd April 2002 to include any goodwill in the instrument of conveyance required by that section to be produced to the Commissioners.

(11) If the property consists wholly of goodwill no instrument of conveyance need be produced to the Commissioners under that section.

(12) Paragraphs (1) to (9) of this Resolution shall apply to instruments executed on or after 23rd April 2002.

(13) Paragraphs (10) and (11) of this Resolution shall apply where the Act mentioned in that section, and by virtue of which property is vested or a person is authorised to purchase property, is passed after 23rd April 2002.

(14) In this Resolution “the enactments relating to stamp duty” means the Stamp Act 1891 and any enactment amending that Act or that is to be construed as one with that Act.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of section 50 of the Finance Act 1973.
56. Inheritance tax (powers over settled property or a settlement)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending the Inheritance Tax Act 1984 in relation to powers over, or exercisable (whether directly or indirectly) in relation to, settled property or a settlement.

57. Rate of landfill tax

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 42(1)(a) and (2) of the Finance Act 1996, for “£12” there shall be substituted “£13”.

(2) This Resolution shall have effect in relation to taxable disposals made, or treated as made, on or after 1st April 2002.

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.

58. Climate change levy (combined heat and power stations and renewable sources)

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to electricity produced in combined heat and power stations or from renewable sources.

59. Climate change levy (incorrect certificates)

Resolved, That—

(1) In Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 2000, in sub-paragraph (2)(a) of paragraph 101—
(a) in sub-paragraph (ii) for “18 and 21, or” there shall be substituted “15, 18 and 21,;”;
(b) before the word “and” at the end of sub-paragraph (iii) there shall be inserted “or (iv) a reduced-rate supply (or reduced-rate supplies),”.

(2) This Resolution shall apply in relation to certificates given in respect of any supplies made on or after 24th April 2002.

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.

60. Climate change levy (invoices incorrectly showing levy due)

Resolved, That provision may be made about the issuing of invoices that show an amount chargeable as climate change levy where no levy is chargeable in respect of the supply in question, or the amount so chargeable is less than the amount shown.

61. Aggregates tax (amendments to provisions exempting spoil etc)

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 17(3) of the Finance Act 2001—
(a) in paragraph (e) after “or other by-products” there shall be inserted “; not including the overburden,”;
(b) after that paragraph there shall be inserted—

“(f) it consists wholly of the spoil from any process by which—
(i) coal, lignite, slate or shale, or
(ii) a substance listed in section 18(3) below, has been separated from other rock after being extracted or won with that other rock,”.

(2) Section 17(4)(b) of that Act shall be omitted.

(3) This Resolution shall be deemed to have come into force on 1st April 2002.

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.

62. Aggregates levy (crushing and cutting rock)

Resolved, That—

(1) The following provisions of the Finance Act 2001 shall be omitted—
(a) section 17(3)(a);
(b) in section 20(1)—

(i) the words “and is not rock” in paragraphs (a) and (b), and
(ii) paragraph (c);
(c) section 21(2)(b);
(d) section 24(6)(b) and (8)(a).

(2) In section 18(2)(a) of that Act, for “dimension stone” there shall be substituted “stone with one or more flat surfaces”.

(3) This Resolution shall be deemed to have come into force on 1st April 2002.

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.

63. Aggregates levy (miscellaneous amendments)

The Question being put, That—

(1) In section 197(2) of the Finance Act 1996, in paragraph (h)(ii) for “paragraph 8(3)(a)” there shall be substituted “paragraphs 6 and 8(3)(a)”.

(2) In section 16(1) of the Finance Act 2001, for “A levy” there shall be substituted “A tax”.

(3) In section 17 of that Act—
(a) for paragraph (2)(d) there shall be substituted—
“(d) it is aggregate that on the commencement date is on a site other than—
(i) its originating site, or
(ii) a site that is required to be registered under the name of a person who is the operator, or one of the operators, of that originating site.”;
(b) in subsection (3)(d)(ii), for “otherwise than wholly or mainly” there shall be substituted “not”;
(c) in subsection (4)(d)—
(i) after “the Petroleum Act 1998” there shall be inserted “or the Petroleum (Production) Act (Northern Ireland) 1964 (c. 28 (N.I.))”;
(ii) the words from “otherwise” to the end shall be omitted.

(4) In section 18 of that Act—
(a) in subsection (2)(c), for “some other substance” there shall be substituted “anything else”;
(b) in subsection (3), paragraphs (d) and (h) shall be omitted.

(5) In section 19 of that Act—
(a) in subsection (2)(b) for the words from “who is the operator” to the end there shall be substituted “under whose name that originating site is also registered”;
(b) after subsection (3) there shall be inserted—
“(3A) For the purposes of subsection (3)(a) above “business” includes any activity of a Government department, local authority or charity.”;
(c) in subsection (4), for the words “adjacent land” in both places there shall be substituted “other land”.

(6) In section 22 of that Act, at the end of subsection (2) there shall be inserted—
“For the purposes of this subsection “business” includes any activity of a Government department, local authority or charity.”.

(7) In section 24(6) of that Act, after paragraph (c) there shall be inserted—
“(ca) for mixing, otherwise than in permitted circumstances (within the meaning given by section 19(7)), any aggregate with any material or substance other than water,”.

(8) In section 37(7) of that Act, paragraphs (g) to (j) shall be omitted.

(9) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 of that Act—
(a) for sub-paragraph (1) there shall be substituted—
“(1) An unregistered person who—
(a) is required to be registered for the purposes of aggregates levy, or
(b) has formed the intention of carrying out taxable activities that are registrable,
shall notify the Commissioners of that fact.
(1A) An unregistered person who—

(a) would be required to be registered for the purposes of aggregates levy but for an exemption by virtue of regulations under section 24(4) of this Act, or

(b) has formed the intention of carrying out taxable activities that would be registrable but for such an exemption,

shall, in such cases or circumstances as may be prescribed in the regulations, notify the Commissioners of that fact.

(1B) For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (1) and (1A) above, taxable activities are “registrable” if a person carrying them out is, by reason of doing so, required by section 24(2) of this Act to be registered for the purposes of aggregates levy.”;

(b) in sub-paragraphs (2) and (5), after “sub-paragraph (1)” there shall be inserted “or (1A)”.

(10) In paragraph 11(2) of Schedule 8 to that Act, paragraphs (f), (g) and (h) shall be omitted.

(11) This Resolution shall be deemed to have come into force on 1st April 2002.

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 Tony McNulty, Mr Ian Pearson: 319.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Thomas, Pete Wishart: 32.

So the Question was agreed to.

64. Aggregates levy (amendments to provisions about civil penalties)

Resolved, That—

(1) In Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 2001—

(a) in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 7—

(i) the word “and” shall be inserted at the end of paragraph (a);

(ii) paragraph (b) and the words from “equal to the amount” to the end shall be omitted;

(b) after that sub-paragraph there shall be inserted—

“(1A) The amount of the penalty shall be—

(a) equal to the amount of the levy evaded, or (as the case may be) intended to be evaded, by the person’s conduct if at the time of engaging in that conduct he was or was required to be registered;

(b) equal to twice that amount if at that time the person neither was nor was required to be registered.”;

(c) in sub-paragraph (3) and (4) of paragraph 7, for “sub-paragraph (1)” there shall be substituted “sub-paragraph (1A)”;

(d) after paragraph 9 there shall be inserted—

“Incorrect records etc evidencing claim for tax credit

9A(1) This paragraph applies where—

(a) a claim is made for a tax credit in such a case as is mentioned in—

(i) section 30(1)(c) of this Act (aggregate used in a prescribed industrial or agricultural process), or

(ii) section 30A of this Act (transitional tax credit in Northern Ireland);

(b) a record or other document is provided to the Commissioners as evidence for the claim; and

(c) the record or document is incorrect.
(2) The person who provided the document to the Commissioners, and any person who provided it to anyone else with a view to its being used as evidence for a claim for a tax credit, shall be liable to a penalty.

(3) The amount of the penalty shall be equal to 105 per cent of the difference between—

(a) the amount of tax credit that would have been due on the claim if the record or document had been correct, and

(b) the amount (if any) of tax credit actually due on the claim.

(4) The providing of a record or other document shall not give rise to a penalty under this paragraph if the person who provided it satisfies the Commissioners or, on appeal, an appeal tribunal that there is a reasonable excuse for his having provided it.

(5) Where by reason of providing a record or other document—

(a) a person is convicted of an offence (whether under this Act or otherwise), or

(b) a person is assessed to a penalty under paragraph 7 or 9 above,

that person shall not by reason of the providing of the record or document be liable also to a penalty under this paragraph.”.

(2) This Resolution shall come into force on 1st May 2002.

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.

65. 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) that may arise from provisions designed in general to afford relief from taxation.

Procedure (Amounts Deducted from Payments to Sub-contractors),—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 include provision authorising sums deducted and paid to the Commissioners of Inland Revenue under section 559 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 to be treated as paid in respect of, or on account of, liabilities of the sub-contractor other than liabilities in respect of income tax or corporation tax.

Procedure (R&D Tax Credits),—Resolved, That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to the matters that may be included in Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may contain provision relating to R&D tax credits.

Procedure (Tax Credit for Vaccine and Medicine Research),—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 tax credits to be paid to companies in respect of research and development expenditure relating to vaccines or medicines.

Procedure (Recovery of Taxes etc Due in Other Member States),—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 include provision to give effect—


(b) to any Commission Directive laying down detailed rules for implementing the Mutual Assistance Recovery Directive;

(c) to any future amendments of the Mutual Assistance Recovery Directive.

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 income tax personal allowances for the year 2003–04;

(b) provision for corporation tax to be charged for the financial year 2003;

(c) provision amending section 158 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988;
(d) provision amending the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 and section 72 of the Finance Act 1991 with respect to claims to set trading losses against chargeable gains;

(e) provision amending the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 with respect to cases where chargeable gains are treated as accruing to a person under section 77 or 86 (read, where appropriate, with section 10A) of that Act;

(f) provision for gifts made on or after 6th April 2003 to be treated for the purposes of section 25 of the Finance Act 1990 as made in the year of assessment prior to that in which they are in fact made;

(g) provision about lorry road-user charge.

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 of the present Session relating to finance (“the Act”), 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 any provisions of the Act relating to vehicle excise and registration;

(b) any increase, attributable to any provisions of the Act relating to Schedule 20 to the Finance Act 2000, in the sums deducted from the gross revenues of the department of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for the purpose of the payment of R&D tax credits;

(c) the deduction of sums from those gross revenues for the purpose of the payment of tax credits in respect of research and development expenditure relating to vaccines or medicines;

(d) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of a relevant Minister within the meaning of section 6 of the European Communities Act 1972 resulting from any provisions of the Act relating to the recovery of amounts due in respect of agricultural levies of the European Community;

(e) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of sums required by a Minister of the Crown or government department for preparing for the introduction of lorry road-user charge;

(f) the payment out of the National Loans Fund with recourse to the Consolidated Fund of any expenses of the Treasury attributable to any provision of the Act relating to the administration of Government securities;

(g) any increase in the sums paid out of the National Loans Fund or the Consolidated Fund in accordance with section 16(9) of the National Loans Act 1968.

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 Blankett, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Byers, Mr Secretary Milburn, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Mr Andrew Smith, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Paul Boateng and Ruth Kelly do prepare and bring it in.

10 Finance Bill.—Mr Paul Boateng accordingly presented a Bill to grant certain duties, and to amend the law relating to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and to make further provision in connection with finance: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 125].

11 Deregulation.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft deregulation, etc., orders), That the draft Deregulation (Correction of Birth and Death Entries in Registers or Other Records) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 11th March, be approved—(Mr John Heppell):—It was agreed to.

12 Veterinary Surgeons.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (Schedule 3 Amendment) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 21st March, be approved—(Mr John Heppell):—It was agreed to.

13 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Northern Ireland Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme 2002, which was laid before this House on 10th April, be approved—(Mr John Heppell):—It was agreed to.

14 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 2nd May, do adjourn till Tuesday 7th May—(Mr John Heppell):—It was agreed to.
15 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell);

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

[Adjourned at 11.48 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

2 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the Wallace Collection for 2000-01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 784] [Clerk of the House].

3 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Major Repair and Overhaul of Land Equipment [by Act]; to be printed [No. 757] [Clerk of the House].

4 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [7th March] from residents of Brockenhurst against the creation of a campsite at New Park [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Court of Appeal (Appeals from Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission) Rules 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Barbara Follett and Kate Hoey from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Rules); and nominated in substitution Ross Cranston and Jane Griffiths.

2 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Visual Recording of Interviews) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr William Cash, Mrs Anne McGuire and Mr Stephen O’Brien from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr James Paice and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Genetically-modified Organisms Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Genetically-modified Organisms]; to be printed [No. 767-ii] [Mr Mark Todd].

2 European Scrutiny,—(1) Twenty-fifth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xxv]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Democracy and Accountability in the EU and the Role of National Parliaments]; to be printed [No. 347-xv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

3 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Sixth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Turkey], together with 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. 606]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 384-v] [Donald Anderson].
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 Gerry Sutcliffe.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.57 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 1st May.

2 Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr Win Griffiths 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 25th March.

3 European Standing Committee C,—Mr David Chidgey reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 10427/00, four draft Council Regulations and a draft Council Directive relating to food hygiene, and No. 15475/01, Commission Communication withdrawing one of the draft Council Regulations relating to food hygiene, and supports the Government’s aim of securing effective, proportionate legislation throughout the food chain to protect public health in relation to food.

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

4 Patents Act 1977 (Amendment) (No. 2),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Patents Act 1977 to enable a court to award additional damages in an action for infringement of patent: And that Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Oliver Letwin, Hugh Robertson, Mr Michael Jack, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr David Heath, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Dr Andrew Murrison, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr Hugo Swire and Mr Andrew Turner do prepare and bring it in.

5 Patents Act 1977 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Patents Act 1977 to enable a court to award additional damages in an action for infringement of patent: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 126].

6 Address to Her Majesty (Golden Jubilee),—Resolved, nemine contradicente, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of Her Accession to the Throne.

That the said Address be presented to Her Majesty by the whole House.—(The Prime Minister.)

7 Sittings of the House,—Resolved, That on Tuesday 30th April the House do meet at Ten o’clock, no Standing Committees shall sit earlier than half-past Three o’clock, and there shall be no sitting in Westminster Hall.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

8 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill,—The Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

9 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That at this day’s sitting, consideration of a Lords consequential Amendment to the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.

10 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill:

Committal

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

Programming of proceedings

(2) All proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed.
Proceedings in Standing Committee

(3) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 16th May.

(4) The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

Consideration and Third Reading

(5) 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.

(6) 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.

Programming Committee

(7) Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Smith, Dan Norris: 284.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr David Wilshire: 176.

So the Question was agreed to.

11 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill [Money];

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

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
   (a) any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown in connection with the Act, and
   (b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable out of money so provided, and

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

12 Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords consequential Amendment to the Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Bill [Lords].

Lords Amendment No. 50B was agreed to.

13 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 Court of Appeal (Appeals from Proscribed Organisations Appeal Commission) Rules 2002, which were laid before this House on 14th March, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—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. 97) (House of Commons Paper No. 721), on Local Government On-Line Funding to Local Authorities, which was laid before this House on 26th March, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

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 Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 98) (House of Commons Paper No. 727) on Maintenance of Roads Grant 2002–03, which was laid before this House on 10th April, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

16 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 (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 13th March, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.
17 Total Allowable Catches and Quotas 2002.—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. 14130/01, draft Council Regulation fixing for 2002 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where limitations in catch are required, No. 15238/01, draft Council Regulation fixing for 2002 the fishing opportunities for deep-sea fish stocks, and No. 6918/02, draft Council Regulation establishing specific access requirements and associated conditions applicable to fishing for deep-sea stocks; recognises that a number of fish stocks have fallen to particularly low levels; notes the Government’s success in negotiating TACs which take full account of scientific advice while securing the best possible fishing opportunities for UK fishermen; recognises that action is required to constrain fishing effort in relation to deep-sea species; and supports the Government’s attempts to secure a European agreement that will return these species to long-term viability—(Mr Ivor Caplin).—It was agreed to.

18 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.41 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Immigration,—Immigration Appeals (Family Visitor) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1147), dated 23rd April 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Social Security,—Social Security (Claims and Information) (Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1132), dated 17th April 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events,—Football Spectators (World Cup Control Period) (No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1143), dated 22nd April 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Other Papers:

5 Atomic Energy and Radioactive Substances,—Atomic Energy Authority (Special Constables) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1151), dated 18th April 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

6 Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by HM Treasury on 24th April 2002, in respect of temporary borrowing by the Civil Aviation Authority from National Westminster Bank plc [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

7 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Departmental Report 2002: The Government’s Expenditure Plans for 2002–03 to 2003–04 for the Department of International Development [by Command] [Cm. 5414] [Secretary Clare Short].

8 Local Government Finance,—Accounts of the Pooling of Non-Domestic Rates and Redistribution to Local Authorities in England for—

(1) 1999–2000, and
(2) 2000–01,

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 786 and 787] [Clerk of the House].

9 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Fourteenth to the Seventeenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5487] [Mr Paul Boateng].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [4th March] from Mrs Samantha Duffield, Mrs Nicola Dowsett, residents of Canvey Island and others against the siting of a mobile telephone mast at Prout Holdings, Canvey Island [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
11 Treaty Series (No. 18, 2002).—Agreement, done at Hong Kong on 23rd January 1998, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China concerning Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters [by Command] [Cm. 5502] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Order Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Lazarowicz and Mr Gordon Marsden from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Jeremy Corbyn and Laura Moffatt.

European Standing Committees

2 European Union Documents Nos. 11596/00 and 12488/01, relating to the non-commercial movement of pet animals, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Fourth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Communications], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 539] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Defence and Security in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [No. 518-ix] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Education and Skills.—(1) Third Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Individual Learning Accounts], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 561];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Post-16 student support]; to be printed [No. 445-ii]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Individual Learning Accounts] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Sustainable Energy]; to be printed [Nos. 582-iv and -v] [Mr John Horam].

5 European Scrutiny.—(1) Twenty-sixth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xxvi]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Barcelona European Council]; to be printed [No. 790] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Delayed Discharges]; to be printed [No. 617-iv] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Third Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Introduction of the Aggregates Levy in Northern Ireland: The Government’s Response], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 713] [Mr Michael Mates].

8 Procedure.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Parliamentary Questions and Electronic Tabling of Questions and Motions]; to be printed [No. 622-v] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

9 Public Accounts.—(1) Thirty-second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Implementation of the National Probation Service Information Systems Strategy]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 357];

(2) Thirty-third Report from the Committee [Income Tax Self Assessment]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 296]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Performance Management—Helping to Reduce World Poverty], to be printed [No. 793-1]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

10 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Human Genetics and Embryology]; to be printed [No. 791] [Dr Ian Gibson].

11 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Planning Green Paper]; to be printed [No. 476-iv] [Andrew Bennett]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Ports]; to be printed [No. 788-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

12 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Budget 2002]; to be printed [No. 780-iii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 135; WH, No. 76.]

Wednesday 24th April 2002.

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 John Hutton.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

[No. 136.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 HSBC Investment Banking Bill [Lords].—The HSBC Investment Banking Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

2 London Development Agency Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Development Agency Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 2nd May.

3 State Pension Credit Bill [Lords].—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from Standing Committee A. That it had gone through the State Pension Credit 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. 799].

4 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Order Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.

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:

Disability Discrimination (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 and the Disability Rights Commission Act 1999; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Adjournment (International Development).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Graham Stringer):

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

7 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of South Dorset urging that future arrangements for grant support to local authorities should not disadvantage small shire districts was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
8 Adjournment.—Resolution, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

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 Dentists,—Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Climate Change Levy,—Climate Change Levy (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1152), dated 24th April 2002 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].


[by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

4 Transport,—Railways (Interoperability) (High-Speed) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1166), dated 24th April 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].


Other Papers:

6 Chemical Weapons,—Report for 2001 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the operation of the Chemical Weapons Act 1996 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 National Health Service,—Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on loans proposed to be raised by—

(1) Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals National Health Service Trust,

(2) Northampton General Hospital National Health Service Trust,

(3) United Bristol Healthcare National Health Service Trust, and

(4) Weston Area Health National Health Service Trust
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Copyright (Visually Impaired Persons) Bill:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Frank Cook Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Paul Holmes from the Committee (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Roger Williams.

2 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E, and has appointed Mr Eric Illesley and Mr Alan Hurst Chairmen; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Allan, Mr Gregory Barker, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Angela Eagle, Mike Gapes, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Simon Hughes, Mr David Lammy, Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Humphrey Malins, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Mr Terry Rooney, Angela Watkinson and Ms Rosie Winterton.
3 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Ms Angela Eagle, Mr Mike Gapes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Simon Hughes, Mrs Anne McGuire and Mr Humfrey Malins members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Paul Boateng, Kevin Brennan, Mr John Burnett, Mr Jim Cousins, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Peter Duncan, Barbara Follett, Mr David Lidington, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Gordon Prentice, Helen Southworth, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr James Wray.

5 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 96) (House of Commons Paper No. 710), on Special Grants for School Standards and Support of Post-Sixteen Budgets:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Second 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: Mr Graham Brady, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Nick Gibb, Mr John Heppell, Alan Howarth, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Albert Owen, Mr David Rendel, Jonathan Shaw, Bob Spink, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Mr Phil Willis.

6 Draft Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002 and the draft Tax Credits (Decisions and Appeals) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Michael Connarty, Mrs Janet Dean, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mr Howard Flight, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Peter Luff, Mr David Miliband, Mr Marsha Singh, Angela Smith, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Michael Trend, Mr Nigel Waterson, Steve Webb and Malcolm Wicks.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Tony Banks, Mr Harold Best, Mr Paul Boateng, Mrs Helen Clark, Mr David Heath, Mr Mark Hoban, Kate Hoey, Mr David Lidington, Mr Peter Luff, Judy Mallaber, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Alex Salmond, Helen Southworth, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr Tom Watson.

8 Draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Order Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Louise Ellman and Mr Gerry Steinberg from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr John Battle and Ms Karen Buck.

9 Draft Offshore Chemicals Regulations 2002:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Candy Atherton, Richard Burden, Andy Burnham, Brian Cotter, Mr David Drew, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Robert Key, Mr Ian Pearson, Adam Price, James Purnell, Mr Ernie Ross, Mark Simmonds, Ian Stewart and Mr Brian Wilson.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Vera Baird, Virginia Bottomley, Michael Fabricant, Nick Harvey, Mr David Heyes, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Eric Joyce, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Martin Linton, Mr Calum MacDonald, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Martin Salter, Mr Paul Stinchcombe and John Thurso.

Grand Committees

11 The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Wednesday 8th May.

European Standing Committees

12 The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 15500/01, entitled Promotion of the use of biofuels in road transport.

13 The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Documents Nos. 5721/02, 5744/02, 5723/02, 5726/02 and 5727/02, concerning railways.

14 The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 6980/02, entitled Orders freezing assets or evidence.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Major Procurement Projects]; to be printed [No. 779-i] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Public Administration,—(1) Sixth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [The Second Chamber: Continuing the Reform—The Government’s Response to the Committee’s Fifth Report], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 794]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Public Appointments and Patronage]; to be printed [No. 686-v] [Tony Wright].

[No. 136; WH, No. 77.]


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

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

Adjournment (British–US Relations—Second Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2001–02, and the Government’s response thereto),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Graham Stringer);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Wednesday 1st May, pursuant to Order [yesterday].

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

PRAYERS.

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

Police Reform Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make new provision about the supervision, administration, functions and conduct of police forces, police officers and other persons serving with, or carrying out functions in relation to, the police; to amend police powers and to provide for the exercise of police powers by persons who are not police officers; to amend the law relating to anti-social behaviour orders; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Police Reform Bill [Lords].—The Police Reform Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 29th April and to be printed [Bill 127].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Police Reform Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 127–EN].

3 Adjournment (The quality of life in local communities).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Fraser Kemp);

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

And the Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;

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

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

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

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

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

[Adjourned at 2.52 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

2 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [12th March] from Desiree Marie Eriksson-Hills and others for exemption of transplant patients from prescription charges [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
PRAYERS.

1 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Aggregates Levy (Registration and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4027) and the Aggregates Levy (General) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 761).

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

2 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Cran reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Visual Recording of Interviews) Order 2002.

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

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

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution, to which they desire the concurrence of this House: That it is expedient that a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to consider and report on any draft Communications Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown, and that the Committee should report not later than three months after any such Bill has been presented to both Houses.

4 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords];

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House, whilst supporting the aim of reducing the number of deaths from smoking, declines to give a Second Reading to the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords] because there is insufficient evidence that its provisions will lead to a quantifiable reduction in tobacco consumption; because it does not allow for a mechanism for testing and reflection upon the assumptions upon which the Bill is based; and because it does nothing to combat the increase in the prevalence of smoking amongst teenagers and other vulnerable groups due to the growth in the importation and sale of illegal tobacco products’, instead thereof.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Julian Brazier: 130.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Fraser Kemp: 349.

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.

5 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords] (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords]:

Committal

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

Programming of proceedings

(2) All proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any other messages from the Lords) may be programmed.

Proceedings in Standing Committee

(3) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 14th May.

(4) The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.
Consideration and Third Reading

(5) 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.

(6) 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 proceedings on consideration are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o’clock on that day.

(7) Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Fraser Kemp: 346.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Desmond Swayne: 140.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords][Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords] [Money],

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

(a) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State under the Act, and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.

7 Legal Services Commission.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Criminal Defence Service (Representation Order Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 26th March, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.

8 Food Hygiene.—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 No. 10427/00, four draft Council Regulations and a draft Council Directive relating to food hygiene, and No. 15475/01, Commission Communication withdrawing one of the draft Council Regulations relating to food hygiene, and supports the Government’s aim of securing effective, proportionate legislation throughout the food chain to protect public health in relation to food—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.

9 Pensions.—Ordered, That the Occupational Pensions Schemes (Minimum Funding Requirement and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 380), dated 24th February 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th February, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

10 Social Security.—Ordered, That the Social Security (Disability Living Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 648), dated 11th March 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th March, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

11 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Herefordshire for bringing forward the hospital review due in 2007 in order to provide more beds in the new Hereford Hospital was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

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 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Regulatory Reform (Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979) Order 2002, together with a statement by the Department for Work and Pensions [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1080), dated 17th April 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].


Other Papers:

4 Biological Weapons,—Paper, entitled Strengthening the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention: Countering the Threat from Biological Weapons [by Command] [Cm. 5484] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Broadcasting,—Report and Financial Statements of the Channel Four Television Corporation for 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

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

   National Health Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 561)

   [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Aggregates Levy (Registration and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 4027) and the Aggregates Levy (General) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 761),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tom Watson from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution David Wright.

2 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Visual Recording of Interviews) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Chris Bryant, Mrs Cheryl Gillan and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Tony Cunningham, Mr John Hayes and Mr Phil Woolas.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Library Resources for Higher Education]; to be printed [No. 804-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Human Rights,—Sixteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Scrutiny of Bills: Further Progress Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 803] [Jean Corston].

3 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Customs and Excise Standard Report 2000–01: Tobacco Smuggling]; to be printed [No. 806-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Science Education from 14 to 19]; to be printed [No. 508-v] [Dr Ian Gibson].

5 Treasury,—Second Report from the Treasury Committee [2002 Budget], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 780] [Mr John McFall].
Tuesday 30th April 2002.

The House met at Ten o’clock, pursuant to Resolution [24th April].

PRAYERS.

1 Address to Her Majesty (Golden Jubilee).—The Speaker and the House proceeded to Westminster Hall to attend Her Majesty with an Address.

2 The Speaker resumed the Chair at half-past Two o’clock, and reported that the House had this day attended Her Majesty in Westminster Hall with an Address, in reply to which Her Majesty had been pleased to make a Most Gracious Speech; and he directed that his own words in presenting the Address and Her Majesty’s Speech in reply be entered in the Journal.

The Speaker presented the Address to Her Majesty in the following words:

Your Majesty: We, your faithful Commons, offer our heartfelt congratulations on the completion of fifty years of your reign. We wish to assure you of our loyal devotion and to express our profound gratitude for the unstinting service which you have given to the Nation and to the people we have the privilege to represent in Parliament.

Your long and distinguished reign has seen extraordinary changes at home and in the wider world. The United Kingdom of 1952 would be unrecognisable today. A society where the scars of war had not yet healed has given way to equality of opportunity, to social and geographic mobility and to levels of prosperity and health which that generation could only have dreamed of. The nature of society too has changed dramatically, as today we celebrate the diversity of race, culture and faith that makes this country a vibrant and exciting place to live.

New democracies have emerged across the world which this Parliament is proud to nourish and support. The Cold War has given way to new partnerships, new challenges and new opportunities. The United Kingdom continues to exercise important influence in the councils of the world and we make a major contribution to securing the peace. Fifty years ago this Parliament was at the heart of an Empire. Today we are one of 54 independent members of the Commonwealth, of which you are Head. Your personal contribution to the development of this unique organisation has been of great significance and millions of people are grateful for it.

During your reign, Madam, this Parliament too has changed. We have chosen to share our sovereignty with our European partners and to delegate powers to the devolved Parliaments and assemblies of Scotland and Wales as well as Northern Ireland. The House of Commons today looks rather different from 1952. We have six times as many women Members and it is also a younger House—nearly half our Members have known no other Monarch. You have been served by ten Prime Ministers and I have the honour to be the eighth Speaker of your reign.

Amidst this sea of change the monarchy has acted as a beacon of stability and a unifying influence for our people. But it is not simply the throne that we honour today—it is your personal contribution that we have reason to give thanks for. By your sense of service and your devotion to duty, by your consistent display of dedication and commitment, by your wisdom and grace, you have demonstrated for all to see the value of a constitutional monarchy in securing the liberties of our citizens and the fundamental unity of this Kingdom and the Commonwealth. In 1952, in a motion moved by Winston Churchill, the House of Commons expressed their complete conviction that you would throughout your reign work to uphold the liberties and promote the happiness of all your peoples. That confidence has been amply justified over the last 50 years.

Few monarchs in the history of these islands can match your contribution. We are supremely grateful to you and to His Royal Highness Prince Philip, whose support for you has been so manifest and whose personal commitment to the Nation has been of such value to us.

In this historic Hall at the heart of the Palace of Westminster, the scene of so much royal, political and parliamentary history, Parliament salutes its Sovereign. We offer you our respect, our affection and our prayers.

May God save Your Majesty and give you His blessing, both now and for many years to come.

Her Majesty’s Most Gracious Reply was as follows:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons:

You do Prince Philip and me a great honour in inviting us here today. I am most grateful to have this opportunity to reply to your Loyal Addresses and I thank you both, Lord Chancellor and Mr Speaker, for your generous words.
It is right that the first major event to mark my Golden Jubilee this summer is here in the Palace of Westminster. I would like to pay tribute to the work you do in this, the Mother of Parliaments—where you, like so many famous predecessors before you, have assembled to confront the issues of the day, to challenge each other and address differences through debate and discussion, and to play your essential part in guiding this Kingdom through the changing times of the past fifty years.

For if a Jubilee becomes a moment to define an age, then for me we must speak of change—its breadth and accelerating pace over these years. Since 1952 I have witnessed the transformation of the international landscape through which this country must chart its course, the emergence of the Commonwealth, the growth of the European Union, the end of the Cold War, and now the dark threat of international terrorism. This has been matched by no less rapid developments at home, in the devolved shape of our nation, in the structure of society, in technology and communications, in our work and in the way we live. Change has become a constant; managing it has become an expanding discipline. The way we embrace it defines our future.

It seems to me that this country has advantages to exploit in this exciting challenge. We in these islands have the benefit of a long and proud history. This not only gives us a trusted framework of stability and continuity to ease the process of change, but it also tells us what is of lasting value. Only the passage of time can filter out the ephemeral from the enduring. And what endure are the characteristics that mark our identity as a nation and the timeless values that guide us. These values find expression in our national institutions—including the Monarchy and Parliament— institutions which in turn must continue to evolve if they are to provide effective beacons of trust and unity to succeeding generations.

I believe that many of the traditional values enshrined across our history equip us well for this age of change. We are a moderate, pragmatic people, more comfortable with practice than theory. With an o-shore, seafaring tradition we are outward-looking and open-minded, well suited by temperament—and language—to our shrinking world. We are inventive and creative—think of the record of British inventions over the past fifty years or our present thriving arts scene. We also take pride in our tradition of fairness and tolerance—the consolidation of our richly multicultural and multifaith society, a major development since 1952, is being achieved remarkably peacefully and with much goodwill.

But there is another tradition in this country which gives me confidence for the future. That is the tradition of service. The willingness to ‘honour one another and seek the common good’ transcends social change. Over these fifty years on visits up and down this country I have seen at first hand and met so many people who are dedicating themselves quietly and selflessly to the service of others.

I would particularly pay tribute to the young men and women of our armed forces who give such professional service to this country, often in the most demanding and dangerous circumstances. They have my respect and admiration. I also wish to express my gratitude for the work of those in the public service more widely—here in Westminster or the corridors of Whitehall and town halls, as well as in our hospitals and schools, in the police and emergency services. But I would especially like to thank those very many people who give their time voluntarily to help others. I am pleased that the Jubilee is to be marked by the introduction of The Queen’s Golden Jubilee Award, a new annual award for voluntary service by groups in the community. I hope this will give added recognition to those whose generosity of time and energy in the service of others is such a remarkable tradition in our society.

These enduring British traditions and values—moderation, openness, tolerance, service—have stood the test of time, and I am convinced they will stand us in good stead in the future. I hope that the Golden Jubilee will be an opportunity to recognise these values and to celebrate all we have achieved as a nation since 1952. For my part, as I travel the length and breadth of these islands over the coming weeks, I would like to thank everyone everywhere for the loyalty, support, and inspiration you have given me over these fifty unforgettable years. I would like to express my pride in our past and my confidence in our future. I would like above all to declare my resolve to continue, with the support of my family, to serve the people of this great nation of ours to the best of my ability through the changing times ahead.

3 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolutions:

That the draft Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 17th April, should be approved.
That the draft Regulatory Reform (Carer’s Allowance) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 22nd April, should be approved.

The Committee came to these Resolutions without a Division.

4 Consolidation, &c., Bills.—Sir Patrick Cormack reported from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Consolidation, &c., Bills, to which the European Parliamentary Elections Bill [Lords], now pending in the House of Lords, was referred. That it had gone through the Bill; and had agreed to a Report which it had directed him to make to the House; and had directed him to report the Minutes of Evidence taken before it on 30th April.

Report to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 802-I].

Minutes of Evidence to lie upon the Table; and to be printed [No. 802-II].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 802-II].

5 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 96) (House of Commons Paper No. 710), on Special Grants for School Standards and Support of Post-Sixteen Budgets.

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

6 Disability Discrimination (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Disability Discrimination (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 129].

7 Waste.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to grant additional powers to local authorities in England and Wales for the enforcement of controls and for the prosecution of offences relating to the unauthorised or harmful deposit, treatment or disposal of waste and the transporting of controlled waste without registering; to amend the Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989 and Part II of the Environmental Protection Act 1990; and for connected purposes: And that Joan Ruddock, Peter Bottomley, Malcolm Bruce, Mr Gregory Barker, Sue Doughty, Jim Dowd, Julia Drown, Julie Morgan, Mr Bill O’Brien, Bridget Prentice, Mr Simon Thomas and Joan Walley do prepare and bring it in.

8 Waste Bill.—Joan Ruddock accordingly presented a Bill to grant additional powers to local authorities in England and Wales for the enforcement of controls and for the prosecution of offences relating to the unauthorised or harmful deposit, treatment or disposal of waste and the transporting of controlled waste without registering; to amend the Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989 and Part II of the Environmental Protection Act 1990; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 128].

9 Finance Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Finance Bill because the provisions contained in its two volumes and 488 pages increase the burden of taxation on important sectors of the economy; fail to make adequate commitments about taxation and personal allowances in future years; and will have a negative impact on competitiveness and the attractiveness of the UK as a location for investment’, instead thereof.—(Mr John Bercow.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Desmond Swayne: 142.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Graham Stringer: 360.

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 John Heppell, Mr Graham Stringer: 358.

Tellers for the Noes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Desmond Swayne: 141.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, pursuant to Standing Order No. 63 (Commital of bills), That—

(1) Clauses Nos. 4, 19, 23, 26 to 29, 87 to 92, 131 and 134 and Schedules Nos. 1, 5 and 38 be committed to a Committee of the whole House;

(2) the remainder of the Bill be committed to a Standing Committee; and

(3) when the provisions of the Bill considered, respectively, by the Committee of the whole House and by the Standing Committee have been reported to the House, the Bill be proceeded with as if the Bill had been reported as a whole to the House from the Standing Committee—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.

Committee to-morrow.

10 Finance Bill,—Ordered, That, during the proceedings on the Finance Bill, the Standing Committee on the Bill shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

11 Police,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Visual Recording of Interviews) Order 2002, dated 11th April 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th April, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas)—It was agreed to.

12 Adjournment (Spring).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Friday 24th May, do adjourn till Monday 10th June—(Mr Phil Woolas)—It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the Bolton South East constituency urging the House to seek a withdrawal of the Israeli Defence Force from the occupied territories 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 Phil Woolas.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.07 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Dentists,—Draft Dentists Act 1984 (Dental Auxiliaries) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Disability Discrimination,—(1) Draft Code of Practice for providers of Post 16 education and related services, and

(2) draft Code of Practice for Schools,

[by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].


Other Papers:


5 Miscellaneous (No. 9, 2002).—Convention, done at Paris on 14th November 1970, on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5500] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Account of the United Kingdom Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 762] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

7 Social Security Fraud,—Version Two of the Code of Practice on Obtaining Information, issued by the Secretary of State under section 3(1) of the Social Security Fraud Act 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Enterprise Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Russell Brown a member of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill, in place of Mrs Anne Campbell.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 96) (House of Commons No. 710), on Special Grants for School Standards and Support of Post-Sixteen Budgets.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Alan Howarth from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Special Grant Report); and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Todd.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform,—Tenth Report from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee [The draft Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002 and the draft Regulatory Reform (Carer’s Allowance) Order 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 807] [Mr Peter Pike].

2 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Sustainable Energy]; to be printed [No. 582-vi] [Mr John Horam].

3 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Zimbabwe]; to be printed [No. 813-i] [Donald Anderson].

4 Home Affairs,—(1) Second Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Police Reform Bill], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 612]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Work of the Criminal Cases Review Commission], and Appendices thereto; to be printed [No. 810-i] [Mr Chris Mullin].

5 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Financing for Development]; to be printed [No. 785-ii] [Tony Baldry].

6 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xxvii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

7 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Fuel Poverty]; to be printed [No. 814-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

8 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [The Need for a New European Regeneration Framework]; to be printed [No. 483-iii] [Andrew Bennett].

[No. 140.]

Wednesday 1st May 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill,

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 8th May.

2 Copyright (Visually Impaired Persons) Bill,—Frank Cook reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Copyright (Visually Impaired Persons) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 10th May; and to be printed [Bill 131].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 816].
3 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Joe Benton reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 15500/01, Commission Communication and two draft Directives on the promotion of the use of biofuels for transport, and provision for Member States to apply differentiated rates of excise duty in favour of biofuels; considers that the objectives of security of supply and climate change abatement can best be achieved by an approach which promotes renewable transport fuels as a whole, and reflects the individual circumstances of Member States and EU renewable energy policy through the setting of indicative, flexible targets; welcomes the principles of making it easier for Member States to set a lower rate of duty on cleaner fuels such as biofuels; but considers that the detail of the Commission’s approach (in particular, the links with current duty rates for conventional fuels and with oil prices) should be questioned.

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

4 Age Discrimination Bill,—The Order for reading the Age Discrimination Bill a second time on Friday 10th May was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

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

- Football (Disorder) (Amendment) Act 2002
- Electoral Fraud (Northern Ireland) Act 2002
- National Heritage Act 2002
- Commonhold and Leasehold Reform Act 2002
- Greenham and Crookham Commons Act 2002.

6 Port Protection Authority,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a Port Protection Authority to exercise those powers and responsibilities now exercised by port health authorities, trading standards authorities and HM Customs and Excise; to monitor the legality, quality and integrity of imported goods and to collect any duties upon them; and to report annually to Parliament on its effectiveness in carrying out its duties: And that Mr Roger Williams, Lembit Öpik, Mr David Heath, Matthew Green, Albert Owen, Mr Simon Thomas, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr Colin Breed and Mr Alan Reid do prepare and bring it in.

7 Port Protection Authority Bill,—Mr Roger Williams accordingly presented a Bill to establish a Port Protection Authority to exercise those powers and responsibilities now exercised by port health authorities, trading standards authorities and HM Customs and Excise; to monitor the legality, quality and integrity of imported goods and to collect any duties upon them; and to report annually to Parliament on its effectiveness in carrying out its duties: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 132].

8 Enterprise Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the Order of 10th April (Enterprise Bill (Programme)) be amended by the substitution in paragraph 3 (Proceedings in Standing Committee) of the words ‘Thursday 16th May’ for the words ‘Tuesday 14th May’—(Mr Graham Stringer):—It was agreed to.

9 Ways and Means,—National insurance contributions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the Order of 10th April (Enterprise Bill (Programme)) be amended by the substitution in paragraph 3 (Proceedings in Standing Committee) of the words ‘Thursday 16th May’ for the words ‘Tuesday 14th May’—(Mr Andrew Smith):—It was agreed to.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mrs Anne McGuire: 314.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Charles Hendry: 137.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in on the foregoing Resolution: And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Milburn, Mr Andrew Smith, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Paul Boateng and Ruth Kelly do prepare and bring it in.

10 National Insurance Contributions Bill,—Dawn Primarolo accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for, and in connection with, increasing national insurance contributions and for applying the increases towards the cost of the national health service; and the
same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 130].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the National Insurance Contributions Bill be printed [Bill 130–EN].

11 Draft Communications Bill (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 29th April relating to a Joint Committee of both Houses to consider and report on any draft Communications Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown be now considered.

That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution relating to the said Joint Committee.

That a Select Committee of six honourable Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider any such draft Communications Bill.

That the Committee shall have power—
(i) to send for persons, papers and records;
(ii) to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House;
(iii) to report from time to time;
(iv) to appoint specialist advisers;
(v) to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom; and

That Paul Farrelly, Mr John Grogan, Nick Harvey, Mr Andrew Lansley, Anne Picking and Brian White be members of the Committee.—(Mr Graham Stringer.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

12 Public Accounts Commission,—Ordered, That Mr John McFall and Mr George Osborne be appointed members of the Public Accounts Commission under section 2(2)(c) of the National Audit Act 1983.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 8.34 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Animals,—(1) Draft Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command],

(2) Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Livestock: Laying Hens [by Act], and

(3) Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Livestock: Meat Chickens and Breeding Chickens [by Act]

[Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Defence.—Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

4 Health.—Department of Health Minute, dated 1st May 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for any legal action against Dame Janet Smith DBE, Chairman, and members of the independent inquiry into issues arising from the case of Harold Frederick Shipman [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Police (Northern Ireland),—First Report of the Oversight Commissioner for 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

6 School Standards and Framework,—Account of the Leicester Education Action Zone for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 812] [Clerk of the House].
Papers withdrawn:

7 Disability Discrimination.—(1) Code of Practice for providers of Post 16 education and related services, and
(2) Code of Practice for Schools
[laid 30th April].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Mr Nicholas Winterton and Mr David Amess Chairmen; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Adriaan Bailey, John Barrett, Colin Burgon, Yvette Cooper, Mr Frank Dobson, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Adrian Flook, Mr Mike Hall, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Andrew Hunter, Tim Loughton, Judy Mallaber, Laura Moffatt, Mr Jim Murphy, John Robertson, Mr David Ruffley, David Taylor, Dr Desmond Turner, Ms Claire Ward, Mr David Wilshire and Pete Wishart.

2 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Ms Yvette Cooper, Mr Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Mike Hall, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Tim Loughton, Mr Jim Murphy and Mr David Wilshire members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

3 Housing Benefit (Withholding of Payment) 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: Mr Bob Blizzard, David Burnside, Mr James Clappison, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Edward Davey, Mr David Drew, Mr Frank Field, Kate Hoey, Mr George Howarth, Ms Oona King, Mr Greg Knight, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Calum MacDonald, Mr Austin Mitchell, Andrew Selous and Malcolm Wicks.

4 Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 4, 19, 23, 26 to 29, 87 to 92, 131 and 134 and Schedules Nos. 1, 5 and 38):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee F; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated thirty-three Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Bercow, Mr Paul Boateng, Kevin Brennan, Mr John Burnett, Roger Casale, Mr Christopher Chope, Jon Cruddas, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Wayne David, Mr Mark Field, Mr Howard Flight, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Mark Hendrick, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Michael Jack, Ruth Kelly, Mr David Laws, Mr David Lidington, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Iain Luke, Ann McKechin, Rob Marris, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, Dr John Pugh, Joan Ryan, Mr Andrew Smith, Angela Smith, Helen Southworth, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and David Wright.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Denzil Davies, Mr Peter Duncan, Maria Eagle, Annabelle Ewing, Dr Hywel Francis, Mr George Galloway, Mr Dai Havard, Mr John Horam, Joyce Quin, Angela Smith, Mr Neil Turner, Mr Bill Tynan and Steve Webb.


(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: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Chris Bryant, Andy Burnham, Maria Eagle, Paul Holmes, Mr Eric Joyce, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Mark Prisk, James Purnell, Andrew Selous, Angela Smith, Mark Tami, Mr Tom Watson and Steve Webb.
7 Draft Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Hazel Blears, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Ian Davidson, Paul Farrelly, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dr Liam Fox, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Philip Hammond, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Oliver Heald, Mr David Kidney, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Alan Reid, Rachel Squire, Ms Claire Ward and Mr David Wilshire.

8 Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 2002:
(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: Mr David Atkinson, Ms Hazel Blears, Mr Simon Burns, Michael Fabricant, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Peter Mandelson, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr George Mudie, Bridget Prentice, Alan Simpson, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Dr Rudi Vis, Ms Claire Ward, Mr David Wilshire and David Winnick.

9 Draft Landfill (England and Wales) Regulations 2002:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Richard Bacon, Malcolm Bruce, Mr David Clelland, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Sue Doughty, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Kerry Pollard, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Terry Rooney, Chris Ruane, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Jim Sheridan, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Simon Thomas, Mr Bill Wiggin and Mr Mike Wood.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [UK Heritage and Conservation]; to be printed [No. 811-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Defence,—(1) Third Report from the Defence Committee [The Ministry of Defence reviews of Armed Forces’ Pension and Compensation Arrangements], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 666]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Major Procurement Projects]; to be printed [No. 779-ii]
[Mr Bruce George].

3 Education and Skills,—Memoranda laid before the Education and Skills Committee [Individual Learning Accounts] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Buying Time for Forests]; to be printed [No. 792-i] [Mr John Horam].

5 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Future of UK Agriculture: Farming Beyond Subsidies?]; to be printed [No. 550-ix] [Mr David Curry].

6 European Scrutiny,—Twenty-seventh Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xxvii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

7 Health,—First Report from the Health Committee [The Role of the Private Sector in the NHS], together with Appendices to 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] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

8 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Impact in Northern Ireland of Cross-border Fuel Price Differentials: Three Years on]; to be printed [No. 819-i] [Mr Michael Mates].

9 Public Accounts,—(1) Thirty-fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Policy Development: Improving Air Quality]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 560]; and
(2) Thirty-fifth Report from the Committee [Losses to the Revenue from frauds on alcohol duty]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 331]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Winding-up The New Millennium Experience Company Limited]; to be printed [No. 820-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

10 Scottish Affairs,—Fourth Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Customs Services in Scotland], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 782] [Mrs Irene Adams].

11 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Planning Green Paper]; to be printed [No. 476-v] [Andrew Bennett]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [NATS Finances]; to be printed [No. 789-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

12 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Banking and SMEs]; to be printed [No. 818-i] [Mr John McFall].

13 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Post Office in Wales]; to be printed [No. 817] [Mr Martyn Jones].

14 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [The Government's Employment Strategy]; to be printed [No. 815-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 140; WH, No. 78.]

Wednesday 1st May 2002.

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—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.

[No. 141.]

Thursday 2nd May 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Development Agency Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Development Agency Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 9th May.

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

Draft Communications Bill,—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 any draft Communications Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown;

That they have ordered that the Committee have power to agree with the Committee of the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman, have leave to report from time to time, and have power to appoint specialist advisers and to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom; that the reports of the Committee from time to time shall be printed, notwithstanding any adjournment of their Lordships’ House; and that the Committee do report no later than three months after the presentation of any such draft Bill;

And they propose that the Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the Commons on Thursday 9th May at Three o’clock.
3 Adjournment (Wales in the World).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed,
That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nick Ainger);
And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed,
without Question put.

4 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Seven o’clock,
adjourned till Tuesday 7th May, pursuant to Resolution [23rd April].

[Adjourned at 7.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—(1) Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modifications of Schedule 5) Order
2002, and
(2) draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2002
/by Act/, with Explanatory Memoranda [by Command] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1240), dated 1st May 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

Prosecution Service for 1st October 2000 to 30th September 2001 [by Act]; to be printed
[No. 801] [The Solicitor General].

4 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [10th
April] from Mr Leslie Allan and other ex-prisoners of war for equality of treatment
between ex-prisoners of war held in German camps and those held in Japanese camps
/by Standing Order/; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

5 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 South West Water Limited Ilsham Pumping Station Compulsory Purchase
Order 2000 [by Act] [Chairman of Ways and Means].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has
discharged Colin Burgeon and Mr Frank Dobson from Standing Committee A
(nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Kelvin Hopkins and
Mr Piara S. Khabra.

2 Occupational Pension Schemes (Minimum Funding Requirements and Miscellaneous
Amendments) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 380),—The Speaker has appointed Miss
Ann Widdecombe Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation
in respect of the Regulations.

[No. 141; WH, No. 79.]

Thursday 2nd May 2002.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].
The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Women and IT),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mrs Anne
McGuire.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.54 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Value Added Tax (Buildings and Land) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1102).
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Social Security (Disability Living Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 648).
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Draft Communications Bill,—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 2nd May relating to the Joint Committee on any draft Communications Bill be now considered.
   Lords Message considered accordingly.
   Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.
   Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

4 Age Discrimination (No. 2) Bill,—Mr Paul Burstow, supported by Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Quentin Davies, Mr Roger Berry, Andrew Selous, Hywel Williams, Mr A. J. Beith, Dr Vincent Cable, Steve Webb and Dr Evan Harris, presented a Bill to make it unlawful to discriminate against persons on grounds of age in connection with employment or the provision of goods and services; to establish an Age Equality Commission with the function of working towards the elimination of such discrimination and promoting age equality generally; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 10th May and to be printed [Bill 133].

5 Fixed-term Parliaments,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for fixed-term parliaments: And that Tony Wright, Mr Graham Allen, Kevin Brennan, Annette Brooke, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Frank Field, Mr Mark Fisher, Helen Jackson, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Paul Tyler and Brian White do prepare and bring it in.

6 Fixed-term Parliaments Bill,—Tony Wright accordingly 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 19th July and to be printed [Bill 134].

7 Police Reform Bill [Lords],—The Police Reform Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

8 Police Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the following provisions shall apply to the Police Reform Bill [Lords]:

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

   Programming of proceedings
   2. Proceedings on the Bill (including proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any other message from the Lords) may be programmed.

   Standing Committee
   3.—(1) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 27th June.

   (2) The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.

   Consideration and Third Reading
   4.—(1) Proceedings on consideration (so far as not previously concluded) shall 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.

   (2) Proceedings on Third Reading (so far as not previously concluded) shall be brought to a conclusion at Ten o’clock on the day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o’clock on that day.
Programming Committee

5. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading—(Dan Norris);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr John Heppell: 366.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Charles Hendry: 162.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Police Reform Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Police 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 bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Police Reform Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenses of the Secretary of State under the Act;

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

(c) the payment of money into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

10 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 96) (House of Commons Paper No. 710), on Special Grants for School Standards and Support of Post-sixteen Budgets, which was laid before this House on 26th March, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

11 The Promotion of the Use of Biofuels in Road Transport.—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. 15500/01, Commission Communication and two draft Directives on the promotion of the use of biofuels for transport, and provision for Member States to apply differentiated rates of excise duty in favour of biofuels; considers that the objectives of security of supply and climate change abatement can best be achieved by an approach which promotes renewable transport fuels as a whole, and reflects the individual circumstances of Member States and EU renewable energy policy through the setting of indicative, flexible targets; welcomes the principle of making it easier for Member States to set a lower rate of duty on cleaner fuels such as biofuels; but considers that the detail of the Commission’s approach (in particular, the links with current duty rates for conventional fuels and with oil prices) should be questioned—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.43 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

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

Friday 3rd May 2002

1 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed merger of Johnston Press plc and Trinity Mirror plc [Cm. 5495] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

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

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Friday 3rd May 2002


4 Social Care.—National Care Standards Commission (Children’s Rights Director) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1250), dated 1st May 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 7th May 2002:

Other Papers:

5 Communications.—Paper, entitled Draft Communications Bill, together with Explanatory Notes and Policy Document [by Command] [Cm. 5508-I, -II and -III] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

6 Defence.—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 7th May 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability for RAF “At Home Days” [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Awarding the New Licence to Run the National Lottery [by Act]; to be printed [No. 803] [Clerk of the House].

8 Northern Ireland.—Proposal for a draft Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, with an Explanatory Document [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

9 Regulatory Impact Assessments.—List of Regulatory Impact Assessments for 1st July to 31st December 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 5506] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

10 Regulatory Reform.—Proposal under the Regulatory Reform Act 2001 for a Regulatory Reform (Removal of 20 Member Limit in Partnerships etc.) Order 2002, together with a statement by the Department of Trade and Industry [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 4, 19, 23, 26 to 29, 87 to 92, 131 and 134 and Schedules Nos. 1, 5 and 38).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mr Joe Benton Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill.

2 Value Added Tax (Buildings and Land) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1102).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Ann Cryer from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Ross Cranston.

3 Social Security (Disability Living Allowance) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 648).—The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

4 Draft Landfill (England and Wales) Regulations 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr George Stevenson Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

5 Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 2002 and the draft Dentists Act 1984 (Dental Auxiliaries) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Order.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Defence and Security in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [No. 518-x] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [FCO Annual Report 2002]; to be printed [No. 826-i] [Donald Anderson].

3 Human Rights.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [The Case for a Human Rights Commission for the UK]; to be printed [No. 781-ii] [Jean Corston].

4 Procedure.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Major Infrastructure Projects: Proposed New Parliamentary Procedures]; to be printed [No. 823-i] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].
5 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xxviii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

6 Trade and Industry.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Postcomm’s proposals for opening the postal market]; to be printed [No. 769-iii]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Fuel Poverty]; to be printed [No. 814-ii]

[Mr Martin O’Neill].

7 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [How the Local Government Act 2000 is Working]; to be printed [No. 602-ii] [Andrew Bennett].

8 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Transport in Wales]; to be printed [No. 378-iv] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 142; WH, No. 80.]

Tuesday 7th May 2002.

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. 143.]

Wednesday 8th May 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 15th May.

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—David Taylor reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002 and the draft Tax Credits (Decisions and Appeals) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.

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

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 2002 and the draft Dentists Act 1984 (Dental Auxiliaries) Order 2002.

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

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Offshore Chemicals Regulations 2002.

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

5 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Wireless Telegraphy (Television Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 641).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
6 European Standing Committee A.—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:


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

7 Christmas Day Trading Bill [Lords].—The Order for reading the Christmas Day Trading Bill [Lords] a second time on Friday was read and discharged.

8 Performance of Private Hospitals.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require private hospitals to publish independently audited information on clinical performance and on complaints from patients on the same basis as that required of NHS hospitals: And that Mr George Osborne, Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Gregory Barker, Dr Andrew Murrison, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Mark Field, Chris Grayling, Mr Boris Johnson, Fiona Mactaggart, Andrew Selous, Mr Hugo Swire and Mr Bill Wiggin do prepare and bring it in.

9 Performance of Private Hospitals Bill.—Mr George Osborne accordingly presented a Bill to require private hospitals to publish independently audited information on clinical performance and on complaints from patients on the same basis as that required of NHS hospitals: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st June and to be printed [Bill 135].

10 Value Added Tax.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Value Added Tax (Buildings and Land) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1102), dated 17th April 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 17th April, be approved—(Mr Paul Boateng).—It was agreed to.

11 Finance Bill (Clauses 4, 19, 23, 26 to 29, 87 to 92, 131 and 134 and Schedules Nos. 1, 5 and 38).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 4, 19, 23, 26 to 29, 87 to 92, 131 and 134 and Schedules Nos. 1, 5 and 38).

(In the Committee)

Ordered, That the order in which proceedings in Committee of the whole House on the Finance Bill are to be taken shall be Clause No. 4, Schedule No. 1, Clause No. 19, Schedule No. 5, Clauses Nos. 23, 26 to 29, 87 to 92 and 131, Schedule No. 38 and Clause No. 134.—(Mr Paul Boateng.)

Clause No. 4 agreed to.

Schedule No. 1 (Beer from small breweries: reduced rate of duty).

Amendment (No. 17) proposed, in page 110, line 32, at the end, to insert the words—‘(3) Beer produced in a small brewery for export shall not count towards the maximum production levels specified for small breweries elsewhere in this Part.’—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 112, line 2, to leave out ‘30,000’ and insert ‘200,000’.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Desmond Swayne: 206.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Tony McNulty: 316.

Schedule agreed to.

Clause No. 19 agreed to.

Schedule No. 5 agreed to.
Clause No. 23 agreed to.
Clause No. 26 (Charges and rates for 2002–03).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Graham Stringer: 452.
Clause No. 27 agreed to.
Clause No. 28 (Personal allowances for 2003–04 for those aged under 65).
Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Ian Pearson: 257.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Desmond Swayne: 187.
Clauses Nos. 29 and 87 agreed to.
Clause No. 88 (Controlled foreign companies: territorial exclusions from s. 748 exemptions).
Amendment (No. 26) proposed in page 63, line 14, at the end, to insert the words—
'(6) A period of 6 months’ notice shall be given prior to the laying of a statutory instrument, as provided for in subsection (5) above’.—(Mr Howard Flight.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

The Chairman, being of the opinion that the principle of the Clause and any matters arising thereon had been adequately discussed in the course of debate on the Amendment proposed thereto, put forthwith the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 68 (Debate on clause or schedule standing part), That the Clause stand part of the Bill:—It was agreed to.

To report progress and ask leave to sit again.—(Dan Norris.)

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair and Mr Roger Gale reported, That the Committee had made progress in the Bill, and that he was directed to move, That the Committee may have leave to sit again.

Committee again tomorrow.

12 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Derby Patients’ Council and residents of Derby for a review of the system of benefits for long-stay patients was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

[Adjourned at 10.39 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Investigatory Powers.—Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Interception of Communications: Code of Practice) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Coast Protection.—Coast Protection (Notices) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1278), dated 8th May 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

4 Foreign Affairs.—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2001–02, on Human Rights Annual Report 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 5509] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Investigatory Powers.—Draft Code of Practice on Interception of Communications [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

6 Northern Ireland.—Report of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland for 2000–01 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

7 School Standards and Framework.—Account of the Downham & Bellingham Education Action Zone for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 822] [Clerk of the House].

8 School Teachers.—Report of the School Teachers’ Review Body on Special review of approaches to reducing teacher workload [by Command] [Cm. 5497] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

9 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—(1) Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2001–02, on Empty Homes [by Command] [Cm. 5514], and

10 Treaty Series (No. 58, 2001),—Second Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, Etc., for 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 5499] [Mr Secretary Straw].

11 Treaty Series (No. 19, 2002),—Agreement, done at Managua on 4th December 1996, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua for the Promotion and Protection of Investments [by Command] [Cm. 5504] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Tobacco Advertising Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike as an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 2002 and the draft Dentists Act 1984 (Dental Auxiliaries) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Alan Simpson from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Clive Soley.

European Standing Committees

3 European Standing Committee A,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Chaytor and Mr George Stevenson from European Standing Committee A; and nominated in substitution Mr Parmjit Dhanda and Rob Marris.

4 European Union document No. 15194/01, relating to packaging and packaging waste, originally referred to European Standing Committee A on 13th February, has now been referred to European Standing Committee C.

5 European Union document No. 7430/02, relating to working conditions for temporary workers, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Major Procurement Projects; Defence and Security in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [Nos. 779-iii and 518-xi] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [New HMCI appointment]; to be printed [No. 830-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].
3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Government Reply to Second Report from the Committee, on The Countryside Agency]; to be printed [No. 829]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Future of UK Agriculture: Farming Beyond Subsidies?]; to be printed [No. 550-x]
[Mr David Curry].

4 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Quality of Life Indicators]; to be printed [No. 824-i] [Mr John Horam]

5 European Scrutiny,—Twenty-eighth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xxviii] [Mr Michael Connarty].

6 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Delayed Discharges]; to be printed [No. 617-v] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Impact in Northern Ireland of Cross-border Road Fuel Price Differentials: Three Years On]; to be printed [No. 819-i] [Mr Michael Mates].

8 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Pipes and Wires: regulating prices and quality of networks delivering essential services]; to be printed [No. 831-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

9 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Government Funding of the Scientific Learned Societies]; to be printed [No. 774-i] [Dr Ian Gibson].

10 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Planning Green Paper]; to be printed [No. 476-vii] [Andrew Bennett]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [The Bus Industry]; to be printed [No. 828-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Transport in Wales]; to be printed [No. 378-v] [Mr Martyn Jones].

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (Petitions for Additional Provision) (Standing Orders not complied with).—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bills, originating in the Lords, the Standing Orders have not been complied with in respect of Petitions for Additional Provision:

London Local Authorities Bill [Lords]
London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill [Lords].

Petitions for Additional Provision in the Report referred to the Standing Orders Committee.

2 London Development Agency Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Development Agency Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 16th May.

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

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 6980/02, draft Framework Decision on the execution in the European Union of orders freezing property or evidence; shares the Government’s view that the general thrust of the measure will improve the speed and effectiveness with which assets and evidence can be secured in cases of serious crime, acknowledges the amendments which have been included, largely at the Government’s instigation to ensure that personal rights and freedoms are protected as far as is possible; and supports the Government’s position on this measure.

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

4 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June], That the Order of 24th April (Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill (Programme)) be amended by the substitution in paragraph (3) (proceedings in Standing Committee) of the words ‘Tuesday 21st May’ for the words ‘Thursday 16th May’—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—It was agreed to.

5 Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 4, 19, 23, 26 to 29, 87 to 92, 131 and 134 and Schedules Nos. 1, 5 and 38).—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 4, 19, 23, 26 to 29, 87 to 92, 131 and 134 and Schedules Nos. 1, 5 and 38).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 89 (Controlled foreign companies and treaty non-resident companies).

Amendment (No. 34) proposed, in page 63, line 33, at the end, to add the words—‘(iii) has otherwise been resident outside the United Kingdom and not resident in the United Kingdom for a period of three years.’—(Mr Howard Flight.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 90 (Supplementary charge in respect of ring fence trades).

Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 63, line 38, to leave out the words ‘17th April 2002’ and insert the words ‘1st April 2003’.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Laurence Robertson: 163.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr John Heppell: 281.

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed, in page 64, line 2, to leave out from the word ‘which’ to the word ‘would’ in line 3.—(Malcolm Bruce.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Adrian Sanders, Annette Brooke: 160.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr John Heppell: 276.

Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed, in page 65, line 17, at the end, to add the words—

'(11) This section shall come into force on such day as the Treasury may by order made by statutory instrument appoint, but no such order shall be made until an economic impact assessment has been made of the effect of the changes on activity and employment in the oil industry in the North Sea.'—(Mr Alex Salmond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Thomas, Pete Wishart: 155.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr John Heppell: 272.

The Chairman, being of the opinion that the principle of the Clause and any matters arising thereon had been adequately discussed in the course of debate on the Amendments proposed thereto, put forthwith the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 68 (Debate on clause or schedule standing part), That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr John Heppell: 265.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen O'Brien, Mr Laurence Robertson: 154.

Clauses Nos. 91, 92 and 131 agreed to.

Schedule No. 38 (Recovery of taxes etc due in other member States).
Amendment (No. 23) proposed, in page 475, line 11, after the word ‘his’, to insert the word ‘alleged’.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed, in page 475, line 28, to leave out paragraph 6.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen O'Brien, Mr Laurence Robertson: 85.
Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr Nick Ainger: 249.

Schedule agreed to.

Clause No. 134 (Lorry road-user charge).

Amendment (No. 32) proposed, in page 106, line 35, at the end, to insert the words ‘provided that the charge shall be payable in respect of every lorry using a public road in the United Kingdom irrespective of the country in which such lorry is registered.’.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Bill (Clauses Nos. 4, 19, 23, 26 to 29, 87 to 92, 131 and 134 and Schedules Nos. 1, 5 and 38) to be reported, without Amendment.

The Depute Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Phil Woolas reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses Nos. 4, 19, 23, 26 to 29, 87 to 92, 131 and 134 and Schedules Nos. 1, 5 and 38), and had directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Ordered, That the Bill (Clauses Nos. 4, 19, 23, 26 to 29, 87 to 92, 131 and 134 and Schedules Nos. 1, 5 and 38) do lie upon the Table.

6 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 Chemicals Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 26th March, be approved.—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

7 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Social Security and Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 10th April, be approved.—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.
8 Social Security (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 Tax Credits (Decisions and Appeals) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 10th April, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

9 Dentists,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), that the draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 25th April, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

10 Dentists,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), that the draft Dentists Act 1984 (Dental Auxiliaries) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 30th April, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

11 Railways,—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. 5721/02, Commission Communication ‘Towards an integrated European railway area’, No. 5744/02, draft Directive on the safety of the Community’s railways, No. 5723/01, draft Directive amending Council Directive 96/48/EC and Directive 2001/16/EC on the interoperability of the trans-European rail system, No. 5724/02, draft Regulation establishing a European Railway Agency, No. 5726/02, Recommendation for a Council Decision authorising the Commission to negotiate the conditions for Community accession to the Convention concerning International Carriage by Rail (COTIF), and No. 5727/02, draft Directive amending Council Directive 91/440/EEC on the development of the Community’s railways; and endorses the Government’s approach to negotiations on these proposals in the Council—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

12 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That Mr Harold Best and Mr Ivan Henderson be discharged from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments and Huw Irranca-Davies and Chris Mole be added to the Committee.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

13 Travel by Honourable Members to National Parliaments and European Union Institutions.—Resolved, That the Resolution of 26th May 1999 relating to travel by honourable Members to national parliaments and European Union institutions be rescinded and the following provision be made in its place:

(1) That, in the opinion of this House, provision should be made as from 1st April 2002 for reimbursing honourable Members in respect of the cost of travelling on parliamentary duties between the United Kingdom and any European Union institution in Brussels, Luxembourg or Strasbourg and to the national parliament of an EU state or a candidate country and any additional expenses necessarily incurred in such travelling, subject to the conditions that

(a) the amount payable to an honourable Member in any year, beginning with 1st April, shall not exceed the aggregate of the cost of three return business class airfares for the journey on the assumption that the journey begins and ends at a London airport and that the destination is any of the three cities mentioned above or the location of the national parliament of an EU state or a candidate country; and

(b) subsistence for each journey made under this Resolution shall be restricted to two nights at the Civil Service class A standard subsistence rate for the time being in operation;

(c) an honourable Member must submit in advance to the Fees Office, Department of Finance and Administration a statement of the visit’s purpose, location and duration and the persons or organisations to be met; and

(d) expenditure in pursuance of this Resolution within financial year 2002–03 shall not exceed the total currently planned for expenditure on travel by honourable Members to European Union institutions or European national parliaments within that year.

(2) Expenditure under this Budget should form part of the General Services Budget and, if so advised by the Speaker’s Advisory Panel, the Speaker and the Leader of the House shall have the power to vary the provisions of this Resolution in future financial years.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

14 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Knutsford and the surrounding areas against the closure of Knutsford Crown Court 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 Phil Woolas.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes to Nine o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.49 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Extradition,—Draft European Union Extradition (Amendment) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Fees and Charges,—Draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Flags,—Draft Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 2002, with a statement by the Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Customs and Excise,—Beer and Excise Warehousing (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1265), dated 7th May 2002 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].


6 Immigration,—Immigration (Swiss Free Movement of Persons) (No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1299), dated 9th May 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


Other Papers:

9 Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 9th May 2002, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the services specified in the Main Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Andrew Smith].

10 Fair Trading,—Report of the Director General of Fair Trading for 2001 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 773] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

11 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Eleventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5481] [Mr Paul Boateng].

12 Regional Government,—Paper, entitled Your Region, Your Choice; Revitalising the English Regions [by Command] [Cm. 5511] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

13 Supply Estimates, 2002–03,—(1) Main Supply Estimates and Summary Request for Supply for Central Government for 2002–03 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 795] [Mr Andrew Smith], and
(2) Main Supply Estimates for 2002–03 for—
(a) the Electoral Commission [by Command]; to be printed [No. 798] [The Speaker], and
(b) House of Commons Administration [by Command]; to be printed [No. 796] [The Speaker], and
(c) the National Audit Office [by Command]; to be printed [No. 797] [Mr Alan Williams].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 4, 19, 23, 26 to 29, 87 to 92, 131 and 134 and Schedules Nos. 1, 5 and 38).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Lidington from Standing Committee F (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Chris Grayling.
2 Occupational Pensions Schemes (Minimum Funding Requirements and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 380).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr George Galloway, Mr Dai Havard, Joyce Quin and Angela Smith from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Kevin Brennan, Patrick Hall, Bridget Prentice, Mr Sion Simon and Mr Phil Woolas.

3 Draft Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

4 Draft Landfill (England and Wales) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Barbara Follett.

5 European Standing Committees

The Speaker has appointed Mr David Taylor Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Documents Nos. 11596/00 and 12488/01 on rabies relating to the Pet Travel Scheme.

6 European Standing Committee A.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Dobbin from European Standing Committee A; and nominated in substitution Sandra Osborne.

7 The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document No. 15194/01 on packaging and packaging waste.

8 European Standing Committee C.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Geraldine Smith from European Standing Committee C; and nominated in substitution Jim Dobbin.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Catering.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Catering Committee on 8th May [House of Commons Refreshment Facilities]; to be printed [No. 832-i] [Mr Dennis Turner].

2 Home Affairs.—Third Report from the Home Affairs Committee [The Government’s Drugs Policy: Is it Working?] 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. 318] [Mr Chris Mullin].

3 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Appointments and Patronage]; to be printed [No. 686-vi] [Tony Wright].

[No. 144; WH, No. 82.]

Thursday 9th May 2002.

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

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

Adjournment (End of Life Vehicles Directive—First Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, Session 2001–02, and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr John Heppell.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.16 p.m.]
Friday 10th May 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Home Energy Conservation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Home Energy Conservation Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Fuel poverty)—(Dr Desmond Turner)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Review of schemes not conforming to model scheme)—(Dr Desmond Turner)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 4, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 17 on page 2 and insert the words—

‘(1) After section 2 of the principal Act there is inserted—

“2A Energy efficiency reports

(1) Where a target applies for the time being to an energy conservation authority in England and Wales, the authority shall prepare a report in accordance with this section.

(2) The report shall set out the energy conservation measures that the authority considers practicable, cost-effective and likely to result in the target being met.

(3) An energy conservation authority in England and Wales shall, so far as is reasonably practicable, implement so as to meet the target any report which it has prepared in accordance with this section and published.

(4) In this section a target means a requirement to achieve an improvement (which may be expressed as a percentage) in the energy efficiency of residential accommodation in the authority’s area within a specified time.

(5) A target applies to an authority at any time when—

(a) the Secretary of State, after consulting the Local Government Association of England and Wales, has made a determination specifying the target and providing for it to apply to the authority or to authorities including the authority, and

(b) the target has been published in any manner the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

(6) The Secretary of State may by a further determination made after consultation with the association and so published vary any previous determination and any target shall have effect accordingly.

(7) Subsections (3) to (7) of section 2 apply for the purposes of this section.

(8) On the application to an authority of a target under this section, this Act so far as it relates to reports under section 2 ceases to apply in relation to the authority”.

(2) In sections 3 (functions of Secretary of State) and 5(1) (modification) of the principal Act, after each mention of “section 2” there is inserted “or 2A”, and—

(a) at the end of section 4(2) there is inserted “for the purposes of reports under section 2”.

(b) after section 4(2) there is inserted—

“(2A) The Secretary of State may give energy conservation authorities in England and Wales such guidance as he considers appropriate in relation to the exercise of their functions under section 2A and (so far as relating to that section) section 3(2)(a).”,

(c) in section 5(2), for “subsections (2) to (6) of section 2” there is substituted “sections 2 and 2A”.

(3) In section 6 of the principal Act (supplementary), after subsection (2) there is inserted—

“(3) An energy conservation authority in England and Wales must—

(a) at all reasonable times keep a copy of any report under section 2 or 2A, and of any report sent to the Secretary of State under section 3(2)(a), available for inspection by members of the public free of charge, and

(b) provide reasonable facilities for members of the public to obtain copies of such reports on payment of a reasonable charge.
(4) The Secretary of State may by regulations made by statutory instrument require registered social landlords to provide each energy conservation authority in England and Wales within whose area they have residential accommodation with prescribed information, in the prescribed form, as to the levels of performance achieved by them in relation to the energy efficiency of the accommodation.

(5) A registered social landlord who, without reasonable excuse, fails to comply with a requirement imposed by regulations under subsection (4) is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 5 on the standard scale.

Proceedings for an offence under this subsection may only be brought by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

(6) In this section, “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations under subsection (4) and “registered social landlord” has the same meaning as in the Housing Act 1996; and a statutory instrument containing regulations under subsection (4) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of Parliament”, instead thereof.—(Dr Desmond Turner.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment ((a)) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 1, at the beginning, to insert the words—

‘(A1) The appropriate Minister shall in exercising any functions under this section or under the principal Act, and in considering whether or not to exercise those functions, have as a principal aim the achievement of an improvement in energy efficiency in residential accommodation of at least 30 per cent. by the end of 2010, taking 1st January 1996 as the base line date.’.—(Mr Gregory Barker.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Sydney Chapman, Alan Simpson: 87.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Angela Smith: 62.

Proposed Amendment, as amended, made to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 12 and 5) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 31, to leave out from the word ‘provision; to the end of line 34 and insert the words—

‘(c) shall be made by statutory instrument; and

(d) shall not be made unless a draft of them has been laid before and approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament;’., instead thereof.—(Dr Desmond Turner.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 19th July.

2 Copyright (Visually Impaired Persons) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Copyright (Visually Impaired Persons) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Friday 21st June.

3 Pensions Annuities (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Pensions Annuities (Amendment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Friday 19th July.

4 Relationships (Civil Registration) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Relationships (Civil Registration) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

5 Health (Air Travellers) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 25th January, That the Health (Air Travellers) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 19th July.
6 Road Safety and Speed Bill. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road Safety and Speed Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

7 Trespassers on Land (Liability for Damage and Eviction) Bill. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Trespassers on Land (Liability for Damage and Eviction) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

8 Right to Self-Employment Bill. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Right to Self-Employment Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

9 Religious Discrimination and Remedies Bill. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Religious Discrimination and Remedies Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

10 Patients Without Legal Capacity (Safeguards) Bill. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patients Without Legal Capacity (Safeguards) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

11 Compulsory Voting Bill. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Compulsory Voting Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

12 Patents Act 1977 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patents Act 1977 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

13 Disability Discrimination (Amendment) Bill [Lords]. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Disability Discrimination (Amendment) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st June.

14 Age Discrimination (No. 2) Bill. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Age Discrimination (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 13th May.

[Adjourned at 3.02 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Industrial Organisation and Development. — Draft Horticultural Development Council (Amendment) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Insolvency (Amendment) Rules 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1307), and

(3) Insolvent Partnerships (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1308), dated 9th May 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

5 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Compensation for Premature Retirement) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1311), dated 10th May 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


7 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Security of Pathogens and Toxins (Exceptions to Dangerous Substances) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1281), dated 4th May 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

8 Miscellaneous (No. 10, 2002),—International Coffee Agreement 2001, adopted at London on 28th September 2000, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5516] [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 Public Expenditure,—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure: Statistical Analyses 2002-03 [by Command] [Cm. 5401] [Mr Andrew Smith].

10 Reserve Forces,—(1) Amendment 24 to the Territorial Army Regulations 1978, and (2) Change 9 to the Regulations for the Naval and Marine Reserves (BR 64) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

11 Supply Estimates, 2002-03,—Supplementary Budgetary Information to the Supply Estimates for 2002-03 for Central Government [by Command] [Cm. 5510] [Mr Andrew Smith].

12 Treaty Series (No. 20, 2002),—Exchange of Notes, done at Seoul on 29th June 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Korea amending the Air Services Agreement done at Seoul on 5th March 1984 [by Command] [Cm. 5507] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Occupational Pensions Schemes (Minimum Funding Requirements and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 380).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Denzil Davies from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution John Mann.

European Standing Committees

2 European Standing Committee B.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Lepper from European Standing Committee B, and nominated in substitution Mark Tami.
Monday 13th May 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 National Insurance Contributions Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the National Insurance Contributions Bill;

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

   An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give a Second Reading to the National Insurance Contributions Bill because its provisions fail to reflect the need for change and improvement in the NHS to match additional resources, will hamper job creation and further increase the burdens on business, and will impose additional taxes on employees, including those on whom the public services rely’, instead thereof.—(Mr John Bercow.)

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

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Stephen O’Brien: 134.

   Tellers for the Noes, Angela Smith, Mr Ian Pearson: 357.

   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.

2 National Insurance Contributions Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001], That the following provisions shall apply to the National Insurance Contributions Bill:

   Committal

   (1) The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

   Programming of proceedings

   (2) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House and all remaining proceedings on the Bill may be programmed.

   Proceedings in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading

   (3) Notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the intervals between stages of Bills brought in on Ways and Means Resolutions, proceedings in Committee of the whole House, any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be completed in one day.

   (4) Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at half-past Eight o’clock on that day.

   (5) 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.

   Programming Committee

   (6) Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings in Committee of the whole House or on consideration and Third Reading.—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.

3 Execution of Orders Freezing Assets or Evidence.—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. 6980/02, draft Framework Decision on the execution in the European Union of orders freezing property or evidence; shares the Government’s view that the general thrust of the measure will improve the speed and effectiveness with which assets and evidence can be secured in cases of serious crime; acknowledges the amendments which have been included, largely at the Government’s instigation, to ensure that personal rights and freedoms are protected as far as is possible; and supports the Government’s position on this measure.—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.

4 Housing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft deregulation, etc., orders), That the draft Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 17th April, be approved.—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.
5 Regulatory Reform.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft deregulation, etc., orders), That the draft Regulatory Reform (Carer’s Allowance) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 22nd April, be approved.—(Dan Norris)—It was agreed to.

6 Deregulation and Regulatory Reform.—Ordered, That John Cryer be discharged from the Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee.—(Dan Norris.)

7 Business of the House.—Ordered, That—

(1) at the sitting on Tuesday 14th May, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Robin Cook and Mr Stephen Twigg relating to the Modernisation of the House of Commons, to Select Committees, Payment for Chairmen, Tax Law Rewrite, Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, Liaison Committee: Power to take Evidence, Regulatory Reform and Power to Exchange Papers with Devolved Legislatures not later than four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first such Motion, and such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; the Questions may be decided, though opposed, after the expiration of the time for opposed business and the Order [28th June 2001] relating to deferred Divisions shall not apply to them; and

(2) at the sitting on Tuesday 14th May, the Motion in the name of Mr Robin Cook relating to Code of Conduct may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour, and the Order [28th June 2001] relating to deferred Divisions shall not apply to Questions on the Motion or on any Amendments proposed to it.—(Dan Norris.)

8 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Bicester and of the parishes of Ambrosden, Arncott, Blackthorn and Piddington and other neighbouring parishes in Oxfordshire against the proposal to build an accommodation centre for asylum seekers in Bicester;

(2) Mrs Mullis and parents of children at Burford School in West Oxfordshire for a review of the safety of children travelling to school on double-decker buses; and

(3) residents of Brill, Long Crendon, Ludgershall, Marsh Gibbon, Oakley and neighbouring parishes in the constituency of Buckingham against the proposal to build an accommodation centre for asylum seekers in Bicester were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.53 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Fees and Charges.—Draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education.—Education (Student Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1318), dated 9th May 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

3 National Health Service.—National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) Amendment (No. 3) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1326), dated 13th May 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Other Papers:

5 Competition Commission.—Report by the Competition Commission on the merger of Linpac Group Limited and McKechnie Paxton Holdings Limited [by Command] [Cm. 5496] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

6 Culture, Media and Sport.—Department of Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 13th May 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability in respect of an indemnity for the Queen’s Golden Jubilee Weekend Trust [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
7 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The BBC: Collecting the television licence fee [by Act]; to be printed [No. 821] [Clerk of the House].

8 National Lottery,—Strategic Plan for the Heritage Lottery Fund for 2002–07 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

9 New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee, given by HM Treasury on 10th May 2002, in respect of temporary borrowing by the Commission for the New Towns from Barclays Bank plc [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

10 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the—
   (1) Bedford Education Action Zone,
   (2) Bolton Education Action Zone,
   (3) Leigh (Wigan) Education Action Zone, and
   (4) North Gillingham Education Action Zone for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 835, 838, 837 and 839] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

11 Fees and Charges,—Draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2002 [laid 9th May].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Occupational Pensions Schemes (Minimum Funding Requirements and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 380),—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Mann and Sion Simon from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr David Miliband and James Purnell.

2 Draft Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Barry Gardiner and Mr Greg Pope from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mrs Joan Humble, Glenda Jackson and Joan Ruddock.

3 Draft Landfill (England and Wales) Regulations 2000,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Terry Rooney from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Peter Bradley.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Post-16 student support]; to be printed [No. 445-iii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Human Rights,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [The Case for a Human Rights Commission for the UK]; to be printed [No. 781-iii] [Jean Corston].

3 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Better Public Services through e-government]; to be printed [No. 845-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords].—Mr David Amess reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords], and had 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. 855].

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Occupational Pensions Schemes (Minimum Funding Requirement and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 380).

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

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr George Stevenson reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Landfill (England and Wales) Regulations 2002.

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

4 European Standing Committee A.—David Taylor reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents Nos. 11596/00 and 12488/01, draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the animal-health requirements applicable to non-commercial movement of pet animals; and congratulates the Government on securing for the United Kingdom, during the subsequent negotiations, the continuation, for at least five years, of arrangements similar to those contained in the successful United Kingdom Pet Travel Scheme.

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

5 Planning (Publication and Infrastructure).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require applications for planning permission to be published at the time notice of the application is given; to require planning permission for new housing or business development to be conditional upon fulfilment of planning obligations relating to infrastructure; and for connected purposes: And that Derek Wyatt, Paul Farrelly, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr Gwyn Prosser and Dr Howard Stoate do prepare and bring it in.

6 Planning (Publication and Infrastructure) Bill.—Derek Wyatt accordingly presented a Bill to require applications for planning permission to be published at the time notice of the application is given; to require planning permission for new housing or business development to be conditional upon fulfilment of planning obligations relating to infrastructure; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st June and to be printed [Bill 136].

7 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves the First Report of the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons relating to Select Committees, House of Commons Paper No. 224-I, and in particular welcomes its commitment to more specialist and support staff for select committees; is of the view that the package as a whole will strengthen the scrutiny role of the House; and invites the Liaison Committee to establish common objectives for select committees, taking into account the illustrative model set out in paragraph 34 of that report, namely:

— to consider major policy initiatives
— to consider the Government’s response to major emerging issues
— to propose changes where evidence persuades the Committee that present policy requires amendment
— to conduct pre-legislative scrutiny of draft bills
— to examine and report on main Estimates, annual expenditure plans and annual resource accounts
— to monitor performance against targets in the public service agreements
— to take evidence from each Minister at least annually
— to take evidence from independent regulators and inspectorates
— to consider the reports of Executive Agencies
— to consider, and if appropriate report on, major appointments by a Secretary of State or other senior ministers
— to examine treaties within their subject areas—(Mr Robin Cook);

And it being four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [yesterday], proceeded to put the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

An Amendment (d) was proposed to the Question, in line 6, after the word ‘House’, to insert the words ‘welcomes the proposal to increase the size of Select Committees; believes that the Select Committees must represent all shades of opinion in the House and therefore calls for some of these new places to be reserved for the minority parties’—(Pete Wishart.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Fraser Kemp: 50.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Ian Pearson: 352.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House approves the First Report of the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons relating to Select Committees, House of Commons Paper No. 224-I, and in particular welcomes its commitment to more specialist and support staff for select committees; is of the view that the package as a whole will strengthen the scrutiny role of the House; and invites the Liaison Committee to establish common objectives for select committees, taking into account the illustrative model set out in paragraph 34 of that report, namely:
— to consider major policy initiatives
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— to take evidence from each Minister at least annually
— to take evidence from independent regulators and inspectorates
— to consider the reports of Executive Agencies
— to consider, and if appropriate report on, major appointments by a Secretary of State or other senior ministers
— to examine treaties within their subject areas.

8 Select Committees (No. 1).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That—

(1) the following Standing Order (Committee of Nomination) be made:

(1) There shall be a select committee, called the Committee of Nomination, to propose to the House the membership of all select committees other than the Committee of Nomination itself and any other select committee for which the House makes other provision.

(2) The committee shall consist of nine members nominated by the Chairman of Ways and Means, who shall be the following:

(a) the most senior woman member of the Chairmen’s Panel belonging to the Government party, and the three other most senior members of the Panel belonging to that party;

(b) the most senior woman member of the Panel belonging to the party to which the Leader of the Opposition belongs, and the other most senior member of the Panel belonging to that party;

(c) the most senior member of the Panel belonging to the second largest opposition party;
(d) the most senior Member of the House belonging to the Government party but not being a Minister of the Crown; and

(e) the most senior Member of the House not belonging to the Government party who is not a front-bench spokesman for his party.

(3) Where a Member who would otherwise be a member of the Committee of Nomination is unwilling to serve, the next most senior Member in the relevant category shall be nominated.

(4) In sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) of paragraph (2) of this order, seniority shall consist of length of continuous service as a member of the Chairmen’s Panel (other than as Chairman or Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means), and in sub-paragraphs (d) and (e) of that paragraph, seniority shall consist of length of continuous service as a Member of the House.

(5) The Chairman of Ways and Means, or in his absence a Deputy Chairman, shall be chairman of the committee, but shall not vote.

(6) The Chairman of Ways and Means shall report the membership of the committee to the House.

(7) The quorum of the committee shall be seven when the committee is nominating select committees at the commencement of a Parliament and otherwise four, in either case including the chairman.

(8) The committee shall have power to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House and to report from time to time.’;

(2) Standing Order No. 121 (Nomination of select committees) be amended as follows:

Line 9, leave out paragraph (2) and add—

‘(2) Unless the House otherwise orders, no motion shall be made for the nomination of members of select committees, or for their discharge, unless—

(a) notice of the motion has been given at least two sitting days previously; and

(b) the motion is made on behalf of the Committee of Nomination by one of its members.

(3) Unless the House otherwise orders, all Members nominated to a select committee shall continue to be members of that committee for the remainder of the Parliament (or for the period of existence of the committee, if that is a shorter period).’;

(3) Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business) be amended, as follows:

Line 16, leave out from ‘committees’ to ‘which’ in line 20; and

(4) Standing Orders be amended, as follows:

Standing Order No. 139 (Select Committee on Broadcasting)

Line 29, leave out paragraph (6);

Standing Order No. 140 (Joint Committee on Consolidation, &c., Bills)

Line 37, leave out paragraph (4);

Standing Order No. 141 (Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee)

Line 98, leave out paragraph (10);

Standing Order No. 142 (Domestic Committees)

Line 37, leave out paragraph (7);

Standing Order No. 143 (European Scrutiny Committee)

Line 80, leave out paragraph (13);

Standing Order No. 144 (Finance and Services Committee)

Line 29, leave out paragraph (5);

Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee)

Line 27, leave out paragraph (4);

Standing Order No. 146 (Select Committee on Public Administration)

Line 20, leave out paragraph (3);

Standing Order No. 147 (Procedure Committee)

Line 11, leave out paragraph (4);

Standing Order No. 148 (Committee of Public Accounts)

Line 10, leave out paragraph (2);
Standing Order No. 149 (Committee on Standards and Privileges)
Line 26, leave out paragraph (3);
Standing Order No. 151 (Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee))
Line 126, leave out paragraph (11);
Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments)
Line 34, leave out paragraph (5);
Standing Order No. 152A (Environmental Audit Committee)
Line 10, leave out paragraph (3);
Standing Order No. 152B (Human rights (joint committee))
Line 41, leave out paragraph (6);
Standing Order No. 152C (Tax simplification (joint committee))
Line 15, leave out paragraph (4)—(Mr Robin Cook);
An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Question, in line 7, by leaving out the word ‘nine’ and inserting the word ‘thirteen’, instead thereof.—(Mr Tony Lloyd.)
Another Amendment ((d)) was proposed to the Question, in line 20, at the end, to insert the words ‘and’
(f) two Members belonging to the Government party, one belonging to the party to which the Leader of the Opposition belongs, and one belonging to the second largest opposition party, in each case first elected to the House in the previous Parliament and proposed by the chairman of the relevant party.—(Mr Tony Lloyd.)
And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;
An Amendment ((h)) was made to the proposed Amendment, in line 5, after the second word ‘the’, by inserting the words ‘current or’.—(Mr Chris Bryant.)
Amendment, as amended, made.
Another Amendment ((e)) was made to the Question, in line 21, after ‘(3)’, by inserting the words ‘In sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) of paragraph (2) of this order’.—(Mr Tony Lloyd.)
And the Main Question, as amended, being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [yesterday]:
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Fraser Kemp: 195.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Ian Pearson: 209.
So the Question was negatived.
9 Payment for Chairmen.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [yesterday], That this House considers that there should be no differences in remuneration among Members who are not Ministers of the Crown beyond those already authorised—(Mr Stephen Twigg);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Fraser Kemp: 175.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Ian Pearson: 197.
So the Question was negatived.
10 Payment for Chairmen.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [yesterday], That, in the opinion of this House, the Review Body on Senior Salaries should be invited to consider what additional remuneration is appropriate for chairmen of select committees—(Mr Robin Cook);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Fraser Kemp: 199.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Ian Pearson: 158.
So the Question was agreed to.
Resolved, That, in the opinion of this House, the Review Body on Senior Salaries should be invited to consider what additional remuneration is appropriate for chairmen of select committees.
11 Select Committees (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That—
(1) Standing Order No. 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) be amended as follows:
   Line 12, leave out ‘and’;
   Line 15, at end insert ‘and’
   (d) to agree in the choice of a chairman for any concurrent meetings.’; and
(2) the following Standing Order (Term limits for chairmen of select committees) be made:
   ‘Unless the House otherwise orders, no select committee may choose as its chairman any Member who has served as chairman of that committee for the two previous Parliaments.’—(Mr Robin Cook);
An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Question, in line 11, at the end, by adding the words ‘or a continuous period of eight years, whichever is the greater period.’.—(Mr Greg Knight.)
And the Main Question, as amended, being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [yesterday]:
Ordered, That—
(1) Standing Order No. 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) be amended as follows:
   Line 12, leave out ‘and’;
   Line 15, at end insert ‘and’
   (d) to agree in the choice of a chairman for any concurrent meetings.’; and
(2) the following Standing Order (Term limits for chairmen of select committees) be made:
   ‘Unless the House otherwise orders, no select committee may choose as its chairman any Member who has served as chairman of that committee for the two previous Parliaments or a continuous period of eight years, whichever is the greater period.’.

12 Tax Law Rewrite.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [yesterday], That the following changes to Standing Orders be made:
Standing Order No. 60 (Tax simplification bills)
Title, leave out ‘simplification’ and insert ‘law rewrite’
Lines 1, 9, 15, 22, 24, 29, leave out ‘simplification’ and insert ‘law rewrite’
Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills)
Line 2, leave out ‘simplification’ and insert ‘law rewrite’
Standing Order No. 152C (Tax simplification (Joint Committee))
Title, leave out ‘simplification’ and insert ‘law rewrite’
Line 4, leave out ‘simplification’ and insert ‘law rewrite’ (in both places)—(Mr Robin Cook):—It was agreed to.

13 Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [yesterday], That the following amendments to Standing Orders be made:
Standing Order No. 151 (Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments)
Line 19, leave out ‘and’
Line 19, leave out ‘of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974’ and insert ‘(1) of the Schedule to the Northern Ireland Act 2000’
Line 20, leave out ‘under section 1 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 or’
Line 24, after ‘Act’, insert ‘and any remedial order or draft remedial order under Schedule 2 to the Human Rights Act 1998’—(Mr Robin Cook):—It was agreed to.

14 Liaison Committee: Power to take Evidence.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee) be amended as follows:
   Line 12, at end insert ‘(1A) The Committee may also hear evidence from the Prime Minister on matters of public policy’—(Mr Robin Cook);
An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Question, in line 4, at the end, to add the words ‘but such meetings shall only be attended by the Chairman of the Liaison Committee and the Chairmen of Select Committees appointed under S.O. Nos. 146 and 152.’.—(Mr Chris Bryant.)

And the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [yesterday], That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Smith, Dan Norris: 78.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Phil Woolas: 261.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith;

Ordered, That Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee) be amended as follows:

Line 12, at end insert ‘(1A) The Committee may also hear evidence from the Prime Minister on matters of public policy’.

15 Regulatory Reform.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [yesterday], That the following amendments to Standing Orders be made:

Standing Order No. 141 (Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Committee)
Title, leave out ‘Deregulation and’
Line 2, leave out ‘Deregulation and’
Line 5, leave out from ‘section’ to ‘6’ in line 7
Line 7, leave out ‘(the 2001 Act)’
Line 10, leave out ‘1994 Act or section 1 of the 2001’
Line 14, leave out ‘2001’
Line 14, at end insert ‘(except those not made by a Minister of the Crown)’
Line 58, leave out lines 58 to 60

Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft deregulation, etc., orders)
Title, leave out ‘deregulation, etc.,’ and insert ‘regulatory reform’
Line 1, leave out ‘Deregulation and’
Line 4, leave out from ‘House’ to ‘under’ in line 6

Standing Order No. 98 (Scottish Grand Committee (delegated legislation))
Line 14, leave out ‘deregulation order or’

Standing Order No. 115 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (delegated legislation))
Line 15, leave out ‘deregulation order or’

Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation)
Line 13, leave out ‘deregulation order or’—(Mr Robin Cook)—It was agreed to.

16 Power to Exchange Papers with Devolved Legislatures.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [yesterday], That Standing Order No. 137A (Select committees: power to work with other committees) be amended as follows:

Line 6, after ‘Parliament’ insert ‘or to the Scottish Parliament, the National Assembly for Wales or the Northern Ireland Assembly or to any of their Committees’

Line 10, leave out ‘such’

Line 11, after ‘sub-committee’ insert ‘of either House of Parliament’—(Mr Robin Cook)—It was agreed to.

17 Code of Conduct,—Resolved, That—

(1) this House approves the Ninth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges (House of Commons Paper No. 763), A new Code of Conduct and Guide to the Rules;

(2) the Resolution of the House of 6th November 1995 relating to Conduct of Members shall be amended, at the end, by adding the words ‘or any approach, whether oral or in writing, to Ministers or servants of the Crown’;
(3) the Resolution of the House of 6th November 1995 relating to Employment Agreements shall be redesignated ‘Agreements for the Provision of Services;’ and shall be amended, as follows:

(a) by leaving out the words ‘up to £1,000, £1,000–£5,000, £5,000–£10,000’ in each of paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) and inserting the words ‘up to £5,000, £5,001–£10,000’;

(b) after the word ‘inspection’ in each of paragraphs (1), (2) and (3), by inserting the words ‘and reproduction’;

(c) at the end, by adding the words—

‘Provided that the requirement to deposit a copy of an agreement with the Commissioner shall not apply—

(a) if the fees or benefits payable do not exceed one per cent. of the current parliamentary salary; nor

(b) in the case of media work (but in that case the Member shall deposit a statement of the fees or benefits payable in the bands specified above);’

(4) the Code of Conduct and the Guide to the Rules relating to the Conduct of Members (House of Commons Paper No. 688 (1995–96)) shall be amended as proposed in Annex 2 to the Report; and

(5) the registration forms submitted for the next published Register of Members’ Interests shall comply with the new rules on the registration of Members’ interests; and any requirement under the new rules to register an interest which is not registrable now shall come into force on the publication of the next Register.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

Code of Conduct and Guide to the Rules to be printed [No. 841].

18 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.24 p.m.]

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Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Countryside,—Draft Vehicular Access Across Common and Other Land (England) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Education (QCA Levy) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1331), dated 10th May 2002, and


[by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

3 Medical Profession,—(1) General Medical Council (Constitution of Interim Orders Committee) Rules Order of Council 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2052), dated 12th July 2000,

(2) General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise Committees) Rules Order of Council 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2051), dated 12th July 2000,

(3) General Medical Council (Interim Orders Committee) (Procedure) Rules Order of Council 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2053), dated 12th July 2000,

(4) General Medical Council (Interim Orders Committee) (Transitional Provisions) Rules Order of Council 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2054), dated 12th July 2000,

(5) General Medical Council (the Professional Conduct Committee, the General Health Committee and the Committee on Professional Performance) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2034), dated 30th June 2000,

(6) General Medical Council (Voluntary Erasure and Restoration) Regulations Order of Council 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2033), dated 30th June 2000

[by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].
4 Social Security,—(1) Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1333), and
(2) Tax Credits (Prescribed Period of Awards) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1334), dated 14th May 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

5 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—(1) Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1340), and
(2) Tax Credits (Prescribed Period of Awards) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1339), dated 14th May 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

6 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions on the Petition [25th April] from residents of South Dorset urging that future arrangements for grant support should not disadvantage small shire districts [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002,—The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations, in place of Miss Ann Widdecombe.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Fifth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Revisiting the Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 842]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Gambling]; to be printed [No. 827] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Zimbabwe]; to be printed [No. 813-ii] [Donald Anderson].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Conduct of Investigations into Past Cases of Abuse in Children’s Homes]; to be printed [No. 836-i] [Mr Chris Mullin].

4 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Financing for Development]; to be printed [No. 785-iii] [Tony Baldry].

5 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xxix] [Mr Brian White].

6 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [How the Local Government Act 2000 is Working]; to be printed [No. 602-iii] [Andrew Bennett].

7 Treasury,—(1) Third Report from the Treasury Committee [The Office of Government Commerce], 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. 851];
(2) Ninth Special Report from the Committee [The 2001 Census in England and Wales: The Government’s Reply to the Committee’s First Report]; to be printed [No. 852]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Banking and SMEs]; to be printed [No. 818-ii] [Mr John McFall].

8 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Transport in Wales]; to be printed [No. 378-vi] [Mr Martyn Jones].
Tuesday 14th May 2002.

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.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

Wednesday 15th May 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 22nd May.

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002.

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

3 European Standing Committee C.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 15194/01, draft Directive amending Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste; welcomes it as a positive step towards achieving high levels of environmental and single market protection, whilst limiting the impact upon UK business; and supports the Government’s negotiating line.

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

4 National Cancer.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for cancer services and to establish priority for the treatment of cancer in the allocation of resources within the National Health Service: And that Dr Ian Gibson, Joan Ruddock, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Jane Griffiths, Dr Desmond Turner, Mrs Patsy Calton, Jonathan Shaw and Sandra Gidley do prepare and bring it in.

5 National Cancer Bill.—Dr Ian Gibson accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for cancer services and to establish priority for the treatment of cancer in the allocation of resources within the National Health Service: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st June and to be printed [Bill 137].

6 Opposition Day [13th 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.

Post Office Closures and Royal Mail Deliveries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is deeply concerned that, with 10 months left for the transition to automatic credit transfer for the Post Office’s 16 million benefit and pension customers, there is great uncertainty and confusion hanging over the network; believes that, in the absence of new sources of income to replace the lost £400 million, many post offices will close, including a third of all urban post offices; is alarmed by reports that new initiatives promised under the PIU Report are failing, in particular that the Your Guide programme is being downgraded and that planning of the Post Office Card Account is well behind schedule; has little confidence that the commercial banks have the ability or motivation to meet the financial needs of many of those Post Office customers expected to migrate to the use of bank accounts; notes that the network’s problems coincide with growing losses in Consignia and the threat to its mail services and to the universal service obligation; and calls on the Government to set out a clear policy and timetable for heading off a potentially disastrous collapse of the rural and urban network.—(Dr Vincent Cable);
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘applauds the Government’s decision to accept all 24 of the PIU recommendations in its June 2000 report ‘Counter Revolution—Modernising the Post Office Network’; notes that Consignia is committed to preventing avoidable closures of rural post offices and has drawn up a code of conduct on how this is to be implemented in conjunction with the consumer watchdog, Postwatch; further applauds the decision of the Government to grant the greater commercial freedom to Consignia that management and unions had long called for; welcomes the action of the Government in appointing a new chairman of Consignia and a new chief executive of Post Office Ltd. and to enshrine in legislation the primary duty of the regulator to preserve the universal service; further applauds the commitment of the Government to a national network of post offices; and further notes the commitment by Post Office Ltd. to ensure that 95 per cent. of people in urban areas will live within a mile of a post office, and the majority within half a mile, instead thereof. — (Mr Douglas Alexander.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 307.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments):— It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House applauds the Government’s decision to accept all 24 of the PIU recommendations in its June 2000 report ‘Counter Revolution—Modernising the Post Office Network’; notes that Consignia is committed to preventing avoidable closures of rural post offices and has drawn up a code of conduct on how this is to be implemented in conjunction with the consumer watchdog, Postwatch; further applauds the decision of the Government to grant the greater commercial freedom to Consignia that management and unions had long called for; welcomes the action of the Government in appointing a new chairman of Consignia and a new chief executive of Post Office Ltd. and to enshrine in legislation the primary duty of the regulator to preserve the universal service; further applauds the commitment of the Government to a national network of post offices; and further notes the commitment by Post Office Ltd. to ensure that 95 per cent. of people in urban areas will live within a mile of a post office, and the majority within half a mile.

UK Role in the Johannesburg Summit and Promoting Sustainability.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the fact that the Prime Minister will be attending the Johannesburg Earth Summit in September, but regrets that the UK is not providing co-ordinated internal or external leadership to ensure the Summit’s success, particularly given rising emission of carbon dioxide in the last two years in the UK and the apparent emphasis by the Government on UK business interests ahead of the needs of developing countries; notes with concern the United States’ role in the removal of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change’s Chair and for their reneging on the Kyoto Protocol; further notes the damage such events may have on the relationship between rich and poor nations in the run-up to the Summit and the potential negative impact on both environmental and political stability, particularly in view of the close co-operation between the UK Government and US Administration and concern by leading NGOs that the Summit, aiming to reduce inequalities between rich and poor nations and promote an improving world order, may be heading for failure; calls on the Government to take a greater role in leading international discussions in the run-up to Johannesburg and promoting related activities in the UK, particularly the need to employ more sustainable solutions and set long-term targets for the use of renewable energy; and calls on the Government genuinely to put the environment at the heart of government, developing the policies and conditions which will promote local action for truly sustainable agriculture, waste, water management, energy and transport.— (Malcolm Bruce);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘applauds the leadership the UK is showing domestically and within the European Union, the G8 and the United Nations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development; welcomes the fact that the Prime Minister intends to attend the Summit; further welcomes the UK’s climate change programme which is estimated to overshoot its Kyoto target of a 12.5 per cent. cut in 1990 levels of greenhouse gas emissions by 2012, reaching a cut of 23 per cent.; commends the introduction in the UK last month of the world’s first economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions trading scheme; further welcomes the commitment in the Budget to significant
increases in the landfill tax to promote recycling and waste minimisation; further applauds the fact that drinking water, river water and bathing water are at the highest ever quality; and calls upon the Government to continue to tackle global poverty through sustainable development’, instead thereof.—(Mr Michael Meacher.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question; Mr Andrew Stunell 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 Andrew Stunell, Mr Paul Tyler: 56.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Anne McGuire, Angela Smith: 282.

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

Resolved, That this House applauds the leadership the UK is showing domestically and within the European Union, the G8 and the United Nations for the World Summit on Sustainable Development; welcomes the fact that the Prime Minister intends to attend the Summit; further welcomes the UK’s climate change programme which is estimated to overshoot its Kyoto target of a 12.5 per cent. cut in 1990 levels of greenhouse gas emissions by 2012, reaching a cut of 23 per cent.; commends the introduction in the UK last month of the world’s first economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions trading scheme; further welcomes the commitment in the Budget to significant increases in the landfill tax to promote recycling and waste minimisation; further applauds the fact that drinking water, river water and bathing water are at the highest ever quality; and calls upon the Government to continue to tackle global poverty through sustainable development.

7 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 Landfill (England and Wales) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 26th March, be approved—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.

8 Pet Travel Scheme,—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. 11596/00 and 12488/01, draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the animal health requirements applicable to non-commercial movement of pet animals; and congratulates the Government on securing for the United Kingdom, during the subsequent negotiations, the continuation, for at least five years, of arrangements similar to those contained in the successful United Kingdom Pet Travel Scheme—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.

9 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Mr Frank Field, Mr George Howarth and Mr Nigel Jones be added to the Committee of Public Accounts.—(Dan Norris.)

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

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 seventeen minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law,—Draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Local Pharmaceutical Services and Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 888), dated 14th May 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 Police,—Police Authorities (Selection Panel) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1282), dated 7th May 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Liverpool) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1353),
(2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hampshire) (Borough of Rushmoor) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1352), and
(3) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hampshire) (District of Hart) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1351), dated 14th May 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

6 Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks),—Accounts of the Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks) Fund for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 848] [Clerk of the House].

7 Pensions,—Accounts of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 847] [Clerk of the House].

8 Police (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Police Authority for Northern Ireland, including Accounts of the Royal Ulster Constabulary Fund and the Police Property Fund, for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 850] [Clerk of the House].

9 Social Security Administration (Northern Ireland),—Account of the Northern Ireland National Insurance Fund for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 853] [Clerk of the House].

10 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Land Purchase Account of the Supreme Court of Judicature, Northern Ireland, for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 849] [Clerk of the House].

11 Treaty Series (No. 21, 2002),—Agreement, done at Oslo on 25th August 1998, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway relating to the Amendment of the Agreement of 10th May 1976 relating to the Exploitation of the Frigg Field Reservoir and the Transmission of Gas therefrom to the United Kingdom [by Command] [Cm. 5513] [Mr Secretary Straw].

12 Work and Pensions,—Government Response to the First Report from the Work and Pensions Committee, Session 2001–02, on One Pilots: Lessons for Jobcentre Plus [by Command] [Cm. 5505] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Police Reform Bill [Lords]:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Mr George Stevenson and Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairmen; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-five Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Ainsworth, Vera Baird, Norman Baker, Mr David Borrow, Annette Brooke, Mr Colin Challen, Mr John Denham, Barbara Follett, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Nick Hawkins, Lady Hermon, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Boris Johnson, Mr Kevan Jones, Dr Ashok Kumar, Ian Lucas, Mr John MacDougall, Mrs Anne McGuire, Patrick Mercer, Ms Meg Munn, Mr George Osborne, Mr James Paice, Bridget Prentice, Mr Paul Stinchcombe and Dr Howard Stoate.

2 Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs Etc) 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: Mr Roger Berry, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Vernon Coaker, Harry Cohen, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Neil Gerrard, Sandra Gidley, Ms Sally Keeble, Alice Mahon, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Hugo Swire, Angela Watkinson and Mr Dave Watts.
3 Draft Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations 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: Mr Clive Betts, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Desmond Browne, Richard Burden, Mr John Hayes, Lady Hermon, Alan Howarth, Chris McCafferty, Mr Gordon Marsden, Gillian Merron, Mr Austin Mitchell, Lembit Öpik, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Hugo Swire, Andrew Turner and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

4 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2002 and the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Atkinson, John Barrett, Mr Russell Brown, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Peter Duncan, Mr George Foulkes, David Hamilton, Mr Greg Knight, Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Iain Luke, Mrs Anne McIntyre, Rosemary McKenna, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Sandra Osborne, Anne Picking, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Mr David Stewart, Mr Desmond Swayne, Pete Wishart and Tony Worthington.

5 Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Interception of Communications: Code of Practice) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order 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: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Bob Ainsworth, Mr Richard Allan, Mr John Baron, Mr Roy Beggs, Ann Clwyd, Mr Huw Edwards, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Dominic Grieve, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Kevan Jones, Patrick Mercer, Joyce Quin, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr Keith Vaz.

6 Draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2002:

(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: Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Dr Jack Cunningham, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Alan Duncan, Michael Fabricant, Norman Lamb, Judy Mallaber, Mr Michael Moore, Mr John Randall, Andrew Selous, Mr Chris Smith, Mr John Smith and Dr Phyllis Starkey.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Richard Bacon, Hugh Bayley, Mr Roger Berry, Peter Bradley, Malcolm Bruce, David Burnside, Mr John Grogan, Mr Kevin Hughes, Julie Morgan, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Ms Debra Shipley, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Desmond Swayne and Mr Bill Wiggin.

8 Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2002:

(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: Mr Gregory Barker, Mr Harry Barnes, David Burnside, Mr Tony Clarke, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Gerald Howarth, Mr Adam Ingram, Mrs Agnes MacIntyre, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr David Laws, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Tony McWalter, Dan Norris, Mr James Plaskitt, Geraldine Smith and Joan Walley.

European Standing Committees

9 The Speaker has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 6671/01 on the Strategy on future chemicals policy.

10 European Union Document No. 7727/2/02, relating to World Summit on Sustainable Development, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Catering.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Catering Committee [House of Commons Refreshment Facilities]; to be printed [No. 832-ii] [Mr Dennis Turner].

2 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Qualifications and Curriculum Authority]; to be printed [No. 862-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) Sixth Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Government Reply to First Report from the Committee, on Foot and Mouth Disease]; to be printed [No. 856]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Future of UK Agriculture: Farming Beyond Subsidies?]; to be printed [No. 550-xi] [Mr David Curry].

4 European Scrutiny.—Twenty-ninth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xxix]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [E-Communications Regulatory Framework]; to be printed [No. 857] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Health.—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Role and Functioning of the NHS Appointments Commission]; to be printed [No. 833-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Impact in Northern Ireland of Cross-border Road Fuel Price Differentials: Three Years On]; to be printed [No. 819-iii] [Mr Michael Mates].

7 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Construction of Portcullis House, the new parliamentary building]; to be printed [No. 861-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Work of the Office of Science and Technology]; to be printed [No. 860] [Dr Ian Gibson].

9 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [The Bus Industry]; to be printed [No. 828-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Welsh Affairs.—Second Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Objective 1 European Funding for Wales], 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. 520] [Mr Martyn Jones].

11 Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [The Government’s Employment Strategy]; to be printed [No. 815-iii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 148; WH, No. 84.]

Wednesday 15th May 2002.

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 Nick Ainger);

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 London Development Agency Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Development Agency Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 23rd May.

2 Liaison,—Mr Alan Williams 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 third allotted day in the present Session):

That a day not later than 5th August be allotted for the consideration of the following Estimates for the financial year 2002-03:

Department for Education and Skills, in so far as the Estimate relates to Individual Learning Accounts;

Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, in so far as the Estimate relates to the Public-Private Partnership for London Underground.

Report to lie upon the Table.

3 Enterprise Bill,—Derek Conway reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Enterprise Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows:

A Bill to establish and provide for the functions of the Office of Fair Trading, the Competition Appeal Tribunal and the Competition Service; to make provision about mergers and market structures and conduct; to amend the constitution and functions of the Competition Commission; to create an offence for those entering into certain anti-competitive agreements; to provide for the disqualification of directors of companies engaging in certain anti-competitive practices; to make other provision about competition law; to amend the law relating to the protection of the collective interests of consumers; to make further provision about the disclosure of information obtained under competition and consumer legislation; to amend the Insolvency Act 1986 and make other provision about insolvency; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 138].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 863].

4 Adoption and Children Bill (Programme) (No. 4),—Ordered, That the Orders of 29th October 2001 (Adoption and Children Bill (Programme)), 23rd January 2002 (Adoption and Children Bill (Programme (No. 2)) and 20th March 2002 (Adoption and Children Bill (Programme) (No. 3)) shall be amended by substituting for the Table, so far as relating to the second and third allotted days, the following—

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5 Adoption and Children Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Adoption and Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 162) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 9, after the word ‘life’, to insert the words ‘, and that of any sibling or half-sibling of the child, having regard to their age and relationship.’.—(Mr Andrew Turner.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 26) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 19, after the word ‘background’, to insert the words ‘, subject to the proviso that such consideration shall be secondary to the matters to be considered in subsections (2) and (3).’.—(Mr Julian Brazier.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Stephen O’Brien: 115.

Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr Tony McNulty: 309.

It being a quarter to Four o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 163 to 170, 111, 172 to 174, 290, 175 to 190, 291, 191 to 193, 292, 194 to 210, 250 and 251) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 211) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 310) proposed to the Bill, in page 25, line 27, to leave out the word ‘married’.—(Dr Evan Harris.)

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

It being Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions on Amendments which the Speaker had selected for separate Division.

Another Amendment (No. 148) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 41, to leave out the word ‘married’.—(Mr David Hinchliffe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Andrew Stunell: 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Peter Luff: 133.

Other Amendments (Nos. 149 to 157) made to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 212 to 218, 270, 219, 220, 230, 221, 232 and 222 to 225) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 31, line 26, to leave out the word ‘may’ and insert the word ‘must’, instead thereof.—(Tim Loughton.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was negatived.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment which the Speaker had selected for separate Division.

 Proceedings

New Clauses relating to the remainder of Part 3, Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 101 to 104, 126, Schedules Nos. 3, 4 and 5, Clauses Nos. 127 to 134, Schedule No. 6, Clauses Nos. 135 to 137, remaining new Clauses, new Schedules and remaining proceedings on consideration

—(Jacqui Smith.)

Proceedings Time for conclusion of proceedings

Four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill

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Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 33, line 37, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(7) This section shall apply to all adopted persons, whether adopted before or after the coming into force of this Act.’.—[Tim Loughton.]”

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Laurence Robertson: 127.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr John Heppell: 252.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 254, 49 to 53, 301, 54, 55, 44, 45, 302, 66, 67, 56 to 58, 303, 304 and 46) made to the Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Monday 20th May.

6 Packaging and Packaging Waste,—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. 15194/01, draft Directive amending Directive 94/62/EC on packaging and packaging waste; welcomes it as a positive step towards achieving high levels of environmental and single market protection, whilst limiting the impact upon UK business; and supports the Government’s negotiating line.—[Dan Norris]:—It was agreed to.

7 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Lords Messages relating to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill have been received.—[Dan Norris].

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

The Lords have agreed to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

9 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill,—Lords Amendments to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill to be considered on Monday 20th May and to be printed [Bill 139].

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—[Dan Norris.] And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till Monday 20th May.

[Adjourned at 7.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law,—Draft Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Amendment) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Telecommunications,—Public Telecommunication System Designation (AT&T Global Network Services (UK) B.V.) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1376), dated 14th May 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

5 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Lord Chancellor on the Petition [25th March] from residents of Bolton against the closure of Bolton Magistrates’ Court [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
6 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instruments had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation:

- General Medical Council (Fitness to Practice Committees) Rules Order of Council 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2051).
- General Medical Council (the Professional Conduct Committee, the General Health Committee and the Committee on Professional Performance) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2034), and
- General Medical Council (Voluntary Erasure and Restoration) Regulations Order of Council 2000 (S.I., 2000, No. 2033)

[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

7 Telecommunications,—Licence granted under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to AT&T Global Network Services (UK) B.V. [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Police Reform Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Annette Brooke, Mr John Denham, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Ian Lucas, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr James Paice and Dr Howard Stoate members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Lembit Opik from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mrs Patsy Calton.

3 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2002 and the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Lazarowicz from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution David Cairns.


   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations and Codes; and

   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Malcolm Bruce from the Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and Codes); and nominated in substitution Mr Colin Breed.

[No. 149; WH, No. 85.]

Thursday 16th May 2002.

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

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

Adjournment (Empty Homes—Sixth Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2001–02, and the Government’s Response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 21st May.

[Adjourned at 5.44 p.m.]
MONDAY 20TH MAY 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Frank Cook reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 2002. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scotland Act (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2002 and the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2002. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Export Control Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Export Control Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Export Control Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 141].

5 Treason Felony, Act of Settlement and Parliamentary Oath Bill,—The Order for reading the Treason Felony, Act of Settlement and Parliamentary Oath Bill a second time on Friday 21st June was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

6 Standing Orders (Public Business),—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business be printed [No. 825].

7 Regulation of Child Care Providers Bill.—Geraint Davies, supported by Ms Debra Shipley, Jane Griffiths, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, John Austin, Julia Drown, Frank Cook, Chris McCafferty, Linda Perham, Ms Oona King and Siobhain McDonagh, presented a Bill to make provision about child care providers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st June; and to be printed [Bill 140].

8 Adoption and Children Bill [3rd allotted day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Adoption and Children Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Other Amendments (Nos. 59 to 61, 29, 298, 299, 255, 38, 27, 28, 305, 306 and 39) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Proceedings in Great Britain)—(Jacqui Smith)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Suitability of adoptors)—(Mr David Hinchliffe)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 30, 31, 233, 62 and 63) made to the Bill.

It being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Deputy Speaker put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 135 to 140, 256, 142, 143, 32, 144 and 145) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Accommodation of children in need etc.)—(Jacqui Smith)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Review of cases of looked after children)—(Jacqui Smith)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Meaning of ‘harm’ in the 1989 Act)—(Jacqui Smith)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 93, 94, 293, 95 to 97, 294, 98, 278, 279, 231, 101 to 105 and 259 to 263) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Amendment of Adoption (Scotland) Act 1978: contravention of sections 29 to 35 of this Act)—(Jacqui Smith)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

It being four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions on Amendments which the Speaker had selected for separate Division.

Another Amendment (No. 158) proposed to the Bill, in page 74, line 51, at the end, to insert the words—

'(2B) In this Act, a couple means—

(a) a married couple, or

(b) two people (whether of different sexes or the same sex) living as partners in an enduring family relationship.

(2C) Subsection (2B)(b) does not include two people one of whom is the other’s parent, grandparent, sister, brother, aunt or uncle.

(2D) References to relationships in subsection (2C)—

(a) are to relationships of the full blood or half blood or, in the case of an adopted person, such of those relationships as would exist but for the adoption, and

(b) include the relationship of a child with his adoptive, or former adoptive, parents, but do not include any other adoptive relationships.

(2E) For the purposes of this Act, a person is the partner of a child’s parent if the person and the parent are a couple but the person is not the child’s parent’.—(Mr David Hinchliffe.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 3, to leave out the words ‘whether of different sexes or the same sex’ and insert the words ‘of different sexes’, instead thereof.—(Mr Andrew Lansley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Charles Hendry: 174.

Tellers for the Noes, Kevin Brennan, Jonathan Shaw: 301.

Proposed Amendment made to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 273, 281 to 283, 249, 258, 228, 229 and 238 to 246) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

9 National Health Service,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 26th March, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Fraser Kemp: 301.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Julian Brazier: 126.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Health Service (Control of Patient Information) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 26th March, be approved.

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

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

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

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 17th May 2002 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 National Health Service (Wales).—Paper, entitled Draft National Health Service (Wales) Bill [by Command] [Cm. 5527-I and -II] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

2 Treaty Series (No. 22, 2002).—Exchange of Notes, done at Tokyo on 18th January 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Japan concerning the Supply of Logistic Support to the United Kingdom Armed Forces [by Command] [Cm. 5517] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 17th May 2002 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Atomic Energy and Radioactive Substances.—(1) Radioactive Material (Road Transport) (Definition of Radioactive Material) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1092), and
(2) Radioactive Material (Road Transport) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1093), dated 16th May 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Byers].

4 Criminal Law.—Police (Retention and Disposal of Items Seized) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1372), dated 15th May 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 20th May 2002:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

5 Investigatory Powers.—Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Communications Data: Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 National Health Service.—National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1386), dated 20th May 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Other Papers:

8 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Helicopter Logistics [by Act]; to be printed [No. 840] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Clive Betts from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Shona McIsaac.

2 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2002 and the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter Atkinson and Rosemary McKenna from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Ernie Ross and Andrew Selous.

3 Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Interception of Communications: Code of Practice) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Howard Stoate from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Ivan Henderson.

4 Police Reform Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Huw Irranca-Davies in place of Dr Howard Stoate as a member of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Memorandum laid before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Wembley National Stadium Project]; to be printed [No. 843] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Human Rights,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [The Case for a Human Rights Commission for the UK]; to be printed [No. 781-iv] [Jean Corston].

3 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Inland Revenue Standard Report 2000–01]; to be printed [No. 866-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Employment in Shipbuilding on the Clyde]; to be printed [No. 865-i] [Mrs Irene Adams].

Tuesday 21st May 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform Committee,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the draft Regulatory Reform (Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 29th April, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

2 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 143].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 874].

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Irene Adams reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Interception of Communications: Code of Practice) Order 2002.

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

4 Area Child Protection Committees,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish local authority responsibility for area child protection committees; to specify the functions of such committees; to require agencies charged with responsibilities for child protection to provide senior representation on such committees; to make provision about the funding of such committees; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Hilton Dawson, Ms Debra Shipley, Mr Tom Watson, David Wright, Mr Paul Burstow, Mrs Gillian Shephard, Mr David Hinchcliffe, The Reverend Martin Smyth and Mr Andrew Lansley do prepare and bring it in.

5 Area Child Protection Committees Bill,—Mr Adrian Bailey accordingly presented a Bill to establish local authority responsibility for area child protection committees; to specify the functions of such committees; to require agencies charged with responsibilities for child protection to provide senior representation on such committees; to make provision about the funding of such committees; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st June and to be printed [Bill 142].

6 Opposition Day [14th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Truancy and Discipline in Schools,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government’s failure to meet its 1998 Public Service Agreement to cut truancy levels by one third; regrets that unauthorised absences from secondary schools have risen under this Government; further regrets that an estimated 50,000 children are absent from school on a typical day and that another
10,000 children of school age do not attend school at all; is concerned by the decline in standards of discipline in schools and notes evidence from the Association of Teachers and Lecturers which shows that assaults against teachers have risen fivefold in three years; deprecates the Government's conduct in first removing from head teachers and governors the power to exclude disruptive pupils from their schools, and then failing to collect evidence on the number of assaults by pupils on both other pupils and teachers; believes that the Government's current approach to these problems is flawed; is concerned that the problems of rising unauthorised absences and unauthorised absences, particularly damage the education of children from deprived and inner city areas; and calls on the Government to provide a serious response to the problem of vocational education, while giving more power to head teachers as a first step to reversing the decline in standards of discipline—(Mr Damian Green);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'applauds the fact that policies to reduce truancy and tackle poor behaviour are central to the Government's strategy to transform secondary schools; notes that, since 1997, the Government has spent over £600 million to support measures to tackle truancy and poor behaviour and that this has been supplemented by a further £66 million from this year's Budget, that behaviour is satisfactory or better in 11 out of 12 secondary schools and 49 out of 50 primary schools, that there are now over 1,050 Learning Support Units and 3,420 Learning Mentors in schools and that there are 331 Pupil Referral Units whose quality Ofsted reports to be steadily improving; welcomes the fact that the Government is promoting multi-agency initiatives such as Behaviour and Education Support Teams and Connexions that are crucial to addressing this issue, that exclusions have fallen by approximately 28 per cent. to 9,200 from their peak of 12,700 in 1996–97; supports the right of Head Teachers to govern their schools as they see fit; further notes that all permanently excluded pupils will receive a full-time education from September this year and that whilst overall truancy levels remain a cause for concern, action is being taken; further notes that children have a right to education and that parents have a duty to ensure that their children are educated; and believes that the Government's policies will deliver lasting improvements in pupil attendance and behaviour which will support the achievement of higher standards and prevent social exclusion'.—(Secretary Estelle Morris.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Charles Hendry, Dr Julian Lewis: 180.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Tony McNulty: 334.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House applauds the fact that policies to reduce truancy and tackle poor behaviour are central to the Government's strategy to transform secondary schools; notes that, since 1997, the Government has spent over £600 million to support measures to tackle truancy and poor behaviour and that this has been supplemented by a further £66 million from this year’s Budget, that behaviour is satisfactory or better in 11 out of 12 secondary schools and 49 out of 50 primary schools, that there are now over 1,050 Learning Support Units and 3,420 Learning Mentors in schools and that there are 331 Pupil Referral Units whose quality Ofsted reports to be steadily improving; welcomes the fact that the Government is promoting multi-agency initiatives such as Behaviour and Education Support Teams and Connexions that are crucial to addressing this issue, that exclusions have fallen by approximately 28 per cent. to 9,200 from their peak of 12,700 in 1996–97; supports the right of Head Teachers to govern their schools as they see fit; further notes that all permanently excluded pupils will receive a full-time education from September this year and that whilst overall truancy levels remain a cause for concern, action is being taken; further notes that children have a right to education and that parents have a duty to ensure that their children are educated; and believes that the Government’s policies will deliver lasting improvements in pupil attendance and behaviour which will support the achievement of higher standards and prevent social exclusion.

Special Educational Needs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is concerned about the provision of education for children with Special Educational Needs; notes that last week was Autism Awareness Week; also notes the publication of reports by the National Autistic Society which shows that two-thirds of teachers in England and Wales believe that there are more children with autism disorders now than five years ago and that one in three children in special schools has some form of autism; notes a survey carried out by the Conservative Party showing that one quarter
of special schools feel threatened with closure; is concerned by the alarming rise in teacher vacancies in special schools; condemns the threat to SEN services in the Education Bill; and calls on the Government to set out clearly its plans for this sector and remove the uncertainty which harms the education of children with Special Educational Needs—(Mrs Eleanor Laing);

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 commitment to helping all pupils release their potential; supports the development of an education service that provides equality of opportunity and raises achievement of all children, including those with special educational needs; welcomes the Government’s recognition of the important role of special schools and the forthcoming work to review and develop that role; further welcomes the recent report by the National Autistic Society and recognises the importance of early intervention to help children with autism; applauds the Government’s strong record on supporting pupils with special educational needs, notably through providing a clear vision for their education and welfare in its 1998 Green Paper “Excellence for all children” and implementing an ambitious programme of action resulting in this House’s approval of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001, despite strong opposition from the other side of the House; commends the introduction of the new SEN Code of Practice and the principles of inclusion and partnership that lie behind it; further notes the development of national standards for specialist teachers and a range of training programmes and materials to support them; acknowledges the substantial increases in funding through both SSA and Standards Fund to support these and other initiatives; further notes that the Government will continue to ensure that the rights of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities are protected; and looks forward to the forthcoming Code of Practice to reinforce the rights of pupils with disabilities’, instead thereof.—(Mr Stephen Timms.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;
David Maclean 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, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Laurence Robertson: 129.
Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr Graham Stringer: 357.
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, Dan Norris, Mr Graham Stringer: 310.
Tellers for the Noes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Laurence Robertson: 167.
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 Government’s commitment to helping all pupils release their potential; supports the development of an education service that provides equality of opportunity and raises achievement of all children, including those with special educational needs; welcomes the Government’s recognition of the important role of special schools and the forthcoming work to review and develop that role; further welcomes the recent report by the National Autistic Society and recognises the importance of early intervention to help children with autism; applauds the Government’s strong record on supporting pupils with special educational needs, notably through providing a clear vision for their education and welfare in its 1998 Green Paper ‘Excellence for all children’ and implementing an ambitious programme of action resulting in this House’s approval of the Special Educational Needs and Disability Act 2001, despite strong opposition from the other side of the House; commends the introduction of the new SEN Code of Practice and the principles of inclusion and partnership that lie behind it; further notes the development of national standards for specialist teachers and a range of training programmes and materials to support them; acknowledges the substantial increases in funding through both SSA and Standards Fund to support these and other initiatives; further notes that the Government will continue to ensure that the rights of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities are protected; and looks forward to the forthcoming Code of Practice to reinforce the rights of pupils with disabilities.
7 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 2nd May, be approved—(Mr Nick Ainger)—It was agreed to.

8 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Modification of Schedule 5) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 2nd May, be approved—(Mr Nick Ainger)—It was agreed to.

9 Flags.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Flags Regulations (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 2002, which were laid before this House on 9th May, be approved—(Mr Nick Ainger)—It was agreed to.

10 Animal Health.—Ordered, That the TSE (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 843), dated 27th March, a copy of which was laid before this House on 27th March, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

11 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of West Wiltshire against the closure of Trowbridge Courthouse 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 Nick Ainger);

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 three minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Consumer Protection.—Medical Devices Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 618), dated 20th May 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

2 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 705] [Clerk of the House].


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Interception of Communications: Code of Practice) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Baron, Mr Huw Edwards and Patrick Mercer from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Francois, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger and Mr Kerry Pollard.

2 Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dan Norris from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Nick Ainger.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Wembley National Stadium Project]; to be printed [No. 843-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 European Scrutiny,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the European Scrutiny Committee [Convention on the Future of Europe]; to be printed [No. 871] [Mr Jimmy Hood].
3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Conduct of Investigations into Past Cases of Abuse in Children’s Homes]; to be printed [No. 836-i] [Mr Chris Mullin].

4 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Parliamentary Questions and Electronic Tabling of Questions and Motions]; to be printed [No. 622-vi] [Mr Nicholas Winterton].

5 Regulatory Reform,—Eleventh Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [The draft Regulatory Reform (Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979) Order 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 867] [Mr Peter Pike].

6 Statutory Instruments,—Thirtieth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee, to be printed, [No. 135-xxx] [Mr David Tredinnick].

7 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Eighth Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [10 Year Plan for Transport], 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 [Nos. 558-I and -II];

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Public Spaces]; to be printed [No. 854-i] [Andrew Bennett]; and

   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [The Bus Industry]; to be printed [No. 828-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

8 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The UK and the IMF]; to be printed [No. 868-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 151; WH, No. 86.]

Tuesday 21st May 2002.

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 Graham Stringer.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.55 p.m.]

[No. 152.]

Wednesday 22nd May 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 12th June.

2 Political Parties (Funding),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the funding of political parties: And that Mr John Maples, Mr David Curry, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Archie Norman, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Sir George Young, Donald Anderson, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Mike O’Brien, Ms Gisela Stuart and Mr David Chidgey do prepare and bring it in.

3 Political Parties (Funding) Bill,—Mr John Maples accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about the funding of political parties: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st June and to be printed [Bill 144].

4 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001], That the following provisions shall apply to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 28th November 2001:
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 four hours after their commencement.

2. Those proceedings shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the following Table, and each part of the proceedings shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the second column of the Table.

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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.

5 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 2.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr John Hutton);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Phil Woolas: 321.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr David Wilshire: 193.
So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 4 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment Nos. 1 and 3 were agreed to.

It being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question that this House agrees with the remaining Lords Amendments to be disposed of at that hour.

Lords Amendments Nos. 5 and 17 to 30 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 6.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Ms Hazel Blears);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 303.
Tellers for the Noes, Tom Brake, Mr Charles Hendry: 193.
So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 4 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment Nos. 1 and 3 were agreed to.

It being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question that this House agrees with the remaining Lords Amendments to be disposed of at that hour.

Lords Amendments Nos. 5 and 17 to 30 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 6.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Ms Hazel Blears);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 303.
Tellers for the Noes, Tom Brake, Mr Charles Hendry: 193.
So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 7 to 16 were disagreed to.

Amendments ((a) to (d), (e) to (q), (e) to (l), (r), (m) and (n)) were made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 6 to 16 disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 2 and 4;

That Mr Simon Burns, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dr Evan Harris, Mr John Hutton and Ms Claire Ward be members of the Committee;

That Mr John Hutton be the Chairman of the Committee;

That three be the quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)
6 House of Commons Members’ Fund.—Ordered, That Mr A. J. Beith, Mr John Butterfill and Sylvia Heal be discharged as Managing Trustees of the House of Commons Members’ Fund and Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Eric Martlew and Mr John Burnett be appointed as Managing Trustees in pursuance of section 2 of the House of Commons Members’ Fund Act 1939.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

7 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) residents of Lyneham, Wootten Bassett, Calne, Chippenham, Malmesbury and other towns and villages of North Wiltshire against the closure of RAF Lyneham and for the basing of A400M transport aircraft there; and
(2) North Claines Parish Council for road safety measures outside Hindlip C.E. First School
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

8 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Mr A. Qayum and others for Her Majesty’s Government to seek assurances from the Indian Government that those guilty of murder and violence in Gujarat will be brought to justice was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill.—Mr John Hutton reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reason, which it had directed him to report to the House:
The Commons disagree to Amendments Nos. 2 and 4 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:
Because the law already provides adequately for education, training and research.
The Reason was agreed to.
Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Investigatory Powers.—Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Maintenance of Interception Capability) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Local Government Finance.—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 100) on 2001–02 Special Grant for Rate Relief in Respect of Hardship Caused by Foot and Mouth Disease [by Act]; to be printed [No. 869] [Mr Secretary Byers].

Other Papers:

3 Agriculture.—Report on Smallholdings in England for 1999–2000 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Angola (No. 1, 2002).—Agreement, done at Luanda on 4th July 2000, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Angola for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5525] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Broadcasting.—Report and Financial Statements of the Radio Authority for 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

6 Miscellaneous (No. 11, 2002).—Amendment, adopted at Geneva on 21st December 2001, to Article I of the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (CCW), with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5523] [Mr Secretary Straw].
7 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the Eighteenth to Twenty-second and the Twenty-fourth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5512] [Mr Paul Boateng].

8 School Standards and Framework.—Account of the Nottingham Education Action Zone for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 870] [Clerk of the House].

9 Water Industry.—Report of the Director General of Water Services for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 808] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft European Union Extradition (Amendment) Regulations 2002:
   (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: Mr Bob Ainsworth, Janet Anderson, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Borrow, Sir Sydney Chapman, Valerie Davey, Mr Huw Edwards, Jeff Ennis, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Simon Hughes, Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Humfrey Malins, Angus Robertson and Dr Howard Stoate.

   (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: Mr Richard Allan, Mr Iain Coleman, Brian Cotter, Julia Drown, Clive Ellford, Mr Mark Field, Mr Howard Flight, Helen Jones, Ruth Kelly, Mr Peter Luff, Alice Mahon, Mr David Ruffley, Joan Ryan, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Brian White and Tony Worthington.

3 Draft Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Amendment) Order 2002:
   (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: Norman Baker, Annette Brooke, Mr John Denham, Mr George Galloway, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr John Horam, Mr George Howarth, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Dr Andrew Murrison, Phil Sawford, Alan Simpson, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Paul Truswell and Derek Wyatt.

4 Draft Horticultural Development Council (Amendment) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Martin Caton, Mr David Crausby, Paul Flynn, Dr Ian Gibson, Matthew Green, Jim Knight, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Andy Reed, Hugh Robertson, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr Mark Simmonds and Mr Desmond Swayne.

5 Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Ainger from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Graham Stringer.

6 Draft Vehicular Access Across Common and Other Land (England) Regulations 2002:
   (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: Mr Nick Ainger, Peter Bradley, Malcolm Bruce, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Nick Gibb, John McDonnell, Alan Michael, Chris Mole, Mr George Mudie, Mr David Rendel, John Robertson, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Desmond Swayne and Angela Watkinson.
Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Communications Data: Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002:

(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: Mr Bob Ainsworth, Mr Richard Allan, Peter Bottomley, Annette Brooke, Harry Cohen, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Ivan Henderson, Mr Mark Hoban, Dr Nick Palmer, Jon Trickett, Dr Desmond Turner, Mrs Betty Williams and Mr Phil Woolas.

European Standing Committees

8 European Union document No. 8389/02, relating to Broad Economic Policy Guidelines, has been referred to European Standing Committee B, together with European Union documents Nos. SN 1107/02, SN 1108/02, SN 1109/02, SN 1111/02, SN 1112/02, SN 1113/02, SN 1319/1/02, SN 1320/1/02, SN 1321/02, SN 1322/02, SN 1323/02, SN 1324/1/02, OJ C51/7, SN 1361/02, SN 1382/1/02 and SN 1383/1/02 relating to the Stability and Convergence Programmes of each Member State, already referred to the Committee on 10th April.

9 European Union document No. 6863/02, relating to aid for 'poverty diseases', has been referred to European Standing Committee B, together with European Union document No. 7727/2/02, relating to world summit on sustainable development, already referred to the Committee on 15th May.

10 European Union document No. 8351/02, relating to reception of asylum applicants, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Defence and Security in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [No. 518-xii] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Post-16 student support]; to be printed [No. 445-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE)]; to be printed [No. 875] [Mr David Curry].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Thirtieth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee [European Scrutiny in the Commons], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xxx]; and

(2) Thirty-first Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xxxi]

[Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Human Rights,—Memoranda laid before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [The Employment Bill] [Jean Corston].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Impact in Northern Ireland of Cross-Border Road Fuel Price Differentials: Three Years On]; to be printed [No. 819-iv] [Mr Michael Mates].

7 Public Accounts,—(1) Thirty-sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Progress on Resource Accounting]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 349];

(2) Thirty-seventh Report from the Committee [Handling Clinical Negligence Claims in England]; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 280]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Awarding the new licence to run the National Lottery]; to be printed [No. 881-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Treasury,—(1) Fourth Report from the Treasury Committee [Monetary Policy Committee Confirmation Hearings]; together with Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 880]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Committee [The Inland Revenue’s Self-Assessment Systems]; to be printed [No. 681-iv]

[Mr John McFall].

9 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Transport in Wales]; to be printed [No. 378-vii] [Mr Martyn Jones].

10 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Child Support Agency]; to be printed [No. 872-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 152; WH, No. 87.]

Wednesday 22nd May 2002.

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 John Heppell);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 153.]

Thursday 23rd May 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Development Agency Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Development Agency Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 13th June.

2 State Pension Credit Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the State Pension Credit Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Imputation of years of home responsibility)—(Steve Webb)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Report on incentives etc.)—(Mr James Clappison)—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 Julian Brazier, Mr Laurence Robertson: 99.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Nick Ainger: 220.

Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 28, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) The Secretary of State may provide by regulation for the assessed income period to be continued for a period not exceeding five years notwithstanding that the payment of benefit during that period has been terminated under regulations made under section 1(5) or section 2(6) of this Act, and may make provision for the restoration of benefit on the same basis of assessment as has previously applied when the conditions giving rise to the termination of that benefit no longer apply.’—(Mr Tim Boswell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 7, after the word ‘earnings’, to insert the words’ except that that part of a claimant’s hourly earnings that is equal to the rate of the National Minimum Wage shall be disregarded.’—(Paul Holmes.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

It being Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker brought proceedings on consideration to a conclusion, pursuant to Order [25th March].

The Bill was read a third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

3 European Scrutiny,—Ordered, That Mr Laurence Robertson be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Angela Watkinson be added to the Committee.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

4 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That Mr Jonathan Djanogly be discharged from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments and Andrew Rosindell be added.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.)

5 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Woodley for the installation of CCTV in Woodley town centre was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

6 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 State Pension Credit Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mrs Anne McGuire.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Seven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft International Maritime Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Gaming Clubs (Bankers’ Games) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1407), dated 22nd May 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

3 Disability Discrimination,—(1) Draft Code of Practice for providers of Post 16 education and related services, and (2) draft Code of Practice for Schools [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

4 Education,—Brinsbury College (Dissolution) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1402), dated 21st May 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

5 Food,—Contaminants in Food (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 890), dated 22nd May 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:


7 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed merger between Neopost SA and Ascom Holding AG [by Command] [Cm. 5518] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

8 Environmental Audit,—Government Response to the First Report of the Environmental Audit Committee, Session 2001–02, on Departmental Responsibilities for Sustainable Development [by Command] [Cm. 5519] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

9 Explosives,—Report of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Explosives for Northern Ireland for 2001 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 800] [Mr Secretary Reid].
(1) the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Forestry Commission and the Office of Water Services [by Command] [Cm. 5422] [Secretary Margaret Beckett]; and
(2) the Department for Work and Pensions [by Command] [Cm. 5424] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Government Trading Funds.—Accounts of the Meteorological Office for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 846] [Clerk of the House].

National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Financial Management of the European Union: Annual Report of the European Court of Auditors for the year 2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 859] [Clerk of the House].

School Standards and Framework.—Accounts of the—
(1) Easington and Seaham Education Action Zone, and
(2) Peterlee Education Action Zone for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 883 and 882] [Clerk of the House].

Telecommunications.—Report of the Director General of Telecommunications for 2001 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 738] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Wembley National Stadium Project]; to be printed [No. 843-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Draft Communications Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Communications Bill; to be printed [No. 876-i] [Nick Harvey].

3 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Appointments and Patronage]; to be printed [No. 686-vii] [Tony Wright].

4 Trade and Industry.—(1) Third Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [The Competitiveness and Productivity of UK Manufacturing Industry], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 597];
(2) Third Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Second Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, on Security of Energy Supply]; to be printed [No. 884]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Fuel Poverty]; to be printed [No. 814-iii]
[Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 153; WH, No. 88.]

Thursday 23rd May 2002.

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

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

Adjournment (Role of the United Nations).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Ivor Caplin);
And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 11th June.

[Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Adjournment (Matters to be considered before the forthcoming adjournment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Dan Norris).

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

2 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John Heppell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 10th June, pursuant to Resolution [30th April].

[Adjourned at 2.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Feeding Stuffs (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 892), dated 23rd May 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

2 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Lotteries (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1410), dated 23rd May 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].


Other Papers:

4 Treaty Series (No. 23, 2002),—Agreement, done at London on 20th August 1998, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Federative Republic of Brazil on the Transfer of Prisoners [by Command] [Cm. 5526] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Treaty Series (No. 24, 2002),—Exchange of Notes, done at La Paz on 4th December 2001 and 10th January 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Bolivia concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Bolivia Debt Agreement No. 8 (2001)) [by Command] [Cm. 5528] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Housing Benefit (Withholding of Payment) Bill,—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B (transferred from Standing Committee C).

2 Private Hire Vehicles (Guide Dogs) Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Frank Cook Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft European Union Extradition (Amendment) Regulations 2002:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Kevin Barron and Mr David Borrow from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Roger Casale and Huw Irranca-Davies.

4 Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment) (Electronic Commerce Directive) Order 2002,—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Chidgey Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.
5 Draft Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Amendment) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.


7 Draft Horticultural Development Council (Amendment) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

8 Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

9 Draft Vehicular Access Across Common and Other Land (England) Regulations 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Chris Mole from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Alan Simpson.

10 Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Communications Data: Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Chidgey Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

European Standing Committees

11 The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Community Documents Nos. 13361/01, 14591/01 and 6240/02, relating to the authorisation of human and veterinary medicines.
Monday 10th June 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Dignity at Work Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to provide for a right of dignity at work for employees; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

House of Lords Reform.—The Lords have come to the following Resolution, to which they desire the agreement of this House:

That it is expedient that a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed—

(1) to consider issues relating to House of Lords reform, including the composition and powers of the Second Chamber and its role and authority within the context of Parliament as a whole, having regard in particular to the impact which any proposed changes would have on the existing pre-eminence of the House of Commons, such consideration to include the implications of a House composed of more than one ‘category’ of member and the experience and expertise which the House of Lords in its present form brings to its function as the revising Chamber; and

(2) having regard to paragraph (1) above, to report on options for the composition and powers of the House of Lords and to define and present to both Houses options for composition, including a fully nominated and fully elected House, and intermediate options;

and to consider and report on—

(a) any changes to the relationship between the two Houses which may be necessary to ensure the proper functioning of Parliament as a whole in the context of a reformed Second Chamber, and in particular, any new procedures for resolving conflict between the two Houses; and

(b) the most appropriate and effective legal and constitutional means to give effect to any new Parliamentary settlement;

and in all the foregoing considerations, to have regard to—

(i) the Report of the Royal Commission on House of Lords Reform (Cm. 4534);
(ii) the White Paper The House of Lords—Completing the Reform (Cm. 5291), and the responses received thereto;
(iii) debates and votes in both Houses of Parliament on House of Lords reform; and
(iv) the House of Commons Public Administration Select Committee report The Second Chamber: Continuing the Reform, including its consultation of the House of Commons, and any other relevant select committee reports.

2 National Insurance Contributions Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the National Insurance Contributions Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Primary Class 1 contributions).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 2, line 4, to leave out the words ‘the current upper earnings limit’ and insert ‘£100,000’.—(Dr Evan Harris.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 2, line 8, to leave out the words ‘1 per cent.’ and insert the words ‘10 per cent. on earnings over £100,000’.—(Dr Evan Harris.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tom Brake, Sir Robert Smith: 43.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Smith, Jim Fitzpatrick: 384.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Nick Ainger: 315.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr John Randall: 125.
Clause No. 2 (Secondary Class 1 contributions).
Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 3, line 1, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 3 and insert the words—

‘(2) For the purposes of this Act the secondary percentage is
(a) 12.8 per cent., the “full percentage”, for all employers who do not provide health insurance;
(b) 11.8 per cent., the “reduced percentage”, for employers who do provide health insurance in respect of those employees for whom they provide health insurance.’.—(Mr John Bercow.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Julian Brazier: 126.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Jim Fitzpatrick: 338.

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed, in page 3, line 3, at the end, to insert the words ‘provided that, in respect of employees of pension age or over at the beginning of the year of assessment, the secondary percentage shall be 11.8 per cent.’.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Julian Brazier: 123.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Jim Fitzpatrick: 337.

And it being after half-past Eight o’clock, the Chairman, pursuant to Order [13th May], put the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.
Clause, and Clauses Nos. 3 to 8, agreed to.
Schedule No. 1 (Consequential amendments).
Amendment (No. 14) made.
Schedule, as amended, and Schedule No. 2 agreed to.
Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Joan Ryan reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

The House, according to Order [13th May], proceeded to consider the Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Phil Woolas: 336.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Julian Brazier: 129.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

3 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 (Interception of Communications: Code of Practice) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 8th May, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.

4 Regulatory Reform.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 18 (Consideration of draft regulatory reform orders), That the draft Regulatory Reform (Vaccine Damage Payments Act 1979) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 29th April, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.

5 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Ordered, That—

(1) the matter of the scope for a Bill of Rights 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 27th June at 2.30 p.m.; and
(3) at the meeting—
(a) the Chairman shall interrupt proceedings at 4.30 p.m.; and
(b) 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 Jim Murphy.)

6 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.34 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):

Thursday 30th May 2002

1 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the merger between Cargill Incorporated and Cerestar SA [Cm. 5521] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 European Union,—Paper, entitled Developments in the European Union: July–December 2001: The Belgian Presidency [Cm. 5534] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Friday 31st May 2002

3 Treaty Series (No. 25, 2002),—Treaty, done at Tegucigalpa on 4th December 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Honduras concerning the Delimitation of the Maritime Areas between the Cayman Islands and the Republic of Honduras [Cm. 5535] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Friday 7th June 2002

4 Treaty Series (No. 26, 2002),—Exchange of Letters, done at Brussels on 14th January and 13th February 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the European Commission concerning the Termination of the Privileges granted to the Joint European Torus (JET) Joint Undertaking [Cm. 5537] [Mr Secretary Straw].

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:

Monday 27th May 2002


6 Social Security,—Income Support (General) and Jobseeker’s Allowance Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1411), dated 24th May 2002 [Mr Secretary Darling].


Wednesday 29th May 2002

8 Education,—(1) Education (Student Loans) (Amendment) (No. 2) (England and Wales) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1433), dated 27th May 2002, and

10 Taxes.—Tax Credit (New Category of Child Care Provider) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1417), dated 22nd May 2002 [Mr Secretary Hoon].

Thursday 30th May 2002


12 Legal Aid and Advice.—Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (S.R. (N.I.), 2002, No. 212), dated 29th May 2002 [Ms Rosie Winterton].

13 Social Security.—Social Security (Attendance Allowance and Disability Living Allowance) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1406), dated 22nd May 2002 [Mr Secretary Smith].

Friday 31st May 2002

14 Agriculture.—Home-Grown Cereals Authority (Rate of Levy) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1461), dated 30th May 2002 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


16 Pesticides.—Plant Protection Products (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1460), dated 30th May 2002 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

17 Road Traffic.—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1474), dated 31st May 2002 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Thursday 6th June 2002


20 Plant Health.—Plant Health (Forestry) (Phytophthora ramorum) (Great Britain) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1478), dated 6th June 2002 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Friday 7th June 2002

21 Disabled Persons.—Disability Discrimination (Designation of Educational Institutions) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1459), and

(2) Disability Discrimination (Educational Institutions) (Alteration of Leasehold Premises) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1458),
dated 30th May 2002 [Secretary Estelle Morris].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 10th June 2002:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

22 Investigatory Powers.—(1) Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Human Intelligence Sources: Code of Practice) Order 2002,

(2) draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Surveillance: Code of Practice) Order 2002,

(3) draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Designation of Public Authorities for the Purposes of Intrusive Surveillance) Order 2002, and

(4) draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources: Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command][Mr Secretary Blankett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


25 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Dorset) (District of East Dorset) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1485), dated 10th June 2002,
(2) The Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Dorset) (District of North Dorset) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1504), dated 9th June 2002,
(3) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Dorset) (District of Purbeck) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1484), dated 10th June 2002, and
(4) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Dorset) (District of West Dorset) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1486), dated 10th June 2002
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

26 Social Care,—National Care Standards Commission (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1505), dated 10th June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

27 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—(1) Two Statutes, dated 16th January 2002, made by the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the University, and
(2) Statute, dated 5th February 2002, made by the University of Oxford, amending the Statutes of the University
[by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

28 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Cars) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1502), and
(2) Value Added Tax (Special Provisions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1503), dated 10th June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

Other Papers:
29 Covent Garden Market,—Statement of remuneration and allowances payable to members of the Covent Garden Market Authority [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

30 Education and Skills,—Department for Education and Skills Minute, dated 10th June 2002, revising a Minute, dated 26th March 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability in respect of arrangements for the appointment of a receiver to manage the affairs of Nottinghamshire Enterprises Ltd. (formerly North Nottinghamshire Training and Enterprise Council) [by Command] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

(1) Chancellor of the Exchequer’s Departments: HM Treasury, Debt Management Office, National Investment and Loans Office, Office of Government Commerce and Registry of Friendly Societies [by Command] [Cm. 5425] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer];
(2) Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, Office of the Rail Regulator and Ordnance Survey [by Command] [Cm. 5405] [Mr Secretary Darling], and
(3) Inland Revenue [by Command] [Cm. 5428] [Dawn Primarolo].

32 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Milk Development Council for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

33 Investigatory Powers,—(1) Draft Code of Practice on Covert Human Intelligence Sources, and
(2) draft Code of Practice on Covert Surveillance
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

34 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Dealing with pollution from ships [by Act]; to be printed [No. 879] [Clerk of the House].

35 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Lord Chancellor on the Petition [9th May] from residents of Knutsford and the surrounding areas against the closure of Knutsford Crown Court [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

36 School Standards and Framework,—(1) Account of the East Cleveland Education Action Zone for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 899] [Clerk of the House]; and
Accounts of the:
(a) Ashington Education Action Zone,
(b) Coventry Education Action Zone,
(c) Kent/Somerset Virtual Education Action Zone,
(d) North East Derbyshire Education Action Zone,
(e) Salford & Trafford Education Action Zone,
(f) South East England Virtual Education Action Zone,
(g) South Tyneside Education Action Zone,
(h) Sunderland Education Action Zone, and
(i) Wakefield Education Action Zone
for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [Nos. 902, 905, 901, 908, 906, 900, 904, 907 and 903] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Police Reform Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Anne McGuire from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr John Heppell.

2 Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs Etc) Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Sally Keeble from Standing Committee C (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr David Jamieson.

3 Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 4, 19, 23, 26 to 29, 87 to 92, 131 and 134 and Schedules Nos. 1, 5 and 38).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Smith from Standing Committee F (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr John Healey.

4 Draft European Union Extradition (Amendment) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Anne McGuire from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr John Heppell.

5 Draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ben Bradshaw from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Denis MacShane.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Communications Bill.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Communications Bill on 27th May; to be printed [No. 876-ii] [Clerk of the House]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 876-iii] [Nick Harvey].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Hazardous Waste Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Hazardous Waste]; to be printed [No. 919-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Human Rights.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [The Case for a Human Rights Commission for the UK]; to be printed [No. 781-v] [Jean Corston].

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the National Insurance Contributions Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.
PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2002.

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

2 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Order of 24th April (Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill (Programme)) (as amended by the Order of 9th May (Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill (Programme) (No. 2)) be varied as follows—

Consideration and Third Reading

(1) Paragraphs (5) to (7) of the Order of 24th April shall be omitted.

(2) Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be concluded in two days.

(3) The proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of the days as shown in the first column in the following Table and shall be taken in the order shown and each part of the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the second column.

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3 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.
A Clause (Accommodation centres: decisions and appeals)—(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 (Visiting committee)—(Mr Humfrey Malins)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Compensation for depreciation of property value)—(Tony Baldry)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Desmond Swayne: 142.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Phil Woolas: 408.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on Amendments which the Speaker had selected for separate Division.

Amendment (No. 28) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 42, after the word ‘persons’, to insert the words ‘in locations suitable to the cultural and other needs of those to be accommodated.’.—(Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Annette Brooke: 194.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Phil Woolas: 345.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 2, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(3) No accommodation centre established under this section shall hold more than 200 persons.’.—(Mr Humfrey Malins.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Laurence Robertson: 189.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Phil Woolas: 338.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 6, after the word ‘centre’, to insert the words ‘for a maximum period of 10 weeks’.—(Mr Oliver Letwin.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Laurence Robertson: 126.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 401.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Amendments (Nos. 214, 252, 253, 256, 259, 260, 215, 257 and 258) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Appeal from within United Kingdom: unfounded human rights or asylum claim)—(Mr Secretary Blunkett)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Smith, Mr Phil Woolas: 379.


It being after Ten o’clock, the Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Questions on Amendments moved or Motions made by a Minister of the Crown.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Appeal from within United Kingdom: unfounded human rights or asylum claim: transitional provision)—(Mr Secretary Blunkett)—brought up.
Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Smith, Mr Phil Woolas: 359.
Tellers for the Noes, Bob Russell, Annette Brooke: 76.

Question put, That Amendments (Nos. 219 to 226) be made to the Bill.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Smith, Mr Phil Woolas: 358.

The Deputy Speaker put the Question on an Amendment which the Speaker had selected for separate Division.
Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 44, line 19, to leave out Clause No. 80.—(Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Annette Brooke: 58.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Phil Woolas, Angela Smith: 363.
The Deputy Speaker put the Questions on further Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.
Other Amendments (Nos. 228 to 238, 245, 246, 244 and 247) made to the Bill.
Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

4 Building and Buildings,—Ordered, That the Building (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 440) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

5 Electoral Commission,—Ordered, That the Electoral Commission (Limit on Public Awareness Expenditure) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 505) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

6 Local Government,—Ordered, That the Local Government (Best Value) Performance Indicators and Performance Standards Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 523) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

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 [16th May] of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

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 Pensions,—Stakeholder Pension Schemes (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1480), dated 6th June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Other Papers:

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2001–02, on Arts Development [by Command] [Cm. 5533] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].


(1) the Department for Education and Skills and Office for Standards in Education [by Command] [Cm. 5402] [Secretary Estelle Morris], and

(2) the Foreign and Commonwealth Office [by Command] [Cm. 5413] [Mr Secretary Straw].
4 Housing.—Accounts of the Grants and Loans made to the Housing Action Trusts by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions for the years—
(1) 1998–99,
(2) 1999–2000, and
(3) 2000–01,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 915, 916 and 917] [Clerk of the House].

5 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 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 918] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

Draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Jack Cunningham from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Rosemary McKenna.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Gambling]; to be printed [No. 827-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Foreign Affairs.—(1) Seventh Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 384] [Donald Anderson]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Green Paper on Private Military Companies]; to be printed [No. 922-i] [Sir John Stanley].

3 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Conduct of Investigations into Past Cases of Abuse in Children’s Homes]; to be printed [No. 836-iii] [Mr Chris Mullin].

4 Statutory Instruments.—(1) Thirty-first Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xxxi]; and
(2) Second Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 196-ii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

5 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Trade with China and Taiwan]; to be printed [No. 925-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

6 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [NATS: Finances]; to be printed [No. 789-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

7 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The Bank of England May 2002 Inflation Report]; to be printed [No. 920-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 156; WH, No. 89.]

Tuesday 11th June 2002.

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 Nick Ainger.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 19th June.

2 Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs, etc.) Bill,—Frank Cook reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs, etc.) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 21st June; and to be printed [Bill 147].
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 928].

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

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5 European Standing Committee A,—Mrs Irene Adams reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:
   That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 6671/01, Commission White Paper on a Strategy for a Future Chemicals Policy; recognises the need to protect human health and the environment from hazardous chemicals including endocrine disruptors; agrees that the weaknesses of the current legislation, including the lack of data and slow progress in assessing hazards and risks from chemicals already on the market, must be addressed; welcomes the proposals to ensure transparency and improved public access to non-confidential information and that the responsibility is placed on manufacturers and importers to assess hazard and exposure and perform preliminary risk assessment; endorses the Government view that requirements for animal testing must be minimised and alternatives to animal testing promoted; recognises that the proposals must take account of the implications for the competitiveness of the European Union chemical industry; and recognises that proposals must be ambitious but achievable and provide a system that is workable and cost effective with minimum regulatory burden.
   Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

6 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   The Lords have agreed to the Land at Palace Avenue, Kensington (Acquisition of Freehold) Bill, without Amendment.
   Milford Haven Port Authority Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to alter the constitution of and confer further powers upon the Milford Haven Port Authority; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of the Commons.

7 Milford Haven Port Authority Bill [Lords].—The Milford Haven Port Authority Bill [Lords] was read the first time.
   Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

8 Corporate Responsibility Bill,—Linda Perham, supported by Mr Barry Sheerman, Mr Tony Colman, Mr Frank Field, Mr Martin O’Neill, Mr Tony Banks, Sue Doughty, Mr Simon Thomas, Glenda Jackson, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Sir Teddy Taylor and Mr John Horam, presented a Bill to make provision for certain companies to produce and publish reports on environmental, social and economic and financial matters; to require those companies to consult on certain proposed operations; to specify certain duties and liabilities of directors; to establish and provide for the functions of the Corporate Responsibility Board; to provide for remedies for aggrieved persons; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 145].
9 Data Protection (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Data Protection Act 1998 to provide exemptions in respect of Members of Parliament seeking information on behalf of their constituents; and for related purposes: And that Mr Mark Francois, Mr Paul Goodman, Chris Grayling, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr George Osborne, Mr Mark Prisk, Andrew Selous, Sir Michael Spicer, Mr John Whittingdale, Mr Bill Wiggin and David Wright do prepare and bring it in.

10 Data Protection (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Mark Francois accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Data Protection Act 1998 to provide exemptions in respect of Members of Parliament seeking information on behalf of their constituents; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st June and to be printed [Bill 146].

11 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Control of entry to United Kingdom, &c.: use of force)—(Ms Rosie Winterton)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill. Another Clause (Withholding and withdrawal of support)—(Beverley Hughes)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Jim Murphy: 456.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Andrew Stunell: 69.

It being after Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [yesterday], put the Questions on the remaining Amendments moved and Motions made by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Clause added to the Bill.

Question put, That the Clauses (Section 117: consequential amendments), (Carriers’ liability) and (Compliance with procedure) and Schedules (Withholding and withdrawal of support) and (Carriers’ liability) be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Jim Murphy: 454.


Other Amendments (Nos. 85, 17, 19, 88, 21, 213, 217, 216, 254, 255, 218, 103, 104, 59 and 249 to 251) made to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 239 to 241) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 66) proposed to the Bill, in page 53, line 20, to leave out Clause No. 101.—(Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, John Thurso, Sir Robert Smith: 61.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Nick Ainger: 301.

Other Amendments (Nos. 195 to 206) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 73) proposed to the Bill, in page 68, to leave out lines 19 to 21.—(Mr Richard Allan.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 207 and 90) made to the Bill.

It being Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question on an Amendment which the Speaker had selected for separate Division.

Another Amendment (No. 74) proposed to the Bill, in page 71, line 16, to leave out from the word ‘if’ to the end of line 17 and insert the words ‘on application made by an immigration officer a justice of the peace is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing’, instead thereof.—(Mr Richard Allan.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Sir Robert Smith: 58.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Ivor Caplin: 292.
The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 91 to 102, 208 to 212, 248, 242 and 243) made to the Bill.

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

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Smith, Joan Ryan: 362.

Tellers for the Noes, Bob Russell, Mr Andrew Stunell: 74.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

12 Housing Benefit (Withholding of Payment) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Housing Benefit (Withholding of Payment) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Housing Benefit (Withholding of Payment) 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 or by virtue 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.—(Malcolm Wicks.)

13 Standing Committee on the Convention,—Ordered, That—

(1) There shall be a standing committee, called the Standing Committee on the Convention, for the consideration of reports from the United Kingdom Parliamentary Representatives to the Convention on the future of Europe.

(2) At any sitting of the standing committee, the chairman may permit the Parliamentary Representatives to make statements on the discharge of their responsibilities, and questions may then be put thereon by Members:

Provided that no proceedings under this paragraph may continue after the expiry of a period of one and a half hours from their commencement, except with the leave of the chairman.

(3)(a) At the conclusion of proceedings under the preceding paragraph, the committee shall consider only a motion proposed from the chair ‘That the committee has considered the report of [date] from the United Kingdom Representatives to the Convention on the future of Europe’; and the chairman shall put any Questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings on such a motion, if not previously concluded, when the committee shall have sat for two and a half hours;

(b) The chairman shall thereupon report that the committee has considered the report of [date] from the United Kingdom Representatives to the Convention on the future of Europe, without putting any further Question.

(4)(a) Notwithstanding Standing Order No. 86, the standing committee shall consist of those Members of the House nominated for the time being to the European Scrutiny Committee (appointed under Standing Order No. 143) and to the Foreign Affairs Committee (appointed under Standing Order No. 152), together with the Parliamentary Representatives to the Convention; and

(b) any Member of the House, not being a member of the committee, may participate in the proceedings of the committee, but shall not vote or make any motion or be counted in the quorum.

(5)(a) Alternate Representatives to the Convention on the future of Europe who are members of the House of Lords may, if that House thinks fit, make such statements as are mentioned in paragraph (2) of this Order, answer questions thereon, and participate in debate on the motion made under paragraph (3); and

(b) other members of the House of Lords may participate in the committee’s proceedings, but no member of that House may vote or make any motion or be counted in the quorum.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

14 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from members of the Stocksbridge Bypass Campaign for safety improvements to the Stocksbridge bypass was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
15 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Jim Murphy);

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 two minutes to Eleven o’clock, till tomorrow.

Adjourned at 10.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—Draft Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Schedule 4) (Amendment) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

2 Environmental Protection.—Draft Offshore Installations (Emergency Pollution Control) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 Insider Dealing.—Draft Insider Dealing (Securities and Regulated Markets) (Amendment) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ruth Kelly].


(2) draft United Nations and International Court of Justice (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2002 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Draft Pathogens Access Appeal Commission (Procedure) Rules 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

6 Social Security.—Draft Social Security Amendment (Intercalating Students) Regulations 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

7 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—Draft Court of Appeal (Appeals from Pathogens Access Appeal Commission) Rules 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

9 Financial Reporting to Parliament.—Departmental Report 2002: The Government’s Expenditure Plans for 2002-03 to 2003-04 for the Department for Culture, Media and Sport [by Command] [Cm. 5423-I and -II] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

10 Public Petitions.—(1) Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petitions [13th May] from residents of Bicester and of the parishes of Ambrosden, Arncott, Blackthorn and Piddington and other neighbouring parishes in Oxfordshire, and from residents of Brill, Long Crendon, Ludgershall, Marsh Gibbon, Oakley and neighbouring parishes in the constituency of Buckingham, against the proposal to build an accommodation centre for asylum seekers in Bicester; and

(2) Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [22nd May] from North Claines Parish Council for road safety measures outside Hindlip C.E. First School [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

11 Treaty Series (No. 27, 2002).—Treaty on Open Skies, done at Helsinki on 24th March 1992 [by Command] [Cm. 5539] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Police Reform Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths and Mr Bill O’Brien additional Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.
2 Housing Benefit (Withholding of Payment) Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill in place of Mr John McWilliam.

3 Draft European Union Extradition (Amendment) Regulations 2002.—(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations in place of Mr John Cummings; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Sir Sydney Chapman from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Michael Jack.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr William Cash, Yvette Cooper, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr David Heath, Kate Hoey, Alan Keen, Norman Lamb, Laura Moffatt, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Linda Perham, Mr Gordon Prentice, Syd Rapson, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Angela Watkinson and Mr Phil Woolas.

5 Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment) (Electronic Commerce Directive) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Iain Coleman, Julia Drown and Joan Ryan from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr George Galloway, Mr Mark Lazarowicz and Jon Trickett.

6 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 100) (House of Commons Paper No. 869), on 2001/02 Special Grant Report for Rate Relief in Respect of Hardship Caused by Foot and Mouth Disease:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Second 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: Mr John Baron, Mr Kevin Barron, Hugh Bayley, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Colin Breed, Linda Gilroy, Mr Dai Havard, Helen Jackson, Mr Christopher Leslie, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Adrian Sanders, Geraldine Smith and Mr Phil Woolas.

7 Draft Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Amendment) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Norman Baker, Annette Brooke, Mr John Denham and Dr Andrew Murrison from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Simon Hughes, Norman Lamb, Mr Mark Simmonds and Mr Michael Wills.

8 Draft International Maritime Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr David Cameron, Mr Ivor Caplin, Harry Cohen, Valerie Davey, Julia Drown, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Mark Fisher, Norman Lamb, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Denis MacShane, Chris Mole, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr John Randall and Mr Siôn Simon.

9 Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Graham Stringer from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Jim Murphy.

10 Draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Ninth 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: Mr Gregory Barker, Mr John Burnett, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Iain Coleman, Mr Tony Colman, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Frank Field, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Chris Grayling, Mr Dominic Grieve, Lynne Jones, Ms Oona King, Mr Stephen Pound, Joan Ryan, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr Michael Wills.
11 Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Maintenance of Interception Capability) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Tenth 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: Mr Bob Ainsworth, Mr Richard Allan, Colin Burgon, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr Mark Francois, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr John Horam, Simon Hughes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Dr Howard Stoate, Paddy Tipping and Derek Twigg.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Eleventh 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: Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Dr Jack Cunningham, Mr Tam Dalyell, Geraint Davies, Sue Doughty, Linda Gilroy, Mr David Heath, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Boris Johnson, Mr Christopher Leslie, John Mann, Mr Alan Meale, Patrick Mercer, Llew Smith and Mr Phil Woolas.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Tony Clarke, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Don Foster, Linda Gilroy, Mr David Lepper, Mr Christopher Leslie, Mr Stephen McCabe, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Diana Organ, Mr Andrew Rosindell, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Shaun Woodward and Mr Phil Woolas.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Thirteenth 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: Mr Nick Ainger, Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Colin Breed, Malcolm Bruce, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr Denis Murphy, Albert Owen, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Keith Simpson, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mark Tami, Mr Tom Watson, Mr Bill Wiggin and Mr James Wray.

European Standing Committees

15 The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 8351/02 relating to the reception of asylum applicants.

16 European Union Document No. 9923/01 and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 15th March 2002, submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry, relating to waste from electrical and electronic equipment, and European Union Document No. 10143/01 and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 15th March 2002, submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry, relating to hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment, have been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [The Future of NATO]; to be printed [Nos. 914-i and -ii] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [UK Youth Parliament]; to be printed [No. 935-i] [Valerie Davey].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Fourth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Disposal of Refrigerators], together with the Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Disposal of Refrigerators Sub-Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 673]; and

(2) Fifth Report from the Committee [Genetically Modified Organisms]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 767] [Mr David Curry].

4 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Buying Time for Forests]; to be printed [No. 792-ii] [Mr John Horam].
European Scrutiny.—(1) Thirty-second Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xxii]; and

(2) Thirty-third Report from the Committee [Democracy and Accountability in the EU and the Role of National Parliaments], 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. 152-xxxii]

[Mr Jimmy Hood].

Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Delivering the NHS Plan]; to be printed [No. 934-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

Northern Ireland Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Impact in Northern Ireland of Cross-border Road Fuel Price Differentials: Three Years On]; to be printed [No. 819-v] [Mr Michael Mates].

Public Accounts.—(1) Thirty-eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [NIRS 2: Contract extension]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 423];

(2) Thirty-ninth Report from the Committee [Giving Confidently: The role of the Charity Commission in regulating charities]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 412]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Government on the Web II]; to be printed [No. 936-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Government Funding of the Learned Scientific Societies]; to be printed [No. 774-ii] [Dr Ian Gibson].

Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Affordable Housing]; to be printed [No. 809-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Committee [Affordable Housing]; to be printed [No. 809-II]

[Andrew Bennett].

Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [The Pension Service]; to be printed [No. 873-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 157; WH, No. 90.]

Wednesday 12th June 2002.

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.—(Joan Ryan.)

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 London Development Agency Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Development Agency Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 20th June.

2 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 National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Bill to which the Commons have disagreed; and they agree, without Amendment, to the Amendments proposed by the Commons in lieu of the remaining Lords Amendments.

3 Health Reform (Education and Public Involvement) Bill.—The Order for reading the Health Reform (Education and Public Involvement) Bill a second time on Friday 21st June was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

4 Enterprise Bill (Programme) (No. 3),—Ordered, That the Order of 10th April (Enterprise Bill (Programme)) (as amended by the Order of 1st May (Enterprise Bill (Programme) (No. 2))) be amended by substituting for paragraph 4(2) the following—

‘Proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of the two days allowed by the Order as shown in the first column in the following Table and shall be taken in the order so shown, and each part of the proceedings shall, so far as not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the second column.

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—(Miss Melanie Johnson.)

5 Enterprise Bill [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Enterprise Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Excisions from reports: Part 3)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Excisions from reports: Part 4)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Use of fines by OFT)—(Mr Nigel Waterson)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 89, 156, 157 and 223) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 147) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 5, to leave out the words 'Secretary of State' and insert the words 'Lord Chancellor', instead thereof.—(Mr Andrew Lansley.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 158, 90, 169 to 181, 372, 159 and 182 to 184) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 7, to leave out the word 'shall' and insert the words 'may at its discretion', instead thereof.—(Mr Nigel Waterson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 202) proposed to the Bill, in page 11, line 11, after the word 'competition', to insert the words 'or substantial damage to the public interest'.—(Mr Harry Barnes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, John Thurso, John Cryer: 39.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Derek Twigg: 245.

Other Amendments (Nos. 224 to 227) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 63) proposed to the Bill, in page 26, line 28, to leave out from '57' to the end of line 29.—(Mr Nigel Waterson.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Laurence Robinson: 126.

Tellers for the Noes, Derek Twigg, Mr Nick Ainger: 255.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 228 to 231, 234 to 255, 160, 161, 256, 257, 162 to 164, 258 to 265, 165, 166, 266 to 297, 167, 168, 298, 185, 186, 299, 300, 187 and 93 to 97) made to the Bill.

Bill to be further considered on Monday 17th June.

6 Strategy for a Future Chemicals 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. 6671/01, Commission White Paper from the European Commission on a Strategy for a future Chemicals Policy; recognises the need to protect human health and the environment from hazardous chemicals including endocrine disrupters; agrees that the weaknesses of the current legislation, including the lack of data and slow progress in assessing hazards and risks from chemicals already on the market, must be addressed; welcomes the proposals to ensure transparency and improved public access to non-confidential information and that responsibility is placed on manufacturers and importers to assess hazard and exposure and perform preliminary risk assessment; endorses the Government view that requirements for animal testing must be minimised and alternatives to animal testing promoted; recognises that the proposals must take account of the implications for the competitiveness of the European Union chemical industry; and recognises that proposals must be ambitious but achievable and provide a system that is workable and cost effective with minimum regulatory burden.—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

7 Animals.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 1st May, be approved.—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.
8 Animals.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Livestock: Laying Hens, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1st May, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

9 Animals.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Livestock: Meat Chickens and Breeding Chickens, a copy of which was laid before this House on 1st May, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

10 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) (Amendment) (Electronic Commerce Directive) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 16th May, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

11 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Mrs Anna Harper, Mr Brian Cassidy and others for restoration of the City of Bath to the status of a unitary authority 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 Jim Murphy.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter to Eight o’clock, adjourned till Monday 17th June.

[Adjourned at 7.45 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (T-Systems Limited) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1562), and

dated 11th June 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:


(1) British Trade International [by Command] [Cm. 5415] [Ms Secretary Hewitt];

(2) the Charity Commission for England and Wales [by Command] [Cm. 5407] [Mr Secretary Blunkett];

(3) the Home Office [by Command] [Cm. 5406] [Mr Secretary Blankett];

(4) the Lord Chancellor’s Departments [by Command] [Cm. 5408] [Ms Rosie Winterton];

(5) the Law Officers’ Departments [by Command] [Cm. 5409] [The Solicitor General];

(6) the Office for National Statistics [by Command] [Cm. 5434] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer];

(7) the Scotland Office [by Command] [Cm. 5430] [Mrs Secretary Liddell]; and

(8) the Wales Office [by Command] [Cm. 5431] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

3 Intelligence Services,—(1) Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee for 2001–02, and

(2) Government Response to the Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee for 2001–02

[by Command] [Cms. 5542 and 5543] [The Prime Minister].
4 Public Petitions.—(1) Observations by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Petition [8th May] from Derby Patients’ Council and residents of Derby for a review of the system of benefits for long-stay patients; and
(2) Observations by the Lord Chancellor on the Petition [21st May] from residents of West Wiltshire against the closure of Trowbridge Courthouse
[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

5 Science and Technology.—Government Response to the First Report of the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2001–02, on Cancer Research—A Follow Up [by Command] [Cm. 5532] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 Social Security.—Explanatory Memorandum on the draft Social Security Amendment (Intercalating Students) Regulations 2002, laid 12th June [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

7 Telecommunications.—Licences granted under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to:
(1) Companhia Portuguesa Radio Marconi SA,
(2) T-Systems Limited, and
(3) United Networks Limited
[by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers withdrawn:

8 Charities.—Draft Charities (Cheadle Royal Hospital, Manchester) Order 2002 [laid 17th April].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft European Union Extradition (Amendment) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Valerie Davey, Mr Mark Lazarowicz and Mr Humfrey Malins from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Colin Challen, Mr James Paine and Mr Paul Truswell.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 100) (House of Commons Paper No. 869), on 2001/02 Special Grant Report for Rate Relief in Respect of Hardship Caused by Foot and Mouth Disease.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Julian Brazier from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Mr John Hayes.

3 Draft International Maritime Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Norman Lamb from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Alistair Carmichael.

4 Draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alistair Carmichael from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Norman Lamb.

5 Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Maintenance of Interception Capability) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Simon Hughes from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Norman Baker.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Communications Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Communications Bill; to be printed [No. 876-iv] [Nick Harvey].

2 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Private Military Companies]; to be printed [No. 922-ii] [Donald Anderson].

3 Public Administration.—(1) Seventh Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [The Public Service Ethos]; 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 [Nos. 263-I and -II]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Public Appointments and Patronage]; to be printed [No. 686-viii]
[Tony Wright].

4 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—(1) Ninth Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Road Traffic Speed], 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 [Nos. 557-I and -II]; and

(2) Tenth Report from the Committee [Ordnance Survey], with the Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 481]
[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

5 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The Bank of England May 2002 Inflation Report]; to be printed [No. 920-ii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 158; WH, No. 91.]

Thursday 13th June 2002.

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

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

Adjournment (Rail Passenger Franchising and the Future of Rail Infrastructure—First Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2001–02, and the Government’s response thereto).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Fraser Kemp);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 18th June.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Union Extradition (Amendment) Regulations 2002.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 100) (House of Commons Paper No. 869), on 2001–02 Special Grant Report for Rate Relief in Respect of Hardship caused by Foot and Mouth Disease.

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

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft International Maritime Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2002.

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

4 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) Order 2002.

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

5 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 8351/02, draft Council Directive laying down minimum standards for the reception of applicants for asylum in Member States; supports the Government’s efforts to secure agreement on a Council Directive for reception conditions for asylum applicants which will promote a balance in the provision of reception arrangements throughout the Union; and notes the Government’s commitment to secure agreement to the asylum measures within the time period envisaged by the Treaty of Amsterdam.

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

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

Sex Discrimination (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the Sex Discrimination Act 1975; to make provision with respect to discrimination concerning the provision of goods, facilities, services and access to governance by private member clubs; and to continue to permit wholly single-sex clubs and sporting events; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

7 Sex Discrimination (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Sex Discrimination (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday and to be printed [Bill 148].

8 Enterprise Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Enterprise Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Amendment (No. 380) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 196) proposed to the Bill, in page 147, line 26, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(2A) An act or omission or course of conduct falls within this subsection if it amounts to the abuse by the person in question (“the supplier”) of his superior knowledge or bargaining strength so that he:

(a) unfairly induces consumers to enter into transactions which are not the result of free and informed decisions; or

(b) unfairly hinders consumers from enforcing rights under any consumer transaction.'
(2B) In considering whether an act, omission or course of conduct amounts to an abuse under subsection (2A), the court shall take into account all the circumstances, including the nature of the goods or services in question, the nature and extent of any commitments undertaken by the consumers in question and any lack of good faith on the part of the supplier, and the court may have regard to:

(a) any representation made by the supplier, or failure to disclose information, which unreasonably prevents consumers from making adequate price or value comparisons between competing suppliers;

(b) any exploitation by the supplier of consumers’ inability to make free and informed decisions, or to enforce rights under contracts, because of physical or mental infirmity, inability to understand the language of the transaction or other vulnerability;

(c) any failure by the supplier to comply with a consumer code of practice (as defined in section 8(4) of this Act) which he claims to follow;

(d) any act or omission by the supplier which causes any unreasonable expense of time or money by consumers pursuing legitimate complaints or rights under contracts entered into with the supplier; and

(e) any failure to keep consumers reasonably informed about matters relating to a contract for supply of services, or which might affect a decision whether or not to change suppliers.’.—(Mr Nigel Waterson.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Desmond Swayne: 148.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ian Pearson, Derek Twigg: 258.

Other Amendments (Nos. 375 to 379) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Bankrupt’s home)—(Miss Melanie Johnson)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Fees: further provision)—(Mr Nigel Waterson)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Amendment (No. 79) proposed to the Bill, in page 243, line 13, after the word ‘company’, to insert the words ‘and the whole or part of its business’.—(Mr Nigel Waterson.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 99 to 101, 324 to 326, 102 to 104, 327, 105 to 121, 123, 122, 124, 328, 125, 329, 126, 330, 331, 127, 332 to 345, 128, 346, 129, 347, 130 to 133, 348, 134, 349 to 353, 140, 354, 355, 321 and 322) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 170, line 27, at the end, to insert the words—

‘72FA Sixth exception: Registered Social Landlords

1. Section 72A does not prevent the appointment of an administrative receiver of a company which is a registered social landlord at the time of the appointment.

2. Section 72A does not prevent the appointment of an administrative receiver of a company which, at the time of the creation of the relevant qualifying floating charge, was either:

(a) a registered social landlord; or

(b) a housing association registered as such in the register previously maintained pursuant to Part I of the Housing Associations Act 1985.

3. In subsections (1) and (2) “registered social landlord” means a body registered as a social landlord pursuant to section 3 of the Housing Act 1985 or, as the case may be, section 57 of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001.’.—(Mr Nigel Waterson.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 356 to 370 and 98) made to the Bill.
Another Amendment (No. 85) proposed to the Bill, in page 174, to leave out line 12 and insert the words—

'(a) in the case of an individual whose bankruptcy arises from the closure of a business or trade established or operated by that individual, one year beginning with the date on which the bankruptcy commences; and

(b) in cases not falling within subsection 1(a):

(i) where a certificate for the summary administration of the bankrupt’s estate has been issued and is not revoked before the bankrupt’s discharge, two years beginning with the date on which the bankruptcy commences; and

(ii) in any other case, three years beginning with the date on which the bankruptcy commences’, instead thereof.—(Mr Nigel Waterson.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 371) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 76) proposed to the Bill, in page 177, line 32, to leave out Clause No. 259.—(Mr Nigel Waterson.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 323, 374, 188, 382 to 386, 301, 135, 136, 407, 408, 192, 409, 193, 302, 194, 137, 191, 303, 138, 381) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 91) proposed to the Bill, in page 184, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

'(2) Parts 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of this Act shall not come into force before 1st March 2005’.—(Mr Nigel Waterson.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

9 Fees and Charges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Consular Fees Act 1980 (Fees) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 13th May, be approved.—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

10 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 19th June, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Robin Cook relating to House of Lords Reform (Joint Committee) not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; the Questions may be decided, though opposed, after the expiration of the time for opposed business and the Order of 28th June 2001 relating to deferred Divisions shall not apply to them.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.41 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 14th June 2002 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the merger situation of Coloplast A/S and SSL International plc [Cm. 5522] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


   (1) the Department of Trade and Industry [Cm. 5416] [Ms Secretary Hewitt];
   (2) the Export Credits Guarantee Department [Cm. 5418] [Ms Secretary Hewitt];
   (3) the Food Standards Agency [Cm. 5404] [Mr Secretary Milburn];
   (4) National Savings and Investments [Cm. 5433] [Mr Paul Boateng];
   (5) the Northern Ireland Office [Cm. 5432] [Mr Secretary Reid].
3 Transport,—Department for Transport Minute, dated 14th June 2002, in respect of a contingent liability consequent upon interest rate hedge guarantees given to London and Continental Railways Limited [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 17th June 2002:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

4 Immigration,—Draft Immigration (Entry Otherwise than by Sea or Air) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 103) on Gypsy Sites Refurbishment Grant for 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 948] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 Road Traffic,—Draft Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Social Security,—Draft Social Security (Electronic Communications) (Child Benefit) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

8 Coroners,—Lincolnshire (Coroners’ Districts) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1588), dated 13th June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

9 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Diving Safety) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1587), dated 13th June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:

11 Audit Commission,—Accounts of the Audit Commission for Local Authorities and the National Health Service in England and Wales for the year ended 31st October 2001, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 931] [Clerk of the House].

12 European Communities (No. 2, 2002),—Stabilisation and Association Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 29th October 2001, between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Croatia, of the other part, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5544] [Mr Secretary Straw].


14 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Report and Accounts of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

15 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Progress in Reducing Stocks [by Act]; to be printed [No. 898] [Clerk of the House].

16 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the—

(1) Barnsley Education Action Zone, and
(2) Wythenshawe Education Action Zone

for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 945 and 946] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Electoral Commission (Limit on Public Awareness Expenditure) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 505).—The Speaker has appointed Frank Cook Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.
2 Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gregory Barker from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Flook.

3 Draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Louise Ellman and Mr Frank Field from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Bridget Prentice and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

4 Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Maintenance of Interception Capability) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Horam and Mr Frank Dobson from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Chris Grayling and Mr Dave Watts.

Grand Committees

5 The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Thursday 27th June.

European Standing Committees

6 The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Documents Nos. SN 1107/02, SN 1108/02, SN 1109/02, SN 1111/02, SN 1112/02, SN 1113/02, SN 1319/1/02, SN 1320/1/02, SN 1321/02, SN 1322/02, SN 1323/02, SN 1324/1/02, SN 1325/02, OF C51/7, SN 1361/02, SN 1382/1/02 and SN 1383/1/02 relating to the Stability and Convergence Programmes of each Member State; and European Union Document No. 8389/02 relating to Broad Economic Policy Guidelines.

7 The Speaker has appointed Mr David Chidgey Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Documents Nos. 13361/01 and 14591/01 relating to the authorisation of human and veterinary medicines and European Union Document No. 6240/02 relating to the authorisation of traditional herbal medicinal products, in place of Mr Alan Hurst.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Communications Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Communications Bill; to be printed [No. 876-v] [Brian White].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Hazardous Waste Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Hazardous Waste]; to be printed [No. 919-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Human Rights.—(1) Seventeenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 961];

(2) Eighteenth Report from the Committee [Scrutiny of Bills: Further Progress Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 962]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Case for a Human Rights Commission for the UK]; to be printed [No. 781-vi]
[Jean Corston].

4 Public Accounts.—(1) Fortieth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [NHSDirect in England]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 610]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Dealing with pollution from ships] [No. 960-i]
[Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Draft National Health Service (Wales) Bill]; to be printed [No. 959-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Amendment) Order 2002.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Irene Adams reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Horticultural Development Council (Amendment) Order 2002.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2002.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Amess reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Vehicular Access Across Common and Other Land (England) Regulations 2002.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Amess reported from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Maintenance of Interception Capability) Order 2002.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Building (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 440).
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:
   That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 8389/02, Commission Recommendation for the 2002 Broad Guidelines of the Economic Policies of the Member States and the Community; and supports the Government’s welcome for the publication of the Commission’s Recommendation for the Guidelines, as giving operational content to the conclusions of the Lisbon and Stockholm summits, reflecting the importance of structural reform in tackling successfully the challenges of globalisation and competitiveness, and promoting employment and social inclusion; also takes note of European Union Documents Nos. SN1107/02, 1108/02, 1109/02, 1110/02, 1111/02, 1112/02, 1113/02, 1319/02 REV1, 1320/02 REV1, 1321/02, 1322/02, 1323/02, 1324/02 REV1, 1325/02 REV1, 1361/02, 1382/02 REV1, 1383/02 REV1 and 2002/C 51/06, Council Opinions and Statements on the 2001 Stability and Convergence Programmes; and welcomes these Opinions and Statements as promoting the objective of sound government finances as a means of strengthening the conditions for price stability and for strong sustainable growth conducive to employment creation.
   Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

8 European Standing Committee C,—Mr David Chidgey reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:
   That the Standing Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 13361/01, Commission Report on the experience gained as a result of the operation of the procedures for granting marketing authorisation for medicinal products; and No. 14591/01, draft Regulation laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products, and draft Directives amending Directives 2001/83/EC and 2001/82/EC on the Community codes relating to medicinal products for human use and veterinary medicinal products; supports the Government’s position of broad agreement to the proposed amendments, and the overall aims of the Review; supports the Government’s ongoing work with Member States to build on the current system of medicines regulation to ensure it continues to contribute to the protection of human and animal health, also to promote the further development of a single market in pharmaceuticals, prepare the regulatory regime for enlargement,
and provide a competitive environment for the pharmaceutical industry; notes European Union Document No. 6240/02, draft Directive amending Directive 2001/83/EC as regards traditional herbal medicinal products for human use; and supports the Government’s position of broad agreement to the proposed amendments in order to achieve a regulatory regime for traditional herbal medicines which improves public health protection while maintaining consumer choice.

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

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

Public Trustee (Liability and Fees) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the Public Trustee Act 1906 in respect of the liability and fees of the Public Trustee; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

10 Public Trustee (Liability and Fees) Bill [Lords].—The Public Trustee (Liability and Fees) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 150].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Public Trustee (Liability and Fees) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 150–EN].

11 Waiting Time for Discharge from Hospital Bill.—The Order for reading the Waiting Time for Discharge from Hospital Bill a second time on Friday 21st June was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

12 Home Safety.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to promote the use of accident prevention and safety measures in the home; to reduce the cost of such measures by reducing the rate of VAT levied on them; and for connected purposes; And that Claire Ward, Phil Hope, Mr Huw Edwards, Lawrie Quinn, Mr Gareth Thomas (Harrow West), Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Ivan Henderson and Mr Andy Reed do prepare and bring it in.

13 Home Safety Bill.—Claire Ward accordingly presented a Bill to promote the use of accident prevention and safety measures in the home; to reduce the cost of such measures by reducing the rate of VAT levied on them; and for connected purposes; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 149].

14 Criminal Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Criminal Justice Act 1988 (Offensive Weapons) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 15th May, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick)—It was agreed to.

15 Reception of Asylum Applicants.—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. 8351/02, draft Council Directive laying down minimum standards for the reception of applicants for asylum in Member States; supports the Government’s efforts to secure agreement on a Council directive for reception conditions for asylum applicants which will promote a balance in the provision of reception arrangements throughout the Union; and notes the Government’s commitment to secure agreement to the asylum measures within the time period envisaged by the Treaty of Amsterdam—(Jim Fitzpatrick)—It was agreed to.

16 Adjournment (European Affairs).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

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


18 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Jim Murphy);

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. Housing.—Draft Homelessness (Priority Need for Accommodation) (England) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2. Local Government Finance.—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 94) on Funding for Enforcement of Vehicle Emission Standards [by Act]; to be printed [No. 885] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:


6. National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The 2001 Outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease [by Act]; to be printed [No. 939] [Clerk of the House].

7. Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [22nd May] from residents of Lyneham, Wootton Bassett, Calne, Chippenham, Malmesbury and other towns and villages of North Wiltshire against the closure of RAF Lyneham and for the basing of the A400M transport aircraft there [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Communications Data: Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bob Ainsworth, Mr Richard Allan, Peter Bottomley, Annette Brooke, Harry Cohen, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Ivan Henderson, Mr Mark Hoban, Dr Nick Palmer, Jon Trickett, Dr Desmond Turner, Mrs Betty Williams and Mr Phil Woolas from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order).

2. Draft Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Amendment) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr George Galloway, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr Peter Kilfoyle from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Janet Anderson, Paul Goggins and Mr Doug Henderson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Illegal Meat Imports Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Illegal Meat Imports]; to be printed [No. 968-i] [Paddy Tipping].

2. Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [The Inter-governmental Conference 2004: The Convention on the Future of Europe]; to be printed [No. 965-i] [Donald Anderson].

3. Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Conduct of Investigations into Past Cases of Abuse in Children’s Homes]; to be printed [No. 836-iv] [Mr Chris Mullin].

4. International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Department for International Development: Departmental Report 2002]; to be printed [No. 964] [Tony Baldry].

5. Statutory Instruments.—Thirty-second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xxii] [Mr Brian White].
6 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Banking and SMEs]; to be printed [No. 818-iii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 160; WH, No. 92.]
Tuesday 18th June 2002.
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 John Spellar.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 1.58 p.m.]

[No. 161.]
Wednesday 19th June 2002.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 26th June.

2 Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government (Best Value) Performance Indicators and Performance Standards Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 523).

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

3 Thirteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Thirteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the TSE (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 843).

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

4 Planning (Publication and Infrastructure) Bill,—The Order for reading the Planning (Publication and Infrastructure) Bill a second time on Friday 21st June was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

5 Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs etc.) Bill,—The Order for considering the Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs etc.) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, on Friday 21st June was read and discharged.

Bill to be considered on Friday 19th July.

6 Prescriptions (Chronic Diseases),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision in relation to prescribing for those suffering from chronic diseases: And that Mr Paul Marsden, Dr Richard Taylor, Dr Ian Gibson, Dr Evan Harris, Mr David Amess, Sandra Gidley, Mr Simon Thomas, Mr Paul Burstow, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Dr Jenny Tonge and John Barrett do prepare and bring it in.

7 Prescriptions (Chronic Diseases) Bill,—Mr Paul Marsden accordingly presented a Bill to make provision in relation to prescribing for those suffering from chronic diseases: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 151].

8 Opposition Day [3rd allotted day: second part].—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.

Reduction of World Poverty through Trade,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House shares the concerns of the Trade Justice Movement about the plight of the poorest people in the world, and congratulates them on bringing these matters to the attention of the public; notes with great concern the increasing levels of hunger and poverty in many developing nations; further notes that international development targets are not being met in Africa; recognises the depth of public concern on this issue; believes that increasing levels of international trade offer the greatest hope for the alleviation of hunger and poverty in history; further believes that the removal of
trade barriers will promote economic growth, trade and investment in poor nations; supports the liberalisation of trade; is concerned that the Common Agricultural Policy is failing both British farmers and consumers, and harming farmers in poor countries; is also concerned at the rising levels of farm subsidies in America; and calls on the Government to use the forthcoming G8 Summit in Canada, the EU Heads of Government Meeting, and future World Trade Organisation meetings to further the liberalisation of international trade to promote the alleviation of poverty and combat hunger and starvation amongst the poorest people on earth—(Mrs Caroline Spelman);

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 lobby of Parliament by the Trade Justice Movement and increased recognition of trade as a key component to reducing global poverty; welcomes also efforts made to draw public attention to these important issues; recognises trade has an important role to play in helping countries achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); is aware that to achieve this a multilateral trading system is needed giving developing countries a fair deal; recognises that the Government is committed to working with developing country partners, and other bilateral donors and multilateral organisations to achieve this; believes that the development challenges faced in Africa require the international community, working together with African countries, to make additional efforts to secure progress towards the MDGs; welcomes the Government’s commitment to turning the agreement reached at Doha in November last year into a meaningful “Development Round” and to achieving real progress on market access and in areas of importance to developing countries; will continue to support efforts to reform the Common Agricultural Policy and reduce trade-distorting subsidies; will support preferential access to developing countries through the Generalised System of Preferences aid to least developed countries through the Everything But Arms initiative; recognises developing countries themselves must undertake effective policy measures to integrate into the global trading system; supports these efforts and engagement in a broad range of activities to help countries participate more effectively in the multilateral trading system; and further welcomes the Government’s commitment to doubling support for trade-related capacity building from £15 million in 1998–2001 to £30 million in 2001–04'.—(Secretary Clare Short.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr David Wilshire: 180.

Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Mr John Heppell: 319.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments)—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the lobby of Parliament by the Trade Justice Movement and increased recognition of trade as a key component to reducing global poverty; welcomes also efforts made to draw public attention to these important issues; recognises trade has an important role to play in helping countries achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs); is aware that to achieve this a multilateral trading system is needed giving developing countries a fair deal; recognises that the Government is committed to working with developing country partners, and other bilateral donors and multilateral organisations to achieve this; believes that the development challenges faced in Africa require the international community, working together with African countries, to make additional efforts to secure progress towards the MDGs; welcomes the Government’s commitment to turning the agreement reached at Doha in November last year into a meaningful “Development Round” and to achieving real progress on market access and in areas of importance to developing countries; will continue to support efforts to reform the Common Agricultural Policy and reduce trade-distorting subsidies; will support preferential access to developing countries through the Generalised System of Preferences aid to least developed countries through the Everything But Arms initiative; recognises developing countries themselves must undertake effective policy measures to integrate into the global trading system; supports these efforts and engagement in a broad range of activities to help countries participate more effectively in the multilateral trading system; and further welcomes the Government’s commitment to doubling support for trade-related capacity building from £15 million in 1998–2001 to £30 million in 2001–04'.—(Secretary Clare Short.)

9 Broad Economic Guidelines.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 8389/02, Commission Recommendation for the 2002 Broad Guidelines of the Economic Policies of the Member States and the Community; and supports the Government’s welcome for the publication of the
Commission’s Recommendation for the Guidelines, as giving operational content to the conclusions of the Lisbon and Stockholm summits, reflecting the importance of structural reform in tackling successfully the challenges of globalisation and competitiveness, and promoting employment and social inclusion; also takes note of European Union Documents Nos. SN 1107/02, 1108/02, 1109/02, 1111/02, 1112/02, 1113/02, 1319/1/02 REV1, 1320/1/02 REV1, 1321/02, 1322/02, 1323/02, 1324/1/02 REV1, 1325/1/02 REV1, 1361/02, 1382/1/02 REV1, 1383/1/02 REV1 and 2002/C 51/06, Council Opinions and Statements on the 2001 Stability and Convergence Programmes, and welcomes these Opinions and Statements as promoting the objective of sound government finances as a means of strengthening the conditions for price stability and for strong sustainable growth conducive to employment creation—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—

It was agreed to.

10 House of Lords Reform (Joint Committee).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Lords Message [10th June] relating to House of Lords Reform be now considered;

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

That a Select Committee of twelve Members be appointed to join with a Committee appointed by the Lords as the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform—

(1) to consider issues relating to House of Lords reform, including the composition and powers of the Second Chamber and its role and authority within the context of Parliament as a whole, having regard in particular to the impact which any proposed changes would have on the existing pre-eminence of the House of Commons, such consideration to include the implications of a House composed of more than one ‘category’ of member and the experience and expertise which the House of Lords in its present form brings to its function as the revising Chamber; and

(2) having regard to paragraph (1) above, to report on options for the composition and powers of the House of Lords and to define and present to both Houses options for composition, including a fully nominated and fully elected House, and intermediate options;

and to consider and report on—

(a) any changes to the relationship between the two Houses which may be necessary to ensure the proper functioning of Parliament as a whole in the context of a reformed Second Chamber, and in particular, any new procedures for resolving conflict between the two Houses; and

(b) the most appropriate and effective legal and constitutional means to give effect to any new Parliamentary settlement;

and in all the foregoing considerations, to have regard to—

(i) the Report of the Royal Commission on House of Lords Reform (Cm. 4534);

(ii) the White Paper The House of Lords—Completing the Reform (Cm. 5291), and the responses received thereto;

(iii) debates and votes in both Houses of Parliament on House of Lords reform; and

(iv) the House of Commons Select Committee on Public Administration Report The Second Chamber: Continuing the Reform, including its consultation of the House of Commons, and any other relevant select committee reports;

That the Committee shall have power—

(i) to send for persons, papers and records;

(ii) to sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House;

(iii) to report from time to time;

(iv) to appoint specialist advisers;

(v) to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom; and

That Janet Anderson, Mr James Arbuthnot, Mr Chris Bryant, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Dr Jack Cunningham, Mr William Hague, Mr Stephen McCabe, Joyce Quin, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Clive Soley, Mr Paul Stinchcombe and Mr Paul Tyler be members of the Committee—(Mr Robin Cook);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Smith, Mr Jim Murphy: 320.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Simon Thomas, Pete Wishart: 14.

So the Question was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

11 Housing.—Ordered, That the Housing (Right to Acquire) (Discount) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1091), dated 15th April 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 19th April, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

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 Government Trading Funds.—Draft Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre Trading Fund (Variation) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Local Government Finance.—(1) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 102) on Children’s Services (Quality Protects) Special Grants for 2001–02 and 2002–03, and

(2) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 101) on Personal Social Services Performance Grant for 2002–03 [by Act]: to be printed [Nos. 943 and 942] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

4 Air Force (Constitution).—Amendment list 1 to Commissioning of Officers and Terms of Service of Officers and Airmen (Aircrew) in the Royal Air Force (Air Publication 3393 (Sixth Edition)), dated 8th June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

5 Competition Commission.—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed merger between P&O Princess Cruises plc and Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd [by Command] [Cm. 5536] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

6 Morocco (No. 1, 2002).—Agreement, done at London on 21st February 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco on the Transfer of Convicted Offenders [by Command] [Cm. 5546] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the Twenty-third and the Twenty-sixth to Thirtieth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts [by Command] [Cm. 5524] [Ruth Kelly].

8 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [30th April] from residents of Bolton South East urging the House to seek a withdrawal of the Israeli Defence Force from the occupied territories [by Standing Order]: to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9 School Standards and Framework.—Account of the Kingston-upon-Hull Education Action Zone for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 958] [Clerk of the House].

10 Terrorism.—Report of the Independent Assessor of Military Complaints Procedures in Northern Ireland for 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

11 Trade and Industry.—Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 19th June 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability to be undertaken to indemnify Bechtel Group in respect of any legal claims arising out of its assessment of legacy nuclear liabilities [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

12 Treasury.—Treasury Minute, dated 13th June 2002, concerning an extension to contingent liabilities undertaken in respect of the provision of third party (war and terrorism) insurance cover to UK operating airlines and the UK airline industry, and reporting on liabilities incurred since the Minute dated 10th April 2002 [by Command] [Ruth Kelly].
Papers withdrawn:


(2) draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Designation of Public Authorities for the Purposes of Intrusive Surveillance) Order 2002 [laid 10th June], and

(3) draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources: Additional Public Authorities) Order 2002 [laid 10th June].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Schedule 4) (Amendment) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Tony Banks, Mr John Baron, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Ben Chapman, Ross Cranston, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr John Greenway, Nick Harvey, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Laurence Robertson, Joan Ruddock, Jonathan Shaw, Dr Rudi Vis and Mr Michael Weir.

2 Draft Social Security Amendment (Intercalating Students) Regulations 2002:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Gregory Barker, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Julian Brazier, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr James Clappison, Jon Cruddas, Jim Dobbin, Jane Griffiths, Paul Holmes, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Jim Knight, Dr John Pugh, Angela Smith, Paddy Tipping and Malcolm Wicks.

3 Draft Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2002 and the draft United Nations and International Court of Justice (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2002:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Borrow, Mr Menzies Campbell, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Alan Duncan, Mr Peter Duncan, Mr Tom Harris, John McDonnell, Mr Denis MacShane, Fiona Mactaggart, Kali Mountford, Mr John Randall, Dr Phyllis Starkey and Derek Wyatt.

4 Draft Insider Dealing (Securities and Regulated Markets) (Amendment) Order 2002:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: John Austin, Mr Edward Davey, Michael Fabricant, Mr Howard Flight, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr Mark Hendrick, Ruth Kelly, Mr Peter Luff, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Chris Pond, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Dr Desmond Turner and Mrs Betty Williams.

5 Draft Offshore Installations (Emergency Pollution Control) Regulations 2002:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Cunningham, Mr Wayne David, Jim Dowd, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Frank Field, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Michael Jack, Mr Boris Johnson, Mr Ian Pearson, Angus Robertson, Christine Russell, Sir Robert Smith, Ian Stewart and Mr Brian Wilson.

6 Draft Immigration (Entry Otherwise than by Sea or Air) Order 2002:

(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: Mr John Battle, Mr Harold Best, Ms Karen Buck, Mr David Crausby, Dr Jack Cunningham, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Paul Goggins, Beverley Hughes, Simon Hughes, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Frank Roy, Bob Russell and Derek Twigg.
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations and Report to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Colin Breed, Richard Burden, Harry Cohen, Mr Don Foster, Dr Hywel Francis, Mr David Jamieson, Patrick Mercer, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Malcolm Moss, Ms Meg Munn, Linda Perham, Joan Ryan, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Mr Dave Watts.

8 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 103) (House of Commons Paper No. 948), on 2002–03 Special Grant for Gypsy Sites Refurbishment:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Vera Baird, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Ivan Henderson, Mr David Heyes, Kate Hoey, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Mr Tony McNulty, Alice Mahon, Dr Andrew Murrison, Mr George Osborne, Mr Martin Salter, Mr Adrian Sanders, David Winnick, Mr Phil Woonlas and Richard Younger-Ross.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Rules to the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Burnett, Mr William Cash, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Michael Head, Alan Keen, Mr Fraser Kemp, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Andrew Robathan, Hugh Robertson, Ms Gisela Stuart and Ms Rosie Winterton.

10 Draft Social Security (Electronic Communications) (Child Benefit) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Julian Brazier, Andy Burnham, Mr David Chaytor, Mr James Clappison, Mr Jim Cousins, Tom Cox, Mr David Laws, Mr Tony Lloyd, Andrew Selous, Angela Smith, Mr Clive Soley, Bob Spink, Steve Webb, Malcolm Wicks and David Wright.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs—Departmental Report 2002]; to be printed [No. 969] [Mr David Curry].

2 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Gibraltar]; to be printed [No. 973-i]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Seville European Council];
   to be printed [No. 974-i]
   [Donald Anderson].

3 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Delayed Discharges]; to be printed [No. 617-vii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

4 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Major Infrastructure Projects; Proposed New Parliamentary Procedures]; to be printed [No. 823-ii] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].

5 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Customs and Excise Standard Report 2000–01: Tobacco Smuggling]; to be printed [No. 806-ii] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Government Funding of the Learned Scientific Societies]; to be printed [No. 774-iii] [Dr Ian Gibson].
7 Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Employment in Shipbuilding on the Clyde]; to be printed [No. 865-ii] [Mrs Irene Adams].

8 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Railways in the North of England]; to be printed [No. 972-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [The Inland Revenue’s Expenditure Plans, 2002–2004]; to be printed [No. 975] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 161; WH, No. 93.]

Wednesday 19th June 2002.

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 Phil Woolas.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 162.]

Thursday 20th June 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills [Lords] (No Standing Order not previously inquired into applicable).—The Speaker laid upon the Table a Report from one of the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills, That, in the case of the following Bill, originating in the Lords and referred after the First Reading thereof, no Standing Order not previously inquired into is applicable thereto, viz.:

Milford Haven Port Authority Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

2 London Development Agency Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Development Agency Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 27th June.

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Peter Pike reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Schedule 4) (Amendment) Order 2002.

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

4 Adjournment (Energy—Towards 2050).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

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 supporters of RoadPeace for more severe penalties in the case of offences which result in road death and injury 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 Gerry Sutcliffe.)

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 Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Utilities,—Draft Social and Environmental Guidance to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:


4 Financial Services,—Report and Accounts of the Financial Services Authority for 2001–02 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

5 Health Service Commissioner,—Fifth Report of the Health Service Ombudsman, Session 2001–02: Annual Report for 2001–02 [by Act]: to be printed [No. 887] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Schedule 4) (Amendment) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Nick Harvey from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Bob Russell.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Communications Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Communications Bill; to be printed [No. 876-vi] [Nick Harvey].

2 Health,—(1) Second Report from the Health Committee [National Institute for Clinical Excellence], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 515]; and

(2) remainder of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 15th May [Role and Functioning of the NHS Appointments Commission]; to be printed [No. 833-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Conduct of Investigations into Past Cases of Abuse in Children’s Homes]; to be printed [No. 836-v] [Mr Chris Mullin].

4 Liaison,—First Special Report from the Liaison Committee [Evidence from the Prime Minister]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 984] [Mr Alan Williams].

5 Procedure,—Third Report from the Procedure Committee [Parliamentary Questions], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 622] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].

6 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Ombudsman Issues]; to be printed [No. 563-iii] [Tony Wright].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

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

Adjournment (Equal Opportunities in the Armed Forces).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 25th June.

[Adjourned at 4.46 p.m.

[No. 163.]
Friday 21st June 2002.

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 Tax Credits Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Tax Credits Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Tax Credits Bill to be considered on Monday 24th June; and to be printed [Bill 152].

3 Employee Share Schemes Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Employee Share Schemes Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Deductions: income tax and capital gains tax)—(Mr Mark Lazarowicz)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

4 Copyright (Visually Impaired Persons) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Copyright (Visually Impaired Persons) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

5 Firearms (Replica Weapons) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Firearms (Replica Weapons) Bill;

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the business.

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

6 Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sex Discrimination (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th June.

7 Broadcasting Act 1990 (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Broadcasting Act 1990 (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

8 Food Labelling Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 2nd November, That the Food Labelling Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 19th July.

9 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 19th July.

10 Patients Without Legal Capacity (Safeguards) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Patients Without Legal Capacity (Safeguards) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.
11 Regulation of Child Care Providers Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Regulation of Child Care Providers Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

12 Area Child Protection Committees Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Area Child Protection Committees Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

13 Data Protection (Amendment) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Data Protection (Amendment) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 19th July.

14 Sex Discrimination (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sex Discrimination (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th June.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 24th June.

[Adjourned at 3.02 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Social Security.—Social Security Amendment (Students and Income-related Benefits) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1589), dated 13th June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Electoral Commission (Limit on Public Awareness Expenditure) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 505).,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order, in place of Frank Cook.

2 Draft Social Security (Electronic Communications) (Child Benefit) Order 2002.—The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (transferred from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation), and has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman.

3 Draft Social Security Amendment (Intercalating Students) Regulations 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

4 Draft Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2002 and the draft United Nations and International Court of Justice (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders.

5 Draft Insider Dealing (Securities and Regulated Markets) (Amendment) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Michael Fabricant from the Committee and nominated in substitution Andrew Selous.

6 Draft Offshore Installations (Emergency Pollution Control) Regulations 2002:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Jack from the Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Simmonds.
7 Draft Immigration (Entry Otherwise than by Sea or Air) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Nigel Beard Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Paul Goggins from the Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Barry Gardiner.


9 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 103) (House of Commons Paper No. 948), on 2002/03 Special Grant for Gypsy Sites Refurbishment.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report.


European Standing Committees

11 The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Documents Nos. 8237/01 and 11803/01, relating to Third-country Nationals.
[No. 164.]

Monday 24th June 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Electoral Commission (Limit on Public Awareness Expenditure) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002. No. 505).

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security Amendment (Intercalating Students) Regulations 2002.

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

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2002 and the draft United Nations and International Court of Justice (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2002.

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

4 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Insider Dealing (Securities and Regulated Markets) (Amendment) Order 2002.

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

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Offshore Installations (Emergency Pollution Control) Regulations 2002.

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

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

The Lords communicate that they have given leave to the Alternate Representatives to the Convention on the future of Europe appointed by the Lords, and to other Lords, to participate in the Standing Committee on the Convention appointed by this House, as proposed in this House’s Message of 13th June.

7 Export Control Bill (Programme No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001], That the following provisions shall apply to the Export Control Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 9th July 2001:

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed at this day’s sitting and shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) three hours after their commencement.

2. The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order, namely Nos. 1, 17, 10, 2 to 9, 11 to 16 and 18 to 30.

Subsequent proceedings

3. The proceedings on any further message from the Lords on the Bill shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) one hour after their commencement—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.

8 Export Control Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Export Control Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Nigel Griffiths);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Pearson, Joan Ryan: 282.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Bob Russell: 40.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 17.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment, in line 12, by leaving out from the beginning to the end of line 18 and inserting the words ‘The guidance required by subsection (3) must include guidance about the consideration (if any) to be given,’.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 10.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Nigel Griffiths);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Pearson, Joan Ryan: 288.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Julian Brazier: 129.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions necessary to dispose of the remaining proceedings to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 13.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3, 4 and 6 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2, 5, 7 to 9, 11, 12, 14 to 16 and 18 to 30 were agreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001], That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 1, 3, 4, 6 and 10.

That Dr Vincent Cable, Nigel Griffiths, Mr Robert Key, Mr Bob Laxton and Mr Ian Pearson be members of the Committee.

That Nigel Griffiths be the Chairman of the Committee.

That three be the quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Angela Smith)—It was agreed to.

9 Export Control Bill,—Nigel Griffiths reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Export Control Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reasons, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Amendment No. 1 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because it is inappropriate to make provision in Clause No. 1 about the contents of guidance under Clause No. 7, and Lords Amendment No. 17 (as amended by the Commons) makes more appropriate provision.

The Commons disagree to Amendments Nos. 3, 6 and 10 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because Lords Amendment No. 16 makes more appropriate provision.

The Commons disagree to Amendment No. 4 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because it is necessary to retain the power under Clause No. 2 to control the transfer of technology in the circumstances mentioned in subsection (2)(c) and (d).

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

10 Single European Sky,—Resolved, That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 13735/99, Commission Communication on the creation of a Single European Sky, No. 12692/1/01, Commission Communication and draft Regulation laying down the framework for the creation of a Single European Sky, and No. 12693/1/01, draft Regulations on the provision of air navigation services, organisation and use of airspace
and technical interoperability in the Single European Sky; considers that the establishment of a single air traffic management (ATM) framework in the Community can best be achieved by establishing and implementing common rules which are developed and monitored centrally; considers that military authorities should not be bound by these regulations; agrees that the operation of the single market would be improved by establishing a Community body responsible for the creation of a single Community airspace with common design, planning and management, for the authorisation of air navigation service providers and certification of air traffic controllers, for ensuring an equitable and transparent charging regime for air navigation services, and for the development of technical interoperability; supports the Government’s position that the model mapped out in the proposals, but excluding its military part, could provide the building blocks to meet these objectives by improving the present European ATM system, reducing air transport delays and the financial and environmental cost associated with them, the key element being that the Single Sky regulator is endowed with sufficient powers and autonomy to make efficient and effective decisions; and supports the Government’s intention to press for this approach in the European Union.—(Mr John Spellar.)

11 Authorisation of Human and Veterinary Medicines.—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. 13361/01, Commission Report on the experience gained as a result of the operation of the procedures for granting marketing authorisations for medicinal products, and No. 14591/01, draft Regulation laying down Community procedures for the authorisation and supervision of medicinal products for human and veterinary use and establishing a European Agency for the Evaluation of Medicinal Products, and draft Directives amending Directives 2001/83/EC and 2001/82/EC on the Community codes relating to medicinal products for human use and veterinary medicinal products; supports the Government’s position of broad agreement to the proposed amendments, and the overall aims of the Review; supports the Government’s ongoing work with Member States to build on the current system of medicines regulation to ensure it continues to contribute to the protection of human and animal health, also to promote the further development of a single market in pharmaceuticals, prepare the regulatory regime for enlargement, and provide a competitive environment for the pharmaceutical industry; notes European Union Document No. 6240/02, draft Directive amending Directive 2001/83/EC as regards traditional herbal medicinal products for human use; and supports the Government’s position of broad agreement to the proposed amendments in order to achieve a regulatory regime for traditional herbal medicines which improves public health protection while maintaining consumer choice.—(Mr John Heppell),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Smith, Mr John Heppell: 283.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Julian Brazier: 111.

So the Question was agreed to.

12 Extradition.—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 Union Extradition (Amendment) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 9th May, be approved—(Joan Ryan)—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. 100) (House of Commons Paper No. 869), on 2001–02 Special Grant for Rate Relief in Respect of Hardship Caused by Foot and Mouth Disease, which was laid before this House on 22nd May, be approved—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

14 International Immunities and Privileges.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft International Maritime Organisation (Immunities and Privileges) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 23rd May, be approved—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

15 Criminal Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Amendment) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 16th May, be approved—(Mr John Heppell),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Smith, Mr John Heppell: 279.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That the draft Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Amendment) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 16th May, be approved.

16 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Betting, Gaming and Lotteries Act 1963 (Schedule 4) (Amendment) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

17 Defence,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 1st May, be approved—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

18 Industrial Organisation and Development,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Horticultural Development Council (Amendment) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 10th May, be approved—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

19 Procedure,—Ordered, That Ian Lucas be discharged from the Procedure Committee and Huw Irranca-Davies be added.—(Joan Ryan.)

20 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Mr Paul Boateng and David Davis be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Ruth Kelly be added.—(Joan Ryan.)

21 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the intervals between stages of Bills brought in upon Ways and Means Resolutions, more than one stage of the Finance Bill may be taken at any sitting of the House.—(Joan Ryan.)

22 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell);

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

23 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.26 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Family Law,—(1) Draft Child Support Appeals (Jurisdiction of Courts) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Rosie Winterton]; and

(2) draft Child Support (Temporary Compensation Payment Scheme) (Modification and Amendment) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

2 Freedom of Information,—Draft Freedom of Information (Designation of Persons as Public Authorities) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Yvette Cooper].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Disabled Persons,—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (South Central Class 375/3 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1617), dated 23rd June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

4 Food,—Animal By-Products (Identification) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1619), dated 17th June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of North Yorkshire) (Borough of Harrogate) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1621), dated 24th June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].
Other Papers:

6 Health Service Commissioner,—Sixth Report of the Health Service Ombudsman, Session 2001-02: Investigations Completed—December 2001 to March 2002 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 924-I and -II] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Police Reform Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Heppell in place of Mrs Anne McGuire as a member of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Electoral Commission (Limit on Public Awareness Expenditure) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 505),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Adrian Bailey and Linda Perham from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Barbara Follett and Mr Mark Lazarowicz.

3 Draft Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2002 and the draft United Nations and International Court of Justice (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Borrow from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Joan Ruddock.

4 Draft Insider Dealing (Securities and Regulated Markets) (Amendment) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Betty Williams from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Colin Burgon.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Communications Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Communications Bill; to be printed [No. 876-vii] [Nick Harvey].

2 Education and Skills,—(1) Third Special Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Government’s Response to the Third Report from the Committee, on Individual Learning Accounts]; to be printed [No. 987]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [General Teaching Council; Department for Education and Skills: the next four years]; to be printed [Nos. 998-i and 304-viii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Public Accounts,—(1) Forty-first Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: Major Projects Report 2001]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 440];

(2) Forty-second Report from the Committee [Managing the relationship to secure a successful partnership in PFI Projects]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 460]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Collection of fines and other financial penalties in the criminal justice system]; to be printed [No. 999-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Science and Technology,—Fifth Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee [The Research Assessment Exercise: Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report]; to be printed [No. 995] [Dr Ian Gibson].
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 the following Resolution:

That, in the case of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] and the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill [Lords], the Standing Orders ought to be dispensed with: That the parties be permitted to insert their Additional Provisions, if the Committee on the Bills thinks fit.

The Resolution was agreed to.

2 Police Reform Bill [Lords].—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from Standing Committee A, That it had agreed to the following Resolution in respect of the Police Reform Bill [Lords]:

That the Standing Committee recommends that one and a half days be allotted for consideration and Third Reading of the Police Reform Bill [Lords].

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

3 Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 4, 19, 23, 26 to 29, 87 to 92, 131 and 134 and Schedules Nos. 1, 5 and 38),—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee F, that it had gone through the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 4, 19, 23, 26 to 29, 87 to 92, 131 and 134 and Schedules Nos. 1, 5 and 38), and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 154].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 1004].

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nigel Beard reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Immigration (Entry Otherwise than by Sea or Air) Order 2002.

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

5 Auctions,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the sale of goods by auction; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Frank Doran, Rosemary McKenna, Hugh Bayley, Linda Gilroy, Mr Chris Bryant, Joan Ruddock, Miss Anne Begg and Ms Dari Taylor do prepare and bring it in.

6 Auctions Bill,—Mr Frank Doran accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about the sale of goods by auction; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 153].

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:

- State Pension Credit Act 2002
- National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002
- Land at Palace Avenue, Kensington (Acquisition of Freehold) Act 2002.

8 Opposition Day [15th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Mental Health.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses its deep concern at the plight of those who suffer mental ill-health and notes that almost every family will have experience of some form of mental illness; is concerned at the inadequate treatment so many receive, the shortages of staff and beds, the gaps in community provision and the lack of choice; condemns the lack of support and respite for carers, the lack of early intervention with the young and the unmet needs of the elderly; further notes that many vulnerable people with mental health problems are in prison and receiving inadequate medical care; expresses concern at the rise in the suicide rate of those suffering from mental illness; regrets the diversion of mental health funding into other clinical areas; and calls on Her Majesty’s Government to act to raise awareness of the scale of mental health problems and to ensure that patients are treated in an appropriate and dignified way—(Dr Liam Fox);
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out from the word
‘illness;’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘notes the decades of under-
investment which led to crumbling buildings, demoralised staff and inadequate treatment
under the Conservative Government which left many of the most vulnerable in society
without the care they need; supports this Government’s investment in NHS mental
health services to ensure better and faster care for people with mental health problems,
including new community teams, more staff, improved acute care and new services for
children; supports the full implementation of the Mental Health National Service
Framework to ensure national standards are in place for the care and treatment of mental
illness; recognises the massive contribution of carers and the Government’s action to
support them, and commends the Government’s “mind out for mental health” campaign
to tackle stigma; and believes that improving mental health services should remain a key
Government priority’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Milburn.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr David Wilshire: 187.
Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Jim Murphy: 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)—It was agreed to.

And the Main Question, as amended, being put;
Resolved, That this House expresses its deep concern at the plight of those who suffer
mental ill-health and notes that almost every family will have experience of some form of
mental illness; notes the decades of under-investment which led to crumbling buildings,
demoralised staff and inadequate treatment under the Conservative Government which
left many of the most vulnerable in society without the care they need; supports this
Government’s investment in NHS mental health services to ensure better and faster care
for people with mental health problems, including new community teams, more staff,
improved acute care and new services for children; supports the full implementation of
the Mental Health National Service Framework to ensure national standards are in place
for the care and treatment of mental illness; recognises the massive contribution of carers
and the Government’s action to support them, and commends the Government’s ‘mind out
for mental health’ campaign to tackle stigma; and believes that improving mental
health services should remain a key Government priority.

Situation in Zimbabwe:—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed,
That this House deplores the deteriorating political, economic and humanitarian
situation in Zimbabwe; condemns the continuing violations of basic human rights
committed by the Mugabe regime; reaffirms the view that following the rigged
presidential election in March the current Zimbabwean government lacks legitimacy;
regrets the failure of Her Majesty’s Government and the EU to implement sanctions and
exert effective pressure on the Mugabe regime to hold new free and independently
monitored presidential elections; recognises the growing politically-induced
humanitarian suffering in Zimbabwe, and its effects on her neighbours; and calls on Her
Majesty’s Government to take effective action to build an international coalition to apply
whatever pressure is necessary, in line with the Harare Declaration, to restore democracy
in Zimbabwe through fresh Presidential elections—(Mr Michael Ancram);

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 its grave concern at the
abuse of human rights and suppression of freedom of expression in Zimbabwe, the
increase in poverty arising from the policies of the ruling party, and the impending
humanitarian crisis in the country; reaffirms the view that the outcome of the recent
Presidential election does not reflect the will of the Zimbabwean people; recognises the
need for Land Reform but also recognises that this needs to be done responsibly;
welcomes the actions taken on Zimbabwe by Her Majesty’s Government in co-operation
with the EU, the Commonwealth, the US and others; further welcomes the efforts of the
Governments of South Africa and Nigeria to facilitate dialogue between ZANU (PF)
and MDC; and deplores ZANU (PF)’s withdrawal from these talks; further welcomes
the Government’s commitment of £32 million to humanitarian relief in Zimbabwe
outside official channels; and calls on the Government to encourage other donors to
stand by the people of Zimbabwe at this difficult time’, 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, Dr Julian Lewis, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 138.
Tellers for the Noes, Derek Twigg, Joan Ryan: 361.
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 Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House expresses its grave concern at the abuse of human rights and suppression of freedom of expression in Zimbabwe, the increase in poverty arising from the policies of the ruling party, and the impending humanitarian crisis in the country; reaffirms the view that the outcome of the recent Presidential election does not reflect the will of the Zimbabwean people; recognises the need for Land Reform but also recognises that this needs to be done responsibly; welcomes the actions taken on Zimbabwe by Her Majesty’s Government in co-operation with the EU, the Commonwealth, the US and others; further welcomes the efforts of the Governments of South Africa and Nigeria to facilitate dialogue between ZANU (PF) and MDC, and deplores ZANU (PF)’s withdrawal from these talks; further welcomes the Government’s commitment of £32 million to humanitarian relief in Zimbabwe outside official channels; and calls on the Government to encourage other donors to stand by the people of Zimbabwe at this difficult time.

9 Countryside,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Vehicular Access Across Common and Other Land (England) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 14th May, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

10 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 (Maintenance of Interception Capability) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 22nd May, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

11 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 Specialized Agencies of the United Nations (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

12 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 United Nations and International Court of Justice (Immunities and Privileges) (Amendment) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—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 Amendment (Intercalating Students) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

14 Insider Dealing,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Insiders Dealing (Securities and Regulated Markets) (Amendment) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

15 Environmental Protection,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Offshore Installations (Emergency Pollution Control) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

16 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 10th July at half-past Ten o’clock to consider a substantive Motion for the adjournment of the Committee—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

17 Social Care,—Ordered, That the National Care Standards Commission (Children’s Rights Director) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1250), dated 1st May 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd May, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)
Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Jim Murphy);

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 a quarter to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Companies,—Draft Directors’ Remuneration Report Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Charities,—Charities (Exception from Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1598), dated 18th June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

Other Papers:

4 Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall,—Financial Statements of the Duchy of Cornwall for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 890] [Ruth Kelly].

5 Mental Health,—Paper, entitled Draft Mental Health Bill, together with Explanatory Notes and Consultation Document [by Command] [Cm. 5538-I, -II and -III] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the:
   (1) Greenwich Education Action Zone, and
   (2) Hamilton Oxford Education Action Zone
   for 2000–01, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 994 and 993] [Clerk of the House].

7 Treaty Series (No. 28, 2002),—International Convention, adopted at New York on 9th December 1999, for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism [Cm. 5550] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committee

Draft Immigration (Entry Otherwise than by Sea and Air) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Battle, Mr Harold Best, Mr David Crausby and Dr Jack Cunningham from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown, Sandra Osborne, Lawrie Quinn and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Gambling]; to be printed [No. 827-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Conduct of Investigations into Past Cases of Abuse in Children’s Homes]; to be printed [No. 836-vi] [Mr Chris Mullin].

3 Statutory Instruments,—Thirty-third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xxxii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

4 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Affordable Housing]; to be printed [No. 809-ii]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Committee [Draft Local Government Bill]; to be printed [No. 981-II] [Andrew Bennet].

5 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The Financial Regulation of Public Limited Companies]; to be printed [No. 758-iii] [Mr John McFall].

6 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Draft National Health Service (Wales) Bill]; to be printed [No. 959-ii] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 165; WH, No. 95.]

Tuesday 25th June 2002.

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.—(Joan Ryan.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourner at 1.59 p.m.

[No. 166.]

Wednesday 26th June 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill; Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Tuesday 9th July at Seven o’clock.

2 Barclays Group Reorganisation 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 Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords] and had amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

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

3 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002 and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 94) (House of Commons Paper No. 885), on Funding for Enforcement of Vehicle Emission Standards 2002.

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

4 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 103) (House of Commons Paper No. 948), on 2002–03 Special Grant for Gypsy Sites Refurbishment.

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

5 Indirect Taxes (Disclosure).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require retailers to include on receipts the amount of VAT and excise duties paid on goods and services purchased; And that Mr Mark Hoban, Dr Andrew Murrison, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr Mark Field, Mr John Baron, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Mark Simmonds, Mr David Cameron, Chris Grayling, Mr George Osborne, Mr Paul Goodman and Mr Peter Duncan do prepare and bring it in.

6 Indirect Taxes (Disclosure) Bill.—Mr Mark Hoban accordingly presented a Bill to require retailers to include on receipts the amount of VAT and excise duties paid on goods and services purchased; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 155].

7 Tax Credits Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001], That the following provisions shall apply to the Tax Credits Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 10th December 2001:
Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments 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.

Subsequent stages

2. 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—(Dawn Primarolo).—It was agreed to.

8 Tax Credits Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Tax Credits Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagree with the Lords in their Amendment—(Dawn Primarolo);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 296.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr David Wilshire: 188.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

An Amendment was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 1 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 137 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 6, 11, 15 to 17, 19, 22 to 27, 32, 35 to 37, 39, 52, 53, 66, 71, 75, 76, 78, 80, 81, 85 and 102.

9 Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Immigration (Entry Otherwise than by Sea or Air) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 17th June, be approved—(Derek Twigg).—It was agreed to.

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Derek Twigg.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.34 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Contracting Out.—Draft Contracting Out (Functions of Local Authorities: Income-Related Benefits) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

2 Insolvency.—Draft Insolvency Act 1986 (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 Local Government Finance.—(1) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 92) on Special Grants for Asylum Seekers Support (Adults and Families of Asylum Seekers) for 1999–2000 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 877] [Mr Secretary Blankett];

(2) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 104) on Special Grants for Children’s Services Quality Protects Adoption and Permanence Taskforce Special Grant for 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1005] [Mr Secretary Milburn]; and

(3) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 99) on Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children for 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 878] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

4 Northern Ireland.—(1) Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2002, and

(2) draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2002 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Reid].

5 Representation of the People.—(1) Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Reid], and

(2) draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].
6 Social Security.—Draft State Pension Credit Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

7 Environmental Protection.—Non-Road Mobile Machinery (Emission of Gaseous and Particulate Pollutants) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1649), dated 24th June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

8 Road Traffic.—M4 Motorway (Hillingdon and Hounslow) (Speed Limits) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1651), dated 24th June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

9 Competition Commission.—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed merger between H+H Celcon Limited and Marley Building Materials Limited [by Command] [Cm. 5540] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

10 Resource Accounts, 2001–02.—Resource Accounts of the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 986] [Ruth Kelly].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Homelessness (Priority Need for Accommodation) (England) Order 2002:
   (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: Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr David Crausby, Dr Jack Cunningham, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Frank Field, Mr Don Foster, Mr Ivan Henderson, John McDonnell, Mr Tony McNulty, Rob Marris, Mr Eric Pickles, Joan Ryan, Mr Adrian Sanders and Andrew Selous.

2 Housing (Right to Acquire) (Discount) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1091):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Gregory Barker, Mr John Baron, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Sue Doughty, Mr Don Foster, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Ivan Henderson, Mr David Heyes, Glenda Jackson, Ian Lucas, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Ann Taylor and Dr Alan Whitehead.

3 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 101) (House of Commons Paper No. 942), on Personal Social Services Performance Grant for 2002–03:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Paul Burstow, Mrs Patsy Calton, Roger Casale, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr David Clelland, Angela Eagle, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Kevin Hughes, Tim Loughton, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Peter Mandelson, Mr Dennis Skinner, Jacqui Smith, Jon Trickett and Mr David Wilshire.

4 Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Human Intelligence Sources: Code of Practice) Order 2002 and the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Surveillance: Code of Practice) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Ainsworth, Norman Baker, Sir Paul Beresford, David Burnside, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Nick Hawken, Mr Mark Hendrick, Mr John Heppell, Mr John Lyons, Ann McKechin, Andrew Mackinlay, Ms Meg Munn, Dr Nick Palmer, Dr Howard Stoate and Mrs Betty Williams.

5 Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2002:
   (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: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Desmond Browne, Mrs Patsy Calton, Denzil Davies, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mr David Drew, Mr Bill Etherington, Jane Griffiths, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr John Hayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Hugo Swire, Paddy Tipping, Mr Andrew Turner and Mr James Wray.
6 Draft Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre Trading Fund (Variation) Order 2002:
   (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: Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Brian Cotter, Linda Gilroy,
       Mr Christopher Leslie, Mr Calum MacDonald, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Geoffrey
       Robinson, Chris Ruane, Jim Sheridan, Mr Marsha Singh, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Gerry
       Sutcliffe, Angela Watkinson, Mr John Wilkinson and Richard Younger-Ross.

7 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 103) (House of Commons
   Paper No. 948), on 2002–03 Special Grant for Gypsy Sites Refurbishment.—The
   Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Phil Woolas from the Eighth Standing
   Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and
   nominated in substitution Mr Jim Murphy.

8 National Care Standards Commission (Children’s Rights Director) Regulations (S.I., 2002,
   No. 1250):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Eighth Standing Committee on
       Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the
       Committee: Virginia Bottomley, Mr Paul Burstow, Ann Clwyd, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr
       George Foukes, Matthew Green, Mr David Kidney, Tim Loughton, Mr Andrew Love,
       Mr Iain Luke, Patrick Mercer, Mr Kerry Pollard, Jacqui Smith, Keith Vaz, Mr David
       Wilshire and Mr Mike Wood.

9 Draft Pathogens Access Appeal Commission (Procedure) Rules 2002 and the draft Court of
   Appeal (Appeals from Pathogens Access Appeal Commission) Rules 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Rules to the Ninth Standing Committee on
       Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the
       Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Harold Best, Mr David Borrow, Kevin Brennan, Mr
       William Cash, Paul Farrelly, Mr David Heath, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr David Laws, Mr
       Gordon Marsden, Anne Picking, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Mr
       David Tredinnick, Mr Andrew Tyrie and Ms Rosie Winterton.

European Standing Committees

10 European Union document No. 15275/01, relating to major accident hazards involving
    dangerous substances, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [The Future of
    NATO]; to be printed [No. 914-iii]; and
   (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Royal Marines]
      [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—(1) Fourth Report from the Education and Skills Committee
    [Appointment of New HMCI], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence
    taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the
    Committee relating to the Report [No. 830]:
   (2) Fifth Report from the Committee [Library Resources for Higher Education],
       together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to
       be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No.
       804];
   (3) Fourth Special Report from the Committee [Responses from Government and
       OFSTED to the Second Report from the Committee, Standards and Quality in
       Education: Annual Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools for 2000–01]; to
       be printed [No. 1003];
   (4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [DfES Departmental Report
       2002]; to be printed [No. 1012-i]; and
   (5) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Appointment of New HMCI]
      [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment,
   Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Role of DEFRA]; to be printed [No. 991-i][Mr
   David Curry].
4 Environmental Audit,—Second Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee on Pre-Budget Report 2001: A New Agenda?]; to be printed [No. 1000] [Mr John Horam].

5 European Scrutiny,—Thirty-fourth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xxiv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Sexual Health]; to be printed [No. 990-i] [Mr David Hinchli...]

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Fourth Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Financing of Terrorism in Northern Ireland], together with parts of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 16th and 23rd January, 13th February, 6th March and 10th April, Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence, and a Memorandum [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, The Financing of Terrorism in Northern Ireland: Interim Report on the Proceeds of Crime Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 978] [Mr Michael Mates].

8 Public Accounts,—(1) Forty-third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The use of funding competitions in PFI projects: The Treasury building]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 398];

(2) Forty-fourth Report from the Committee [The misuse and smuggling of hydrocarbon oils]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 649]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Ministry of Defence: Redevelopment of MOD Main Building]; to be printed [No. 1013-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

9 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Work of the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council (PPARC)]; to be printed [No. 1009] [Dr Ian Gibson].

10 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Eleventh Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Air Transport Industry], 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. 484-I and -II]; and

(2) Twelfth Report from the Committee [The Need for a New European Regeneration Framework], with the Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 483-I]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Railways in the North of England]; to be printed [No. 972-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [HM Customs and Excise: Spring Report 2002]; to be printed [No. 1011] [Mr John McFall].

12 Work and Pensions,—(1) Second Special Report from the Work and Pensions Committee [Government’s Response to the Second Report from the Committee, on Pension Credit]; to be printed [No. 1006]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Government’s Employment Strategy]; to be printed [No. 815-iv] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 166; WH, No. 96.]

Wednesday 26th June 2002.

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 Fraser Kemp.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
Thursday 27th June 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Milford Haven Port Authority Bill [Lords].—The Milford Haven Port Authority Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

2 London Development Agency Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the London Development Agency Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 4th July.


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

4 Police Reform Bill [Lords].—Mr George Stevenson reported from Standing Committee A that it had gone through the Police Reform Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereto, and had amended the Title as follows:

   A Bill to make new provision about the supervision, administration, functions and conduct of police forces, police officers and other persons serving with, or carrying out functions in relation to the police; to amend police powers and to provide for the exercise of police powers by persons who are not police officers; to amend the law relating to anti-social behaviour orders; to amend the law relating to sex offenders orders; and for connected purposes.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 157].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 1018].

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

   The Lords have agreed to the Industrial and Provident Societies Bill, without Amendment.

   The Lords have agreed to the Employment Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Employment Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Employment Bill to be considered on Monday 1st July and to be printed [Bill 158].

7 Estimates Day [3rd allotted day].—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [11th June], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee).

   Estimates, 2002–03 (Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That further resources, not exceeding £32,972,185,000, be authorised for use during the year ending on 31st March 2003, and that a further sum, not exceeding £31,415,020,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending on 31st March 2003 for expenditure by the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions—(Mr Thomas McAvoy);

   Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That resources be reduced by £1,000 in respect of Request for Resources 2 (Promoting modern, integrated and safe transport and providing customer-focused regulation) relating to grants to London Underground—(Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody);

   The Debate was concluded, and the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings were deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates).

   Estimates, 2002–03 (Department for Education and Skills).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That further resources, not exceeding £12,839,695,000, be authorised for use during the year ending on 31st March 2003, and that a further sum, not exceeding £13,409,689,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending on 31st March 2003 for expenditure by the Department for Education and Skills—(Angela Smith);
And it being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings, and the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates).

The Deputy Speaker, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates), put the deferred Questions on Estimates, 2002–03.

**Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions**

The Question being put, That resources be reduced by £1,000 in respect of Request for Resources 2 (Promoting modern, integrated and safe transport and providing customer-focused regulation) relating to grants to London Underground;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, John Thurso, Tom Brake: 33.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Jim Fitzpatrick: 201.

So the Question was negatived.

*Resolved.* That further resources, not exceeding £32,972,185,000, be authorised for use during the year ending on 31st March 2003, and that a further sum, not exceeding £31,415,020,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending on 31st March 2003 for expenditure by the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions.

**Department for Education and Skills**

*Resolved.* That further resources, not exceeding £12,839,695,000, be authorised for use during the year ending on 31st March 2003, and that a further sum, not exceeding £13,409,689,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending on 31st March 2003 for expenditure by the Department for Education and Skills.

8 Estimates.—The Deputy Speaker then put the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on the estimates appointed for consideration this day.

*Resolved.* That further resources, not exceeding £119,712,696,000, be authorised for use for defence and civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2003, and that a further sum, not exceeding £112,473,739,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending on 31st March 2003, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 795, 796, 797 and 798.

*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 Paul Boateng, Dawn Primarolo, Ruth Kelly and John Healey do prepare and bring it in.

9 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill.—Ruth Kelly accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources and the issue of sums out of the Consolidated Fund for the service of the year ending on 31st March 2003; to appropriate the supply authorised in this Session of Parliament; and to repeal certain Consolidated Fund and Appropriation Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 1st July and to be printed [Bill 156].

10 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 103) (House of Commons Paper No. 948), on 2002–03 Special Grant for Gypsy Sites Refurbishment, which was laid before this House on 17th March 2003; to appropriate the supply authorised in this Session of Parliament; and to repeal certain Consolidated Fund and Appropriation Acts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 1st July and to be printed [Bill 156].

11 Road Traffic.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 17th June, be approved—(*Angela Smith*):—It was agreed to.

12 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 94) (House of Commons Paper No. 885), on Funding for Enforcement of Vehicle Emission Standards 2002, which was laid before this House on 18th June, be approved—(*Angela Smith*):—It was agreed to.
13 Tribunals and Inquiries,—Ordered, That the Town and Country Planning (Major Infrastructure Project Inquiries Procedure) (England) Rules 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1223), dated 26th April 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th May, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Angela Smith.)

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Angela Smith.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till Monday 1st July.

[Adjourned at 7.40 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc.) (Amendment) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

2 Overseas Development,—(1) Draft African Development Fund (Additional Subscriptions) Order 2002, and

(2) draft Caribbean Development Bank (Further Payments) Order 2002 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Clare Short].

3 Representation of the People,—Draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Yvette Cooper].

4 Terrorism,—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Cessation of Effect of section 76) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Dentists,—General Dental Council (Constitution) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1625), dated 26th June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

6 Extradition,—Paper, entitled Extradition: Consultation on Draft Legislation [by Command] [Cm. 5545] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


8 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 909] [Clerk of the House].

9 Isle of Man,—Account of Receipts and Payments for 2000–01 of Commissioners of Customs and Excise in Account with the Government of the Isle of Man, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

10 Industrial Development,—Report for 2001–02 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the First Minister of the Scottish Parliament and the First Minister of the National Assembly for Wales under the Industrial Development Act 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1007] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

11 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—(1) Account of the English National Board for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 895]; and


[Mr Secretary Milburn].

12 Prisons,—Report of the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman for England and Wales for 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5530] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
13 Transport,—Department for Transport Minutes, dated 27th June 2002, concerning—

(1) a proposed non-statutory contingent liability to be undertaken in support of Network Rail Limited, and

(2) a proposed statutory contingent liability to be undertaken in support of Network Rail Limited

[by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

14 Treasury,—Treasury Minute, dated 26th June 2002, concerning an extension to contingent liabilities undertaken in respect of the provision of third party (war and terrorism) insurance cover to UK operating airlines and the UK airline industry, and reporting on liabilities incurred since the Minute dated 13th April 2002 [by Command] [Ruth Kelly].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Homelessness (Priority Need for Accommodation) (England) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

2 Housing (Right to Acquire) (Discount) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1091):

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Baron from the Committee (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Hugh Robertson.

3 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 101) (House of Commons Paper No. 492), on Personal Social Services Performance Grant for 2002–03.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report.

4 Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Human Intelligence Sources: Code of Practice) Order 2002 and the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Surveillance: Code of Practice) Order 2002,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders.

5 Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

6 Draft Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre Trading Fund (Variation) Order 2002,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

7 National Care Standards Commission (Children’s Rights Director) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1250),—The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

8 Draft Pathogens Access Appeal Commission (Procedure) Rules 2002 and the draft Court of Appeal (Appeals from Pathogens Access Appeal Commission) Rules 2002,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman of the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Rules.

9 Court of Protection (Amendment) Rules 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 833) and the Court of Protection (Enduring Powers of Attorney) (Amendment) Rules 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 832),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jeremy Corbyn from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Rules); and nominated in substitution Mr Tom Watson.

Grand Committees

10 The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Wednesday 10th July.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Communications Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Communications Bill; to be printed [No. 876-viii] [Nick Harvey].
2 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The UK and the IMF], to be printed [No. 868-ii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 167; WH, No. 97.]

Thursday 27th June 2002.

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

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

Adjournment (Research Assessment Exercise—Second Report from the Science and Technology Committee, and the Government’s Response thereto).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Derek Twigg);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 2nd July.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security (Electronic Communications) (Child Benefit) Order 2002.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Homelessness (Priority Need for Accommodation) (England) Order 2002.

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

3 European Standing Committee B,—Mr James Cran reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents Nos. 8237/01, draft Council Directive concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long term residents, and 11803/01, draft Council Directive on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purpose of paid employment and self-employed activities; supports the Government’s position on these measures; and takes note that the Government has not opted into them but intends to maintain a constructive approach and will consider whether to opt in once their final shape is clear.

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

4 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill;

And a Motion being 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.

5 Public Trustee (Liability and Fees) Bill [Lords],—The Public Trustee (Liability and Fees) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

6 Public Trustee (Liability and Fees) Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Public Trustee (Liability and Fees) Bill [Lords] [Money]:

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 52 (Money and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Public Trustee (Liability and Fees) Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under the Public Trustee Act 1906—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

7 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 9th July, if proceedings on the Police Reform Bill [Lords] have not been completed before Seven o’clock, Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means for consideration at that hour shall stand over until the conclusion of proceedings on the Bill and the Private Business may then be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours after it has been entered upon.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

8 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 24th July, 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.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 28th June 2002 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1. Contracts.—(1) Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Rate of Interest) (No. 3) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1675), and
   (2) Late Payment of Commercial Debts Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1674), dated 22nd June 2002 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 1st July 2002:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

4. Companies.—Draft Directors' Remuneration Report Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

8. Broadcasting.—(1) Report, and
   (2) Accounts
   of S4C for 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

9. Commonwealth Scholarship.—Report of the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom for the year ending 30th September 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Clare Short].

10. Culture, Media and Sport.—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2001–02, on Communications [by Command] [Cm. 5554] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

11. Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Minute, dated 1st July 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability in respect of an indemnity to be given to the Royal Society consequent upon publication of the report of its inquiry into infectious diseases in livestock [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

12. Industrial Training.—Report and Financial Statements of the Construction Industry Training Board for 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

13. Police (Northern Ireland).—Report of the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland for 2001–02 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers withdrawn:

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Social Security (Electronic Communications) (Child Benefit) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Chaytor and David Wright from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Chris Bryant and Siobhain McDonagh.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Hazardous Waste Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Hazardous Waste]; to be printed [No. 919-iii] [Mr Michael Jack].

2 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Thirteenth Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Planning Green Paper], 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 [Nos. 476-I and -III] [Andrew Bennett].

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 169.]

Tuesday 2nd July 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Cran reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Housing (Right to Acquire) (Discount) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1091).

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

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Irene Adams reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 101) (House of Commons Paper No. 942), on Personal Social Services Performance Grant for 2002-03.

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

3 Committal to Prison in Default of Fines, Local Taxes, etc. (Abolition),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to abolish the penalty of committal to prison in default of payment of community charge, council tax and other local taxes; and for related purposes: And that Andy King, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Tony Clarke and Mr Joe Benton do prepare and bring it in.

4 Committal to Prison in Default of Fines, Local Taxes, etc. (Abolition) Bill,—Andy King accordingly presented a Bill to abolish the penalty of committal to prison in default of payment of community charge, council tax and other local taxes; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 159].

5 Opposition Day [16th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Funded Pensions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Government’s stated aim of increasing from 40 per cent. to 60 per cent. the proportion of pensioners' incomes that comes from the private sector, but condemns the Government for failing to pursue policies which would achieve this objective and instead imposing a massive £5 billion annual tax on pension funds, and for presiding over the lowest savings ratio since records began; notes that fewer than four in ten final salary schemes are now open to new members and is shocked by the Government’s complacency in the face of widespread concern about the future of funded pensions.
pensions; and therefore calls on the Government to cut the burden of regulation on pension funds, reverse the spread of means testing among pensioners, reform annuities and provide better incentives for people to save; so that they can enjoy a prosperous retirement—(Mr David Willetts).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the Government’s framework for pensions which will reduce pensioner poverty and encourage saving; recognises that pensions are best provided on the firm foundation of the sound economy the Government has put in place, with partnership between employees and employers, pension providers and Government; congratulates the Government on the extra £6 billion paid to pensioners from April of this year and its intention to bring in the Pension Credit which will increase the incomes of around half of all pensioners; further welcomes the introduction and progress of stakeholder pensions; recognises that there is still more to do and looks forward to receiving the Pickering and Sandler Reviews and consulting on proposals for reform in the Autumn’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Smith.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question; David Maclean rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put. And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to. And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 140.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Jim Murphy: 381.

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 Nick Ainger, Mr Jim Murphy: 327.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Julian Lewis: 188.

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 Government’s framework for pensions which will reduce pensioner poverty and encourage saving; recognises that pensions are best provided on the firm foundation of the sound economy the Government has put in place, with partnership between employees and employers, pension providers and Government; congratulates the Government on the extra £6 billion paid to pensioners from April of this year and its intention to bring in the Pension Credit which will increase the incomes of around half of all pensioners; further welcomes the introduction and progress of stakeholder pensions; recognises that there is still more to do and looks forward to receiving the Pickering and Sandler Reviews and consulting on proposals for reform in the Autumn.

6 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Social Security (Electronic Communications) (Child Benefit) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 17th June, be approved—(Mr Ian Pearson):—It was agreed to.

7 Housing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Homelessness (Priority Need for Accommodation) (England) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 18th June, be approved—(Mr Ian Pearson):—It was agreed to.

8 Third Country Nationals.—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 No. 8237/01, draft Council Directive concerning the status of third-country nationals who are long term residents, and No. 11803/01, draft Council Directive on the conditions of entry and residence of third-country nationals for the purpose of paid employment and self-employed activities; supports the Government’s position on these measures; and takes note that the Government has not opted into them but intends to maintain a constructive approach and will consider whether to opt in once their final shape is clear—(Mr Ian Pearson):—It was agreed to.
9 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) the Bedford College Branch of the East Anglia Region of the National Association of Teachers in Further and Higher Education for a review of the Government’s policy on the funding of further education, and

(2) residents of Derby against the use of electric collars in dog training

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

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

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 Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland.—Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 National Health Service.—Coventry Primary Care Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1692), dated 1st July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

3 Plant Breeders’ Rights.—Plant Breeders’ Rights (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1677), dated 27th June 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Social Security.—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 4) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1696), dated 1st July 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

5 Social Security (Northern Ireland).—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 3) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1697), dated 1st July 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

6 Electoral Law (Northern Ireland).—Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 864] [Mr Secretary Reid].

7 Financial Reporting to Parliament.—Departmental Reports 2002: The Government’s Expenditure Plans for 2002–03 to 2003–04 for the Cabinet Office, the Central Office of Information, Office of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration and Health Service Commissioner for England, the Privy Council Office, House of Lords, House of Commons, the National Audit Office and the Electoral Commission [by Command] [Cm. 5429] [Mr Douglas Alexander].

8 House of Commons.—Report of the House of Commons Commission for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1002] [The Speaker].

9 Parliamentary Commissioner.—Eighth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 2001–02: Annual Report 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 897] [Clerk of the House].

10 Race Relations.—Report of the Commission for Racial Equality for 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
11 Treasury Solicitor,—Crown’s Nominee Account for 2001–02 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II
Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee (Gambling); to be printed [No. 827-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Hazardous Waste Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Hazardous Waste]; to be printed [No. 919-iv] [Mr Michael Jack]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Illegal Meat Imports Sub-Committee of the Committee [Illegal Meat Imports]; to be printed [No. 968-ii]

Paddy Tipping).

3 Human Rights,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights on 1st July [The Case for a Human Rights Commission for the UK]; to be printed [No. 781-vii] [Jean Corston].

4 International Development,—(1) Second Special Report from the International Development Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 2001–02, on The Effectiveness of the Reforms of European Development Assistance]; to be printed [No. 1027]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [CDC Capital Partners]; to be printed [No. 1028]

[Tony Baldry].

5 Procedure,—(1) First Special Report from the Procedure Committee [Major Infrastructure Projects: Proposed New Parliamentary Procedures]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1031]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Major Infrastructure Projects: Proposed New Parliamentary Procedures]; to be printed [No. 823-iii]

[Sir Nicholas Winterton].

6 Public Accounts,—(1) Forty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Inpatient and Outpatient Waiting in the NHS]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 376];

(2) Forty-sixth report from the Committee [Inappropriate Adjustments to NHS Waiting Lists]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 517];

(3) Forty-seventh report from the Committee [The Landfill Tax Credit Scheme]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 338]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 1st July [The BBC: Collecting the television licence fee] [No. 1034-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Regulatory Reform,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Regulatory Reform Committee [Operation of the Regulatory Reform Act]; to be printed [No. 1029-i] [Mr Peter Pike].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Thirty-fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xxxiv] [Brian White].

9 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Biotechnology]; to be printed [Nos. 1035-i and -ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

10 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Affordable Housing]; to be printed [No. 809-iii] [Andrew Bennett].
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 Nick Ainger);

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

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

Wednesday 3rd July 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Human Intelligence Sources: Code of Practice) Order 2002 and the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Surveillance: Code of Practice) Order 2002.

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

2 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre Trading Fund (Variation) Order 2002.

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

3 Shops Bill,—Mr Jimmy Hood, supported by Mr Frank Roy, John Robertson, Mr Bill Tynan, David Hamilton, Mr John Lyons and Ann McKechnie, presented a Bill to make provision about the number of people allowed on shop premises; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 160].

4 Food Safety (Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision in respect of inedible items embedded within foodstuffs: And that Mr David Drew, Mr David Amess, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mrs Janet Dean, Julia Drown, Andrew George, Mr Gordon Marsden, Dr Doug Naysmith, Diana Organ, Ms Gisela Stuart, Joan Walley and Ann Winterton do prepare and bring it in.

5 Food Safety (Amendment) Bill,—Mr David Drew accordingly presented a Bill to make provision in respect of inedible items embedded within foodstuffs: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 161].

6 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 (Stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax: power to extend exceptions relating to recognised exchanges)—(Ruth Kelly)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Films: restriction of relief to films genuinely intended for theatrical release)—(Dawn Primarolo)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Films: restriction of relief for successive acquisitions of the same film)—(Dawn Primarolo)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Supplementary charge in respect of ring fence trades: financing costs)—(Mr Howard Flight)—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 Charles Hendry, Mr David Wilshire: 177.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr John Heppell: 303.

Another Clause (Contingent liabilities under the Private Finance Initiative)—(Mr Howard Flight)—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 Charles Hendry, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 176.
Tellers for the Noes, Angela Smith, Mr Fraser Kemp: 296.

Another Clause (Statement of liability to income tax)—(Mr John Bercow)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Taxation of community amateur sports clubs)—(Mr Howard Flight)—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 Charles Hendry, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 179.
Tellers for the Noes, Angela Smith, Mr Fraser Kemp: 296.

Another Clause (IR35)—(Mr John Bercow)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Attribution of gains to members of non-resident companies)—(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 (Expensive cars)—(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 (Investment companies and trading companies)—(Mr Howard Flight)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question, That the Clause be read a second time, put and negatived.

Another Clause (Exemptions from stamp duty on the disposal of a substantial shareholding)—(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 (Investment income of sinking funds and service charge funds (No. 2))—(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 (Simpler tax assessments for low-income pensioners)—(Mr Edward Davey)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Derek Twigg.)

Bill to be further considered this day.

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Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Investment income of sinking funds and service charge funds (No. 2))—(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 (Simpler tax assessments for low-income pensioners)—(Mr Edward Davey)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Ordered, That further consideration of the Bill be now adjourned.—(Derek Twigg.)

Bill to be further considered this day.

Adjournment (Summer).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Wednesday 24th July, do adjourn till Tuesday 15th October—(Derek Twigg).—It was agreed to.
8 Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—Ordered, That, for the purposes of their approval under section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993, the Financial Statement and Budget Report 2002–03 and the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2002–03 shall be treated as if they were instruments subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation).—(Derek Twigg.)

9 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Cheadle, Staffordshire, for restrictions on the sale of powerful fireworks; and

(2) residents of Rush Green, Romford, Essex, for Rush Green Surgery to remain open were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Derek Twigg.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes to One o’clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.  
[Adjourned at 12.53 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Schedule 7 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (Information) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Treasure,—(1) Revised Treasure Act 1996 Code of Practice (England and Wales) [by Act], and

(2) draft Treasure (Designation) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Disabled Persons,—(1) Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Isle of Wright Railway LCDR No. 2515 Vehicle) Exemption Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1694), and

(2) Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Virgin West Coast Class 390 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1699) dated 28th June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

4 Education,—Teesside Tertiary College (Dissolution) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1695), dated 1st July 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

5 Environmental Protection,—(1) Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1686), dated 26th June 2002, and

(2) Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1702), dated 3rd July 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Health and Safety,—Chemicals (Hazard Information and Packaging for Supply) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1689), dated 28th June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Local Government,—Boroughs of Halton, Thurrock and Warrington (Changes to Years of Elections) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1670), dated 26th June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1698), dated 1st July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

9 Air Force (Constitution),—Amendment List 5 to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

10 Entitlement Cards,—Paper, entitled Entitlement Cards and Identity Fraud—A Consultation Paper [by Command] [Cm. 5557] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
11 Miscellaneous (No. 12, 2002).—Locarno Agreement, done at Locarno on 8th October 1968 as amended on 28th September 1979, Establishing an International Classification for Industrial Designs, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5556] [Mr Secretary Straw].

12 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Minister for the Environment on the Petition [18th January 2001] from residents of Sandhurst, Gloucestershire, and others for closure of the chemical reprocessing plant at Upper Parting [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

13 Sex Discrimination,—Account of the Equal Opportunities Commission for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1036] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Public Trustee (Liability and Fees) Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A, and has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Mr John Burnett, Mr William Cash, Mr David Clelland, Harry Cohen, John Cryer, Clive Elford, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr David Heath, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Fraser Kemp, Laura Moffatt, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Keith Vaz, Angela Watkinson and Ms Rosie Winterton.

2 Commonwealth 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: John Austin, Hugh Bayley, Tom Cox, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Nigel Jones, Mr David Marshall, Mr Mike O’Brien, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Peter Pike, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Andrew Rosindell, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Dr Phyllis Starkey, Mr Dennis Turner and Mr David Willetts.

3 Draft Freedom of Information (Designation of Persons as Public Authorities) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Gregory Barker, Mr John Baron, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr John Battle, Mr John Burnett, Mr William Cash, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Tony Clarke, Yvette Cooper, Dr Jack Cunningham, Mr Fraser Kemp, Andrew Mackinlay, Laura Moffatt, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr David Rendel and Ann Taylor.

4 Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2002 and the draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Mrs Patsy Calton, Valerie Davey, Paul Flynn, Mr Mark Francois, Jane Griffiths, Mr John Hayes, Lady Hermon, Mrs Joan Humble, Jane Kennedy, Chris McCafferty, Shiona McIsaac, Mr Jim Murphy, James Purnell, Mr Hugo Swire and David Winnick.

5 Draft State Pension Credit Regulations 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft 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: Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Chris Bryant, Andy Burnham, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Maria Eagle, Annabelle Ewing, Mr Adrian Flook, Mr Eric Joyce, Mr Iain Luke, Siobhain McDonagh, Angela Smith, Mark Tami, Mr Neil Turner, Steve Webb and David Wright.
6 The Government’s Assessment, as set out in the Financial Statement and Budget Report 2002–03 and the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2002–03, for the purposes of approval under section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Reports to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Bercow, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Edward Davey, Patrick Hall, Mr John Horam, Alan Howarth, Ruth Kelly, Mr David Laws, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Peter Luff, Alice Mahon, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Tony Wright.

7 Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fifth 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: Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr John Grogan, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Charles Hendry, Lady Hermon, Alan Johnson, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Bob Laxton, Chris Mole, Dr Andrew Morrison, Mr George Osborne, Mr Ian Pearson, Geraldine Smith and Dr Desmond Turner.

8 Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Desmond Browne, Mrs Patsy Calton, Denzil Davies, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mr David Drew, Mr Bill Etherington, Jane Griffiths, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr John Hayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Hugo Swire, Paddy Tipping, Mr Andrew Turner and Mr James Wray from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order).


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Rules to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Tom Brake, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Colin Challen, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Jeff Ennis, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Don Foster, Mr Ivan Henderson, Jim Knight, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Patrick Mercer, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Albert Owen, Mr Chris Smith and Mr Phil Woolas.

10 Draft Insolvency Act 1986 (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Charlotte Atkins, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Martin Caton, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Huw Edwards, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Stephen McCabe, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Tony McWalter, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Mark Prisk, Llew Smith, Mr Nigel Waterson, Mr Bill Wiggin and Mr Brian Wilson.

11 Draft Child Support Appeals (Jurisdiction of Courts) Order 2002 and the draft Child Support (Temporary Compensation Payment Scheme) (Modification and Amendment) Regulations 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order and draft Regulations to the Eighth 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: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Julian Brazier, David Cairns, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Barbara Follett, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Eric Joyce, Mr Iain Luke, Siobhain McDonagh, Angela Smith, Mr Hugo Swire, Mark Tami, Mr Andrew Turner, Steve Webb and Malcolm Wicks.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Reports to the Ninth 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: Mrs Patsy Calton, Mr David Cameron, Mr Iain Coleman, Mr Peter Duncan, Jim Fitzpatrick, Helen Jones, Lynne Jones, Tim Loughton, Mr Andrew Love, Rosemary McKenna, Joyce Quin, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Siôn Simon, Jacqui Smith, Mr David Wilshire and Tony Worthington.

13 Draft Directors’ Remuneration Report Regulations 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Candy Atherton, Charlotte Atkins, Hugh Bayley, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Nick Gibb, Chris Grayling, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Miss Melanie Johnson, John Mann, Mr Paul Marsden, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Alan Simpson, Mr Nigel Waterston and Brian White.

14 Draft Caribbean Development Bank (Further Payments) Order 2002 and the draft African Development Fund (Additional Subscriptions) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr Boris Johnson, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Norman Lamb, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Diana Organ, Angela Smith, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mrs Caroline Spelman, Mr Dennis Turner, Dr Rudi Vis and Mr Shaun Woodward.

15 Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 and the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr John Butterfill Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Mr William Cash, Mr Tony Colman, Yvette Cooper, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr Dai Havard, Mr David Heath, Dr Brian Iddon, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Iain Luke, Judy Mallaber, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr George Osborne, Mr Alan Reid, John Robertson, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Andrew Selous, Mr John Smith, Mr Bill Tynan and Pete Wishart.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Reports to the Thirteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Janet Anderson, Geraint Davies, Mr Terry Davis, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr John Heppell, Beverley Hughes, Simon Hughes, John McDonnell, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Stephen Pound, Hugh Robertson, Bob Russell and Bob Spink.

Grand Committees

17 Welsh Grand Committee.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meetings on Tuesday 16th July.

European Standing Committees

18 European Union Documents Nos. COM (02) 181, COM (02) 185, COM (02) 187, COM (02) 190, COM (02) 180 and COM (02) 186, relating to the Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

19 European Union Document No. 10288/01, relating to the allocation of slots at Community airports, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

20 The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 7727/2/02 on the World Summit on Sustainable Development and European Union Document No. 6863/02 on poverty diseases.
21 The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Documents Nos. 11576/01 and 11496/01 on genetically modified food and feed.

22 The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document No. 7430/02 on conditions for temporary workers.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Fourth 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. 779] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Role of DEFRA]; to be printed [No. 991-ii] [Mr David Curry].

3 Environmental Audit,—Fourth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Measuring the Quality of Life: The 2001 Sustainable Development Headline Indicators]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 824] [Mr John Horam].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Thirty-fifth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xxv]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Internal security and international protection commitments]; to be printed [No. 1039-i] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Public Accounts,—(1) Forty-eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Department for International Development: Performance Management—Helping to reduce World Poverty]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 793];

(2) Forty-ninth Report from the Committee [Ensuring that Policies Deliver Value for Money]; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the report [No. 541];

(3) Fiftieth Report from the Committee [Pipes and Wires]; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 831]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The 2001 Outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease] [No. 1048-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Science and Technology,—(1) Third Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Science Education from 14 to 19], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 508];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Short-term Contracts in Science and Engineering]; to be printed [No. 1046-i]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Science Education from 14 to 19] [Dr Ian Gibson].

7 Scottish Affairs,—Fifth Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Employment in Shipbuilding on the Clyde]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 865] [Mrs Irene Adams].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Third Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 196-iii] [Brian White].

9 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Ports]; to be printed [No. 788-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Committee [The New Towns: their problems and future]; to be printed [No. 603-i] [Andrew Bennett].
10 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Regional Spending]; to be printed [No. 1047-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 170; WH, No. 99.]

Wednesday 3rd July 2002.

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 Jim Murphy.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.56 p.m.]

Thursday 4th July 2002.

The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Development Agency Bill,—The London Development Agency Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

2 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the National Care Standards Commission (Children’s Rights Director) Regulations (S.I., 2002, No. 1250).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Pathogens Access Appeal Commission (Procedure) Rules 2002 and the draft Court of Appeal (Appeals from Pathogens Access Appeal Commission) Rules 2002.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Education Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

European Parliamentary Elections Bill [ Lords ],—The Lords have passed a Bill to consolidate the European Parliamentary Elections Acts 1978, 1993 and 1999; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

House of Lords Reform ( Joint Committee ),—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of twelve Lords to join with the Committee appointed by the Commons to consider and report on issues relating to House of Lords Reform, and that they have come to the following Resolutions:

That the Committee have power to agree with the Committee appointed by the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman;

That the Committee have leave to report from time to time;

That the Reports of the Committee from time to time shall be printed, notwithstanding any adjournment of their Lordships’ House;

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;

That the Committee have power to adjourn from place to place within the United Kingdom;

And the Lords propose that the Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the Commons on Tuesday 9th July at half-past Ten o’clock.

5 Education Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Education Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 163].

6 European Parliamentary Elections Bill [ Lords ],—The European Parliamentary Elections Bill [ Lords ] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 164].
7 House of Lords Reform.—Ordered, That the Lords Message of this day relating to the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

8 Waste (No. 2) Bill.—Mr Desmond Swayne presented a Bill to grant additional powers to local authorities in England and Wales for the enforcement of controls and for the prosecution of offences relating to the unauthorised or harmful deposit, treatment or disposal of waste and the transporting of controlled waste without registering; to amend the Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989 and Part II of the Environmental Protection Act 1990; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 162].

9 Finance Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Finance Bill, not amended in the Committee and as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Rollover of cash from ISAs and TESSAs into securities)—(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 (Simplifying married couple’s allowances)—(Mr Edward Davey)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, to leave out lines 20 to 25.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Laurence Robertson: 136.

Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Mr Fraser Kemp: 276.

Amendments (Nos. 38 to 41) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 25) proposed to the Bill, in page 13, to leave out lines 41 and 42.—(Mr John Bercow.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 64, line 16, at the end, to insert the words ‘and ceases to have effect in relation to accounting periods of controlled foreign companies beginning on or after the earlier of:

(a) the third anniversary of the day on which this Act is passed; and
(b) the expiry of any twelve month period during which no statutory instrument is approved under section 748A(5) of the Taxes Act 1988 (territorial exclusions from exemption under section 748).’—(Mr John Bercow.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Charles Hendry: 105.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Derek Twigg: 305.

Another Amendment (No. 43) proposed to the Bill, in page 64, to leave out from the beginning of line 34 to the end of line 33 on page 68.—(Mr Alex Salmond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Thomas, Hywel Williams: 151.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Derek Twigg: 270.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 75, to leave out from the beginning of line 39 to the end of line 6 on page 76 and insert the words ‘or a series of qualifying donations made by him in one or more of the previous three years of assessment (a year in respect of which an election is made being an “elected year” for the purposes of this section).

(2) Any such election may be made by notice in writing to an officer of the Inland Revenue before or at the time that the donor delivers the return required under section 9 of the Taxes Management Act 1970 (c. 9) (personal return) for the year in which the gift is actually made.
(3) An election may be made in respect of an elected year only to the extent that the grossed-up amount of any gift or part-gift would, if made in that elected year, be payable out of profits or gains brought into charge to income tax or capital gains tax for that elected year. Where an election is made to treat a single gift as if it had been a series of qualifying donations made in one or more years, the sum of such qualifying donations may not exceed the amount of the actual gift.

(4) On receipt of an election under this section, the Board of Inland Revenue shall make such payments and adjustments as appear necessary to them to leave the donor in the position he would have been in had he made the relevant gift or part-gift in the relevant elected year and the provisions of section 25(6) to (9A) of the Finance Act 1990 had then taken effect.’, instead thereof.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Charles Hendry: 151.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Ian Pearson: 260.

Other Amendments (Nos. 13 and 19 to 24) made to the Bill.

A Schedule (Stamp duty: contracts chargeable as conveyances: supplementary provisions)—(Dawn Primarolo)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 12, 45, 14 to 18 and 35 to 37) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 11) proposed to the Bill, in page 478, line 29, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(3A) In subsection (3) at end insert—

‘(g) it consists wholly of uncrushed aggregates to be used for harbour sea defence projects or coastal erosion protection.’.—(Mr Alex Salmond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Thomas, Hywel Williams: 161.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Derek Twigg: 263.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Ian Pearson: 277.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Stephen O’Brien: 109.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

10 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 (Covert Human Intelligence Sources: Code of Practice) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 10th June, be approved—(Joan Ryan);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 10th July, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001].

11 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 (Covert Surveillance: Code of Practice) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 10th June, be approved—(Joan Ryan);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 10th July, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001].

12 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 101) (House of Commons Paper No. 942), on Personal Social Services Performance Grant for 2002–03, which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Joan Ryan);

It was agreed to.

13 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 Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre Trading Fund (Variation) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.
14 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
   (1) residents of South Swindon for the promotion of access to safe affordable water
   and adequate sanitation across the world, and
   (2) residents of Mitcham and Morden for the provision of intermediate care services
   at the Wilson Hospital
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do
now adjourn—(Mr Ian Pearson);
   And the Motion having been made after Seven o’clock, and the Debate having
continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question
put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then sixteen minutes to Eight o’clock, till

to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.44 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1714), dated 3rd July 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

2 Immigration and Asylum,—Immigration Services Tribunal (Amendment) Rules 2002 (S.I.,
2002, No. 1716), dated 3rd July 2002 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

1700), dated 2nd July 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

4 Audit Commission,—Statement of Guarantee dated 4th July 2002, given by HM Treasury in
respect of temporary borrowing by the Audit Commission from Lloyds TSB Bank plc
[by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

5 Broadcasting,—Accounts of the Broadcasting Standards Commission for 2001–02, with the
Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No.
1040] [Clerk of the House].

6 Charity Commission,—Report and Accounts of the Charity Commissioners for England and
Wales for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]:
to be printed [No. 893-I and -II] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

7 Competition,—Accounts of the Competition Commission for 2001–02, with the Report of
the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No. 1042] [Clerk
of the House].

8 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Sixth Report of the Foreign Affairs
Committee, Session 2001–02, on Turkey [by Command] [Cm. 5529] [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 Further and Higher Education,—Accounts of the Higher Education Funding Council for
England for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon
[by Act]: to be printed [No. 1043] [Clerk of the House].

10 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report of the Financial Reporting Advisory Board
to HM Treasury for 2001–02 [by Act]: to be printed [No. 896] [Mr Paul Boateng].

11 National Heritage,—Account of the Board of Trustees of the Armouries for 2000–01, with
the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No.
1041] [Clerk of the House].

12 Nuclear Energy,—Paper, entitled Managing the Nuclear Legacy: A Strategy for Action [by
Command] [Cm. 5552] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

13 Pensions,—Accounts of the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority for 2001–02, with
the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]: to be printed [No.
1044] [Clerk of the House].

14 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [12th
June 2002] from members of the Stocksbridge Bypass Campaign for safety
improvements to the Stocksbridge bypass [by Standing Order]: to be printed [Clerk of
the House].

15 Stem Cell Research,—Government Response to the Report of the House of Lords Select
Committee on Stem Cell Research [by Command] [Cm. 5561] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees


2 Draft Child Support Appeals (Jurisdiction of Courts) Order 2002 and the draft Child Support (Temporary Compensation Payment Scheme) (Modification and Amendment) Regulations 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Julian Brazier from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order and draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr David Wilshire.

3 Draft Directors’ Remuneration Report Regulations 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Chris Grayling from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Michael Fabricant.

4 Draft Caribbean Development Bank (Further Payments) Order 2002 and the draft African Development Fund (Additional Subscriptions) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Julian Brazier from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Dr Julian Lewis.

5 Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002, the draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 and the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Andrew Selous from the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Field.

6 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 92) (House of Commons Paper No. 877) on Special Grant for Asylum Seekers Support (Adults and Families of Asylum Seekers) for 1999–2000 and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 99) (House of Commons Paper No. 878) on Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children for 2002–03,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Humfrey Malins from the Thirteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Reports); and nominated in substitution Mr James Paice.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Sixth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Wembley National Stadium Project], together with part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 13th May and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 843] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Draft Communications Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Communications Bill; to be printed [No. 876-ix] [Nick Harvey].

3 Education and Skills,—(1) Sixth Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Post-16 Student Support], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 445]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Post-16 Student Support]

[Mr Barry Sherman].

4 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Buying Time for Forests]; to be printed [No. 792-iii] [Mr John Horam].

5 Home Affairs,—First Special Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, on the Police Reform Bill]; to be printed [No. 1052] [Mr Chris Mullin].

6 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Civil Service Issues]; to be printed [No. 1049-i] [Tony Wright].

7 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The UK and the IMF]; to be printed [No. 868-iii] [Mr John McFall].
8 Welsh Affairs.—(1) Third Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Draft National Health Service (Wales) Bill], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 959]; and

(2) Fourth Report from the Committee [The Children’s Society in Wales: Responses from the Government and the Charity Commission to the First Report of the Committee of Session 2001–02], together with Appendices to the Report; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 989]

[Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 171; WH, No. 100.]

Thursday 4th July 2002.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Reports from the Education and Skills Committee on the Work of OFSTED).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Ian Pearson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 9th July.

[Adjourned at 5.46 p.m.]

[No. 172.]

Friday 5th July 2002.

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 do not insist on their Amendment to the Tax Credits Bill to which this House has disagreed; and they agree to the Amendment proposed by this House in lieu thereof.

2 Adjournment (Modernising Britain’s gambling laws).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Ian Pearson);

And it being Eleven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11 (Friday sittings).

And the Question being again proposed;

The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

3 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Jim Murphy);

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

4 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 8th July.

[Adjourned at 2.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Air Force (Constitution).—Amendment List 17 to Air Publication 1269A—The Royal Air Force Manual of Assessment of Medical Fitness [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

4 Children.—Report for 2001 by the Secretary of State for Health on the Children Act 1989 pursuant to section 83 of that Act [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Competition Commission.—Report on the proposed merger between Compass Group PLC and Rail Gourmet Holding AG, Restorama AG and Gourmet Nova AG [by Command] [Cm. 5562] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Freedom of Information (Designation of Persons as Public Authorities) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Gregory Barker, Mr John Baron, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr John Battle, Mr John Burnett, Mr William Cash, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Tony Clarke, Yvette Cooper, Dr Jack Cunningham, Mr Fraser Kemp, Andrew Mackinlay, Laura Moffatt, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr David Rendel and Ann Taylor from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order).

2 Draft State Pension Credit Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Chris Bryant from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Jon Cruddas.
[No. 173.]

Monday 8th July 2002.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2002.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft State Pension Credit Regulations 2002.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Government’s Assessment, as set out in the Financial Statement and Budget Report 2002–03 and the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2002–03, for the purposes of approval under Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 7727/2/02, draft Council Conclusions for the preparation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, and No. 6863/02, draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on aid for poverty diseases (HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis) in developing countries; and welcomes the Government’s approach to the World Summit and to discussions on differential pricing of medicines and other key issues.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

5 Health (Air Travellers) (No. 2) Bill,—Mrs Cheryl Gillan, supported by Mr Charles Hendry, Mr David Wilshire, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Peter Luff, Mr John Randall and Miss Anne McIntosh, presented a Bill to make provision for research and development, and dissemination of information and advice, relating to flight-related deep vein thrombosis and other medical conditions affecting air travellers; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 165].

6 Employment Bill (Programme) (No. 3),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001], That the following provisions shall apply to the Employment Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 27th November:

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 at Seven o’clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

Subsequent stages

2. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr John Heppell):—It was agreed to.

7 Employment Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Employment Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 61 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 1, 2, 4, 7, 9 to 15, 17 and 21 to 24.

It being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendments Nos. 62 to 95 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 76, 77 and 79.

8 Opposition Day [17th allotted day: first part],—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.
Care homes.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government’s failure to address the crisis facing care homes for the elderly, which has resulted in the closure of a large number of care homes, with damaging consequences for the sector and for many other aspects of the work of the NHS; remains concerned that the combined impact of the levels of fees paid to care homes by local authorities and the National Minimum Standards will continue to have an adverse impact upon small to medium size care homes in particular, leading to further losses in capacity; regrets that the terms under which the Government introduced ‘free nursing care’ on 1st October 2001 differ very markedly from those laid out when the draft legislation was under consideration; deprecates the increase in the number of elderly people receiving inappropriate care and the large number of hospital beds being blocked and operations being cancelled because of the loss of care home beds into which to discharge hospital patients once their treatment has been completed; and calls on the Government to recognise the damaging effects of this crisis in care on the most vulnerable members of society and swiftly and decisively to end the suffering, disruption and distress that is being caused to the elderly by the Government’s policies—(Mr Simon Burns);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the Government’s strategy for modernising social care services through unprecedented real terms increases in resources; condemns the Opposition for opposing this investment; welcomes the improved joint working between the NHS, social services, and the independent care sectors which has seen a reduction in levels of delayed discharges of over 1,000 since September 2001; recognises Government action to provide real choice for older people in long term care and to place a greater emphasis on users and patients in the design and delivery of services; notes the confusion, inconsistency and lack of independence in previous registration and inspection regimes and welcomes the Government’s national framework for standards and quality; further notes that the extra funding is enabling local councils to increase fees paid to care homes and that providers are continuing to open new homes; and recognises that the number of people receiving intensive home care support is increasing, enabling more people to live independently at home for longer’, instead thereof.—(Jacqui Smith.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

Mr Patrick McLoughlin rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Desmond Swayne: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Smith, Mr Phil Woolas: 320.

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, Angela Smith, Mr Phil Woolas: 312.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Desmond Swayne: 185.

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 Government’s strategy for modernising social care services through unprecedented real terms increases in resources; condemns the Opposition for opposing this investment; welcomes the improved joint working between the NHS, social services, and the independent care sectors which has seen a reduction in levels of delayed discharges of over 1,000 since September 2001; recognises Government action to provide real choice for older people in long term care and to place a greater emphasis on users and patients in the design and delivery of services; notes the confusion, inconsistency and lack of independence in previous registration and inspection regimes and welcomes the Government’s national framework for standards and quality; further notes that the extra funding is enabling local councils to increase fees paid to care homes and that providers are continuing to open new homes; and recognises that the number of people receiving intensive home care support is increasing, enabling more people to live independently at home for longer.
9 Royal Assent,—The Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:

Appropriation Act 2002
National Insurance Contributions Act 2002
Industrial and Provident Societies Act 2002
Tax Credits Act 2002

10 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 Pathogens Access Appeal Commission (Procedure) Rules 2002, which were laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—It was agreed to.

11 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Court of Appeal (Appeals from Pathogens Access Appeal Commission) Rules 2002, which were laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—It was agreed to.

12 Delegated Legislation,—Ordered, That the Motion in the name of Secretary Tessa Jowell relating to the revised Treasure Act 1996 Code of Practice 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 Fraser Kemp.)

13 Administration,—Ordered, That Dr Nick Palmer be discharged from the Administration Committee and Julie Morgan be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till six minutes to Eleven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.54 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Countryside,—Access to the Countryside (Provisional and Conclusive Maps) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1710), dated 7th July 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


(2) Inheritance Tax (Delivery of Accounts) (Excepted Settlements) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1732), and

(3) Inheritance Tax (Delivery of Accounts) (Excepted Transfers and Excepted Terminations) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1731),
dated 5th July 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].


(2) Social Security (Jobcentre Plus Interviews) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1703),
dated 3rd July 2002
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].
Other Papers:

6 Courts and Legal Services.—Report and Accounts of the Legal Services Ombudsman for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 940] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

7 Defence.—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 8th July 2002, concerning a contingent liability concerning the Ministry of Defence’s agreement with QinetiQ on the allocation of pre-vesting liabilities [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

8 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.—Minute by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, dated 8th July 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability in relation to extra work by fire authorities in England and Wales on mass decontamination [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

9 Pensions.—Report and Accounts of the Pensions Compensation Board for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1051] [Clerk of the House].

10 Public Works Loans.—Report of the Public Works Loan Board for 2001–02 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

11 School Standards and Framework.—Account of the New Addington Education Action Zone for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1053] [Clerk of the House].

12 Science and Technology.—Accounts of—

(1) the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils,
(2) the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, and
(3) the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council

for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1056, 1057 and 1058] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Public Trustee (Liability and Fees) Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Laura Moffatt and Angela Watkinson from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr John Baron and Mr Gordon Marsden.

2 Commonwealth Bill.—(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill; and
(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mike O’Brien from Standing Committee C (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Ivor Caplin.

3 Draft State Pension Credit Regulations 2002.—(1) The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations, in place of Mr David Amess; and
(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Andy Burnham from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Ann Taylor.

4 Government’s Assessment, as set out in the Financial Statement and Budget Report 2002–03 and the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2002–03, for the purposes of approval under section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Tony Wright from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the assessment); and nominated in substitution Mr Anthony D. Wright.

5 Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tam Dalyell from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Ian Stewart.

6 Draft Insolvency Act 1986 (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bill Wiggin from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Andrew Selous.
Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002, the draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 and the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Judy Mallaber and Mr Bill Tynan from the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Jim Sheridan and Mr Frank Roy.


APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Communications Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Communications Bill; to be printed [No. 876-x] [Nick Harvey].

2 Information.—(1) First Report from the Information Committee [Digital Technology: Working for Parliament and the Public], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1065]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Digital Technology: Working for Parliament and the Public] [Michael Fabricant].

3 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts—a follow-up]; to be printed [No. 1064] [Dr Ian Gibson].

4 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Draft Local Government Bill]; to be printed [No. 981-i] [Andrew Bennett].

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Public Trustee (Liability and Fees) Bill [Lords].—Mr John McWilliam reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Public Trustee (Liability and Fees) Bill [Lords], and had 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. 1067].

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2002.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Town and Country Planning (Major Infrastructure Project Inquiries Procedure) (England) Rules 2002 (S.I. 2002 No. 1223).

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Insolvency Act 1986 (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2002.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
5 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Child Support Appeals (Jurisdiction of Courts) Order 2002 and the draft Child Support (Temporary Compensation Payment Scheme) (Modification and Amendment) Regulations 2002.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 European Standing Committee C.—Mr Alan Hurst reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 11576/01, draft Council Regulation on genetically modified food and feed, and No. 11496/01, draft Council Regulation on the traceability and labelling of genetically modified organisms and traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms; and supports the Government’s aim of securing practical, proportionate and enforceable legislation that also recognises the external impact, including that on developing countries.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

7 Telecommunications Transmitters (Restrictions on Planning Applications) (No. 2) Bill.—Mr Desmond Swayne presented a Bill to permit a local planning authority to decline to determine an application for the development of telecommunications transmission antennae in certain circumstances: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 166].

8 Emergency Services Personnel (Protection).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it an offence to assault, intimidate or otherwise interfere with emergency services personnel in the execution of their duties; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Bill Etherington, Mr David Atkinson, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr John Cummings, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Alan Meale, Mr George Mudie, Syd Rapson, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Dr Rudi Vis and Mr James Wray do prepare and bring it in.

9 Emergency Services Personnel (Protection) Bill.—Mr Bill Etherington accordingly presented a Bill to make it an offence to assault, intimidate or otherwise interfere with emergency services personnel in the execution of their duties; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 167].

10 Police Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2).—Ordered, That pursuant to the Report [25th June 2002] from Standing Committee A, the Order of 7th May 2002 (Police Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme)) shall be varied as follows:

Consideration and Third Reading

1. Paragraph 4 of the Order (Consideration and Third Reading) shall be omitted.

2.—(1) Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be concluded in one and a half days.

(2) Proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of those days as shown in the first column in the following Table and shall be taken in the order so shown, and each part of the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the time specified in the second column of the Table.

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(3) Proceedings on Third Reading (so far as not previously concluded) shall be brought to a conclusion at Ten o’clock on the second of those days or, if that day is a Thursday, at Seven o’clock on that day.—(Mr John Denham.)
11 Police Reform Bill [Lords] [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Police Reform Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 20 to 23) made to the Bill.

A Clause (Scottish sex offender orders)—(Mr John Denham)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Sex offender orders made in England, Wales or Northern Ireland)—(Mr John Denham)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Sex offender orders: Northern Ireland)—(Mr John Denham)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Interim orders for sex offenders: Northern Ireland)—(Mr John Denham)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Sex offender orders made in England and Wales or Scotland)—(Mr John Denham)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 39 to 46) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 60, line 28, after the word ‘occasion’, to insert the words ‘within the last six months’.—(Norman Baker.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 62) proposed to the Bill, in page 63, line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(6A) At the end of subsection (3) there is inserted “; save that, where the behaviour giving rise to the complaint involves prostitution, the complaint may alternatively be made to a county court.”’

(6B) In subsection (4), after the words “magistrates court” there is inserted “(or, as the case may be, county court)”’.—(Julia Drown.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 47 and 48) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Duties under Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974)—(Mr John Denham)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 130, 50, 51, 60, 61 and 108) made to the Bill.

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

12 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Mersey Tunnels Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being proposed, That the Bill be now read a second time:

Mr Peter Kilfoyle 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 Kilfoyle, Mr George Howarth: 110.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Miller, Stephen Hesford: 18.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr George Howarth: 105.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Miller, Stephen Hesford: 22.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time and committed.

13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes past Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.10 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

**Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:**

1. Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 105) on Invest to Save Budget Round 4 Projects and Local Government On-Line [by Command]; to be printed [No. 1069] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2. Tax Credits,—(1) Draft Child Tax Credit Regulations 2002,
   (2) draft Tax Credits (Definition and Calculation of Income) Regulations 2002,
   (3) draft Tax Credits (Income Thresholds and Determination of Rates) Regulations 2002, and
   (4) draft Working Tax Credit (Entitlement and Maximum Rate) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

   (2) draft Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000 (Amendment) Regulations 2002,
   [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**


5. National Health Service,—(1) National Institute for Clinical Excellence (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1759), and
   (2) National Institute for Clinical Excellence (Establishment and Constitution) Amendment Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1760),
   dated 9th July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


7. Sports Grounds and Sporting Events,—(1) Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1755), and
   dated 8th July 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

**Other Papers:**

8. Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons,—Report on Research and Development Work Relating to Assistive Technology 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

9. Crime and Disorder,—Review of the Youth Justice Board for 2001–02 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

10. Crown Estate,—(1) Account of the Crown Estate Commissioners for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1045], and
    (2) Report and Accounts of the Crown Estate Commissioners for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]
    [Clerk of the House].

11. Data Protection,—Report and Accounts of the Information Commissioner for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 913] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

13 Northern Ireland.—Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2002 [laid 26th June].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Child Support Appeals (Jurisdiction of Courts) Order 2002 and the draft Child Support (Temporary Compensation Payment Scheme) (Modification and Amendment) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Barbara Follett from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order and draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Jim Knight.

2 Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 and the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Frank Roy from the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Bill Tynan.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Joint Committees (Election of Chairmen).—Dr Jack Cunningham reported from the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform, That he had been chosen Chairman of the Joint Committee.

2 Statutory Instruments.—Thirty-fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xxxv] [Mr David Tredinnick].

3 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Nuclear Liabilities Management Authority]; to be printed [Nos. 1074-i and -ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

4 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Draft Local Government Bill]; to be printed [No. 981-ii][Andrew Bennett].

5 Treasury.—Tenth Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Observations on the Second Report from the Committee, Session 2001–02, on the Budget 2002]; to be printed [No. 1075] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 174; WH, No. 101.]

Tuesday 9th July 2002.

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 Fraser Kemp);

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 HSBC Investment Banking 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 HSBC Investment Banking 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 Commonwealth Bill.—Mr John Cummings reported from Standing Committee C, that it had gone through the Commonwealth 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. 1070].


Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Directors’ Remuneration Report Regulations 2002.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Caribbean Development Bank (Further Payments) Order 2002 and the draft African Development Fund (Additional Subscriptions) Order 2002.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 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. 7430/02, draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on working conditions for temporary workers; and supports the Government’s initial approach to negotiations.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

7 Animal Sanctuaries (Licensing) (No. 2) Bill.—Mrs Cheryl Gillan, supported by Mr John Randall, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Charles Hendry and Mr David Wilshire, presented a Bill to make provision for the licensing and control of animal sanctuaries. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 168].

8 Organ Donation (Presumed Consent and Safeguards) (No. 2) Bill.—Mrs Cheryl Gillan, supported by Mr Stephen O’Brien, Dr Julian Lewis and Mr Desmond Swayne, presented a Bill to provide for the removal of organs for transplantation purposes, after death has been confirmed in a person aged 16 or over, except where a potential donor previously registered an objection or where a close relative objects; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 169].

9 Litter and Fouling of Land by Dogs (No. 2) Bill.—Mr Desmond Swayne presented a Bill to make further provision relating to litter and the fouling of land by dogs and to allow a local authority to retain the revenue from fixed penalty notices for such offences issued in its area for the purposes of enforcement: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 170].
10 Traveller Law Reform.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reform the law in England and Wales as it applies to gypsies and travellers: And that Mr David Atkinson, Mr Andrew Mackay, Mr Terry Davis, Annette Brooke, Julie Morgan, Mr John Butterfill, Andrew Mackinlay, Michael Fabricant, Mr Kevin McNamara, Nick Harvey, Mr Henry Bellingham and Mr Bill Rammell do prepare and bring it in.

11 Traveller Law Reform Bill.—Mr David Atkinson accordingly presented a Bill to reform the law in England and Wales as it applies to gypsies and travellers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 171].

12 Welsh Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Orders Nos. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales)) and 108 (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings)), That—

1. The matter of the draft National Health Service (Wales) Bill be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration;

2. The Committee shall meet on Tuesday 16th July at half-past Ten o’clock and between Four o’clock and Six o’clock at Westminster to consider the matter of the draft National Health Service (Wales) Bill, under Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales))—(Mr Jim Murphy).—It was agreed to.

13 Police Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 3).—Ordered, That the Order of 9th July 2002 (Police Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2)) shall be varied as follows—

in the Table, in the entries in the second column relating to the second day, for the first ‘Six o’clock’ there shall be substituted ‘Seven o’clock’.—(Mr John Denham.)

14 Police Reform Bill [Lords] [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Police Reform Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Improvement action plans)—(Mr Oliver Letwin)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

It being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Orders [yesterday and this day], put the Questions on an Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate Division and on the remaining Amendments proposed by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 109 and 110) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 111) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 1, to leave out the words ‘chief officer of police of’ and insert the words ‘police authority responsible for maintaining’, instead thereof.—(Mr John Heppell.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Amendment (a) proposed to the proposed Amendment, in line 2, before the word ‘chief’, to insert the words ‘may direct the’.—(Mr Oliver Letwin.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made to the proposed Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Charles Hendry, Mr David Wilshire: 190.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Jim Murphy: 305.

Proposed Amendment made to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 112 to 129, 131 to 172, 52 and 53) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Continued deployment of traffic wardens)—(Simon Hughes)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tom Brake, Bob Russell: 52.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Jim Murphy: 308.
Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of Divisions which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Order of the House [28th June 2001]:

Investigatory Powers.—That the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Human Intelligence Sources: Code of Practice) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 10th June, be approved.

Ayes: 312.
Noes: 195.

So the Question was agreed to.

Investigatory Powers.—That the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Covert Surveillance: Code of Practice) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 10th June, be approved.

Ayes: 312.
Noes: 195.

So the Question was agreed to.

Police Reform Bill [Lords] [2nd allotted day].—The House again proceeded further to consider the Police Reform Bill [Lords].

Another Clause (Police powers for local authority employees)—(Norman Baker)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 23, after the word ‘Majesty’, to insert the words ‘on an address presented by the House of Commons and proposed by the Secretary of State with the agreement of the Chairman of the Home Affairs Committee.’.—(Mr Chris Mullin.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Other Amendments (Nos. 54, 55, 24 and 25) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 65) proposed to the Bill, in page 41, line 37, to leave out Clause No. 40.—(Norman Baker.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Annette Brooke, Bob Russell: 52.
Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Mr Ian Pearson: 287.

Other Amendments (Nos. 26 to 35, 2, 37 and 38) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 145, line 15, to leave out paragraph 2.—(Mr James Paice.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Annette Brooke, Sir Robert Smith: 54.
Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Mr Ian Pearson: 294.

It being after Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 56 to 59) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

World Summit on Sustainable Development and Aid for Poverty Diseases.—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 No. 7727/2/02, draft Council Conclusions for the preparation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and No. 6863/02, draft Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on aid for poverty diseases (HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis) in developing countries; and welcomes the Government’s approach to the World Summit and to discussions on differential pricing of medicines and other key issues—(Joan Ryan):—It was agreed to.
18 Genetically Modified Food and Feed.—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 No. 11576/01, draft Council Regulation on genetically modified food and feed and No. 11496/01, draft Council Regulation on the traceability and labelling of genetically modified organisms and traceability of food and feed products produced from genetically modified organisms; and supports the Government’s aim of securing practical, proportionate and enforceable legislation that also recognises the external impact, including that on developing countries—(Joan Ryan):—It was agreed to.

19 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 [3rd July], That this House takes note with approval of the Government’s assessment as set out in the Financial Statement and Budget Report 2002-03 and the Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report 2002-03 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993—(Joan Ryan).

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 17th July, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001].

20 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 State Pension Credit Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Joan Ryan):—It was agreed to.

21 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Joan Ryan):—It was agreed to.

22 Insolvency.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Insolvency Act 1986 (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Joan Ryan):—It was agreed to.

23 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 2002, which were laid before this House on 25th June, be approved—(Joan Ryan):—It was agreed to.

24 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 Appeals (Jurisdiction of Courts) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 24th June, be approved—(Joan Ryan):—It was agreed to.

25 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 (Temporary Compensation Payment Scheme) (Modification and Amendment) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 24th June, be approved—(Joan Ryan):—It was agreed to.

26 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Brightlingsea and the surrounding area for a public inquiry into a proposed planning application relating to the James and Stone Shipyard was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

27 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Joan Ryan).

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.30 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 106) on Special Grants for Performance Pay Progression for Teachers on any Qualified Teacher Pay Scale, for Performance Pay Progression for Teachers on the Leadership Group Pay Spine, and for Threshold Payments for Teachers Employed by Local Authorities in Children’s Homes [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1019] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Civil Aviation,—Air Navigation (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1628), dated 26th June 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 Disabled Persons,—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (South West Trains Class 458 Vehicles) Exemption (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1762), dated 10th July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


5 Police,—Police (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1758), dated 9th July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

6 Broadcasting,—Review and Financial Statements of the Broadcasting Standards Commission for 2001–02 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 Health,—Government Response to the First Report from the Health Committee, Session 2001–02, on the Role of the Private Sector in the NHS [by Command] [Cm. 5567] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

8 Home Affairs,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2001–02, on the Government’s Drugs Policy: Is It Working? [by Command] [Cm. 5573] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

9 Industrial Training,—(1) Report and Accounts, and
   (2) Report and Financial Statements of the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board for 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

10 Police,—Report and Accounts of the Police Complaints Authority for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1008] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


12 Transport,—Report and Accounts of British Waterways for 2001–02 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

13 Water,—Reports by the Chief Inspector, Drinking Water Inspectorate, for 2001 on
   (1) Drinking Water, and
   (2) Drinking Water for Wales
   [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Contracting Out (Functions of Local Authorities: Income-Related Benefits) Order 2002:

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr James Clappison, Geraint Davies, Mr David Drew, Barbara Follett, Mr David Heath, Judy Mallaber, Ms Meg Munn, Mr Greg Pope, Bridget Prentice, Mr David Ruffley, Angela Smith, Mr David Tredinnick, Steve Webb and Malcolm Wicks.

2 Draft Fixed-Term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2002 and the draft Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000 (Amendment) Regulations 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Kevin Barron, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Tony Clarke, Mr David Clelland, Brian Cotter, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Charles Hendry, Alan Johnson, Mr Robert Key, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Martin Salter and Mr Chris Smith.

3 Draft Schedule 7 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (Information) Order 2002:

(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: Mr Tony Banks, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Clive Betts, Tom Brake, Mr Tom Clarke, Mrs Janet Dean, Jim Dowd, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Nick Hawkins, Beverley Hughes, Simon Hughes, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Jim Murphy, Paddy Tipping and Mr Andrew Tyrie.

4 Draft Terrorism Act (Cessation of Effect of section 76) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Vera Baird, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Crispin Blunt, Peter Bottomley, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mrs Helen Clark, Mr John Hayes, Lady Hermon, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Kevan Jones, Jane Kennedy, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Shona McIsaac, Mr Jim Murphy, Lembet Opik and Jonathan Shaw.

5 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions, etc.) (Amendment) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr George Foulkes, Mr Nick Gibb, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr John Lyons, Mr John MacDougall, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Jim Murphy, Sandra Osborne, Hugh Robertson, John Robertson, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Mr David Stewart, Mr Desmond Swayne, John Thurso, Pete Wishart and Mr James Wray.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order and Code of Practice to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Baron, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Ben Chapman, Denzil Davies, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr John Greenway, Nick Harvey, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr David Lepper, Julie Morgan, Mr Kerry Pollard, Mr Laurence Robertson, Bob Russell, Mr Paul Truswell and Mr Bill Wiggin.

7 Draft Working Tax Credit (Entitlement and Maximum Rate) Regulations 2002, the draft Child Tax Credit Regulations 2002, draft Tax Credits (Definition and Calculation of Income) Regulations 2002 and the draft Tax Credits (Relevant Income and Determination of Rates) Regulations 2002:

(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: John Austin, Mr John Bercow, Mr Tim Boswell, Ms Karen Buck, Richard Burden, Mr Edward Davey, Julia Drown, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Michael Jack, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Alan Meale, Kali Mountford, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Steve Webb.
8 Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002:

(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: Mrs Patsy Calton, Mr William Cash, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Jim Dobbin, Mr John Hayes, Lady Hermon, Jane Kennedy, Mr Peter Kiffyole, Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Shona McIsaac, Alice Mahon, Mr Jim Murphy, Bob Spink, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mr Hugo Swire and Derek Wyatt.

9 Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 and the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.—

The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gordon Marsden and Mr Mohammad Sarwar from the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Laura Moffatt and Mr Frank Roy.

European Standing Committees

10 European Standing Committee A.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Ian Gibson from European Standing Committee A; and nominated in substitution John Robertson.

11 European Union Document No. 9759/02, relating to staffing needs of the Commission in the enlarged European Union, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

12 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 5th July 2002, submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget 2003, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Catering,—First Report from the Catering Committee [Refreshment Facilities in the House of Commons], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 832] [Mr Dennis Turner].

2 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [DfES Departmental Report 2002]; to be printed [No. 1012-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) Sixth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Departmental Annual Report 2002], 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. 969]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Role of DEFRA]; to be printed [No. 991-iii] [Mr David Curry].

4 Environmental Audit,—Fifth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [A Sustainable Energy Strategy? Renewables and the PIU Review], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 582] [Mr John Horam].

5 European Scrutiny,—Thirty-sixth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xxxvi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Sexual Health]; to be printed [No. 990-ii] [Mr Simon Burns].

7 Science and Technology,—Fourth Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Developments in Human Genetics and Embryology], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 791] [Dr Ian Gibson].

8 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—(1) Fourteenth Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [How the Local Government Act 2000 is working], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 602-I];
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 Ivor Caplin.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee. Bill to be read the third time.

2 Housing Benefit (Withholding of Payment) Bill,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Housing Benefit (Withholding of Benefit) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows:

A Bill to permit the withholding of housing benefit on grounds of anti-social behaviour in certain circumstances.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 19th July; and to be printed [Bill 178]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 1090].

3 Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Butterfill reported from the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 and the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.


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5 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Proceeds of Crime Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.
The Lords have agreed to the Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Mobile Telephones (Re-programming) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to create offences in respect of unique electronic equipment identifiers of mobile wireless communications devices; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Proceeds of Crime Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 175].

7 Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 176].

8 Mobile Telephones (Re-programming) Bill [Lords].—The Mobile Telephones (Re-programming) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 177].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Mobile Telephones (Re-programming) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 177–EN].

9 Commonwealth Bill.—The Order for considering this day the Commonwealth Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, was read and discharged.

Bill to be considered on Friday 19th July.

10 Control of Fireworks (No. 2) Bill.—Mrs Cheryl Gillan, supported by Mr Laurence Robertson, presented a Bill to make provision with respect to the sale and use of fireworks; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 172].

11 Environmental Audit (No. 2) Bill.—Mr Laurence Robertson presented a Bill to require the Comptroller and Auditor General to examine and report on the environmental impact of public expenditure, and the environmental performance of government departments and certain other public bodies against targets set by Ministers; to provide for the establishment of an Environmental Auditor General to carry out such functions and report thereon to the House of Commons; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 173].

12 Home Energy Conservation (No. 2) Bill.—Mr Jonathan Sayeed presented a Bill to make further provision about energy conservation in relation to residential accommodation; to make further provision about the eradication of fuel poverty; to amend the definition of house in multiple occupation in Part 11 of the Housing Act 1985; to amend the law relating to registration schemes for houses in multiple occupation; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 174].

13 Adjournment (Intelligence agencies).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nick Ainger).

And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

14 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Tuddenham, Suffolk, and others for improvements to the A11 at Tuddenham, and

(2) residents of North West Norfolk for a review of fireworks legislation

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Joan Ryan.)

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 Northern Ireland.—Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture,—Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1767), dated 10th July 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Consumer Protection,—Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety) (Consolidation) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1770), dated 10th July 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


5 National Health Service,—National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1768), dated 10th July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

6 Atomic Energy Authority,—Account of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1073] [Clerk of the House].

7 Criminal Appeal,—Accounts of the Criminal Cases Review Commission for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1066] [Clerk of the House].

8 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Defence Bills Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 910] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

9 Development of Tourism,—Accounts of the British Tourist Authority for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1072] [Clerk of the House].

10 Environmental Protection,—Accounts of English Nature for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1071] [Clerk of the House].

11 Gaming,—Report and Financial Statements of the Gaming Board for Great Britain for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1016] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

12 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of OGCbuying solutions for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1021] [Clerk of the House].

13 Housing,—Reports and Accounts for 2001–02 of
   (1) Castle Vale Housing Action Trust, and
   (2) Liverpool Housing Action Trust
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

14 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 891] [Clerk of the House].

15 Postal Services,—Account of the Consumer Council for Postal Services for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1079] [Clerk of the House].

16 Science and Technology,—Report and Accounts of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 923] [Clerk of the House].
17 Trade and Industry Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Employment Tribunals Service for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 951] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

18 Utilities,—Report and Financial Statements of the Gas and Electricity Supply Authority for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1020] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Contracting Out (Functions of Local Authorities: Income-Related Benefits) Order 2002,—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Butterfill Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

2 Draft Fixed-Term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2002 and the draft Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000 (Amendment) Regulations 2002,—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Chidgey Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

3 Draft Schedule 7 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (Information) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

4 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Cessation of Effect of section 76) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

5 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of functions etc) (Amendment) Order 2002,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

6 Draft Treasury (Designation) Order 2002 and the revised Treasure Act 1996 Code of Practice (England and Wales).—The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order and the Code of Practice.

7 Draft Working Tax Credit (Entitlement and Maximum Rate) Regulations 2002, the draft Child Tax Credit Regulations 2002, the draft Tax Credits (Definition and Calculation of Income) Regulations 2002 and the draft Tax Credits (Income Thresholds and Determination of Rates) Regulations 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

8 Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

9 Draft Representation of the People (Scotland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 and the draft Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Smith from the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution David Hamilton.

Standing Committee on the Convention

10 The Speaker has appointed Frank Cook Chairman of the Standing Committee on the Convention.

Standing Committee on Regional Affairs

11 The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of its meeting on Wednesday 17th July.

European Standing Committees

12 The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 15275/01 on major accident hazards involving dangerous substances.

13 The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of the unnumbered European Union Document, the 2003 draft Preliminary Budget.
14 The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document Nos. 9923/01 and 10143/01, on waste from electrical and electronic equipment, and two unnumbered Explanatory Memoranda dated 15th March 2002 from the Department of Trade and Industry.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Conduct of Investigations into Past Cases of Abuse in Children’s Homes]; to be printed [No. 836-vii] [Mr Chris Mullin].

2 Public Administration,—(1) Eighth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration ['These Unfortunate Events': Lessons of Recent Events at the former DTLR]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 303];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Freedom of Information]; to be printed [No. 1085-i];
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Ombudsman Issues]; to be printed [No. 563-iv]; and
   (4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The New Centre]; to be printed [No. 262-iii] [Tony Wright].

3 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Draft Local Government Bill]; to be printed [Nos. 981-iii and -iv] [Andrew Bennett].

4 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Split Capital Investment Trusts]; to be printed [No. 1089-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 176; WH, No. 103.]

Thursday 11th July 2002.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (The Role of the Private Sector in the NHS—First Report from the Health Committee, Session 2001–02, and the Government’s response thereto).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr John Heppell);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 16th July.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Finance Bill, without Amendment.

2 Adjournment (Behaviour improvement in schools).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Joan Ryan);

And it being Eleven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11 (Friday sittings).

And the Question being again proposed;

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

3 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Angela Smith.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 15th July.

[Adjourned at 3.05 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Companies,—Companies (Summary Financial Statement) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1780), dated 11th July 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


(2) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Commencement of Mortgage Regulation) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1777), and


3 Public Passenger Transport,—Public Service Vehicles (Conduct of Drivers, Inspectors, Conductors and Passengers) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1724), dated 2nd July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

4 Treaty Series (No. 29, 2002),—European Convention, done at Valletta on 16th January 1992, on the Protection of the Archaeological Heritage (revised) [by Command] [Cm. 5555] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Treasure (Designation) Order 2002 and the revised Treasure Act 1996 Code of Practice (England and Wales).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Nick Harvey from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order and Code of Practice); and nominated in substitution Mr Richard Allan.
Monday 15th July 2002.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Butterfill reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Contracting Out (Functions of Local Authorities: Income-Related Benefits) Order 2002.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Chidgey reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Fixed-Term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2002 and the draft Part-Time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000 (Amendment) Regulations 2002.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Cran reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Schedule 7 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (Information) Order 2002.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Firearms (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill,—Mr David Wilshire presented a Bill to make provision for the regulation of the purchase of air weapons: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 179].

5 Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 117 (Standing Committee on Regional Affairs), That—

   (1) the matter of the White Paper ‘Your Region, Your Choice: Revitalising the English Regions’ (Cm. 5511, May 2002), being a matter relating to regional affairs in England, be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs;

   (2) the Committee meet at Five o’clock on Wednesday 17th July at Westminster to consider the matter referred to it under paragraph (1) above; and

   (3) the proceedings at the meeting be brought to a conclusion at half-past Seven o’clock—(Derek Twigg):—It was agreed to.

6 Education Bill (Programme) (No. 4),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001], That the following provisions shall apply to the Education Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 4th December 2001, 23rd January 2002 and 6th February 2002:

   Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments 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.

2. The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order, namely, Nos. 12, 13, 14, 23, 27, 37, 1 to 11, 15 to 22, 24 to 26, 28 to 36 and 38 to 98.

   Subsequent stages

3. 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—(Derek Twigg):—It was agreed to.

7 Education Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Education Bill.

   Lords Amendment No. 12.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr David Miliband);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Phil Woolas: 320.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Julian Brazier: 168.

So the Question was agreed to.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the words so restored to the Bill.
Lords Amendment No. 13 was disagreed to.
Amendments ((a), (b) and (c)) were made to the words so restored to the Bill.
Lords Amendment No. 14 was disagreed to.
An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 14 disagreed to, in page 23, line 44, at the end, to insert the following new Clause:

‘Annual report on circulars etc. sent to schools
(1) The Secretary of State shall in respect of each academic year—
(a) prepare a report listing—
(i) documents sent by him during the year to all governing bodies of maintained schools in England or to all head teachers of such schools,
(ii) documents (not falling within sub-paragraph (i)) sent by him during the year to all governing bodies of maintained schools in England of a particular kind or to all head teachers of such schools of a particular kind, and
(b) lay a copy of the report before each House of Parliament.
(2) The National Assembly for Wales shall in respect of each academic year prepare and publish a report listing—
(a) documents sent by the Assembly during the year to all governing bodies of maintained schools in Wales or to all head teachers of such schools,
(b) documents (not falling within paragraph (a)) sent by the Assembly during the year to all governing bodies of maintained schools in Wales of a particular kind or to all head teachers of such schools of a particular kind.
(3) The documents referred to in subsections (1) and (2) do not include any document sent by the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales—
(a) otherwise than in the exercise of functions relating to education, or
(b) at the request of the person to whom it is sent.
(4) In this section “academic year” means a period beginning with 1st August and ending with the next 31st July.’—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Mr Jim Murphy: 307.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Julian Brazier: 154.
So the Question was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 23 was disagreed to.
An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 23 disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 27.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr David Miliband);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Mr Jim Murphy: 315.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Julian Brazier: 169.
So the Question was agreed to.
Amendments ((b) and (c)) were made to the words so restored to the Bill.
A consequential Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill.
Lords Amendment No. 37.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr David Miliband);
And it being Ten o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [this day].
And the Question being put, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dan Norris: 354.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr Desmond Swayne: 132.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question necessary to bring proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments to a conclusion.

Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments, put and agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 11, 15 to 22, 24 to 26, 28 to 36 and 38 to 98 were accordingly agreed to.

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 European Parliamentary Elections Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Fraser Kemp)—It was agreed to.

9 European Parliamentary Elections Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the European Parliamentary Elections Bill [Lords]:

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58 (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be now read a second time—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58 (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be not committed—(Mr Fraser Kemp)—It was agreed to.

And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 58 (Consolidation bills), That the Bill be now read the third time—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

10 Working Conditions for Temporary Workers.—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. 7430/02, draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on working conditions for temporary workers; and supports the Government’s initial approach to negotiations—(Mr Fraser Kemp)—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 Directors’ Remuneration Report Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 1st July, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp)—It was agreed to.

12 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 104) (House of Commons Paper No. 943), on Children’s Services (Quality Protects) Special Grants for 2001–02 and 2002–03, which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp)—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. 104) (House of Commons Paper No. 1005) on Children’s Services Quality Protects Adoption and Permanence Taskforce Special Grant for 2002–03, which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp)—It was agreed to.

14 Overseas Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Caribbean Development Bank (Further Payments) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp)—It was agreed to.

15 Overseas Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft African Development Fund (Additional Subscriptions) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp)—It was agreed to.

16 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 2002, which were laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp)—It was agreed to.
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 2002, which were laid before this House on 27th June, be approved.—(Mr Fraser Kemp);—It was agreed to.

Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 23rd July, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any messages from the Lords shall have been received.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That the House shall not sit on Friday 18th October or any later Friday until the end of the present Session of Parliament; and the provisions of paragraphs (3) and (4) of Standing Order No. 12 (House not to sit on certain Fridays) shall apply to those days.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) users of Richmond Park and others against the planned closure of Pen Ponds car park [two Petitions], and
(2) residents of Gidea Park, Romford, against the closure of the Belgrave Avenue Surgery in Romford were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Knebworth, Hertfordshire, for measures to reduce the volume and speed of traffic in Gun Lane, Knebworth, and
(2) residents of Stevenage and its surrounding villages against proposals by Hertfordshire County Council to build an extra 2,000 houses on urban green space and community land were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Fraser Kemp);

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 ten minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.50 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Food,—Food for Particular Nutritional Uses (Addition of Substances for Specific Nutritional Purposes) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1817), dated 14th July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Other Papers:

4 2002 Spending Review.—(1) Paper, entitled Opportunity and Security for All: Investing in an Enterprising, Fairer Britain: New Public Spending Plans 2003–2006 [by Command] [Cm. 5570] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer]; and
(2) Paper, entitled Public Service Agreements, 2003–2006 [by Command] [Cm. 5571] [Mr Paul Boateng].

5 British Library,—Report and Accounts of the British Library Board for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 966] [Clerk of the House].

6 Church Commissioners,—Report and Accounts of the Church Commissioners for England for 2001 [by Measure] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions etc) (Amendment) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations, in place of Mr Jimmy Hood.

2 Draft Contracting Out (Functions of Local Authorities: Income-Related Benefits) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Geraint Davies, Mr David Drew and Judy Mallaber from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Roger Casale, Eric Joyce and Ann McKechin.

3 Draft Fixed-Term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2002 and the draft Part-time Workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000 (Amendment) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Robert Key from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Philip Hammond.

4 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Cessation of Effect of Section 76) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Lembit Opik from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mrs Patsy Calton.

5 Draft Working Tax Credit (Entitlement and Maximum Rate) Regulations 2002, the draft Child Tax Credit Regulations 2002, the draft Tax Credits (Definition and Calculation of Income) Regulations 2002 and the draft Tax Credits (Relevant Income and Determination of Rates) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Austin and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Linda Perham and Angela Smith.

6 Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Patsy Calton from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Lembit Opik.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights.—(1) Nineteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Draft Communications Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1102]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The UK’s Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child]; to be printed [No. 1103-i] [Jean Corston].

2 International Development.—Third Report from the International Development Committee [Global Climate Change and Sustainable 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 [Nos. 519-i and -II] [Tony Baldry].

3 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Government Response to the Cancer Research Follow-Up Report]; to be printed [No. 1101-i] [Dr Ian Gibson].

4 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Biotechnology]; to be printed [Nos. 1035-iii and -iv] [Mr Martin O’Neill].
Tuesday 16th July 2002.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 HSBC Investment Banking Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the HSBC Investment Banking Bill [Lords] be read the third time on Tuesday 23rd July.

2 Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords] be read the third time on Wednesday 24th July.

3 London Development Agency Bill.—The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the London Development Agency Bill and had amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

4 Milford Haven Port Authority 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 Milford Haven Port Authority Bill [Lords], and had amended the same so as to make it consistent with the facts as proved by the evidence adduced, and found the same, as amended, to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

5 Regulatory Reform Committee.—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That a draft Order in the same terms as the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Removal of 20 Member Limit in Partnerships etc.) Order 2002 should be laid before the House.

6 Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of the draft National Health Service (Wales) Bill, referred to it on 10th July.

7 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Terrorism Act (Cessation of Effect of section 76) Order 2002.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

8 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Amess reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions, etc.) (Amendment) Order 2002.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

9 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr James Cran reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Treasure (Designation) Order 2002 and the revised Treasure Act 1996 Code of Practice (England and Wales).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

10 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Irene Adams reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Child Tax Credit Regulations 2002, the draft Working Tax Credit (Entitlement and Maximum Rate) Regulations 2002, the draft Tax Credits (Definition and Calculation of Income) Regulations 2002 and the draft Tax Credits (Income Thresholds and Determination of Rates) Regulations 2002.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

11 European Standing Committee B.—Mr Joe Benton reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from HM Treasury dated 5 July 2002 relating to the Preliminary Draft General Budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2003; and supports the Government’s efforts to maintain budget discipline in the Community.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.
12 Standing Committee on the Convention.—Frank Cook reported from the Standing Committee on the Convention, That it had considered the First Report (30th April) and the Second Report (20th June) from the United Kingdom Representatives to the Convention on the future of Europe.

13 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Copyright, etc., and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Bill, without Amendment.

14 Patents Act 1977 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill.—The Order for reading the Patents Act 1977 (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill a second time on Friday 19th July was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

15 Sex Discrimination (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the Sex Discrimination (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill [Lords] be read a second time on Thursday 31st October.

16 Prime Minister (Office, Role and Functions) (No. 2) Bill.—Dr Julian Lewis, supported by Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Julian Brazier and Mr Peter Luff, presented a Bill to define the office, role and functions of the Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury; to make arrangements for his appointment; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 180].

17 Criminal Evidence (Prohibition of Sale) (No. 2) Bill.—Dr Julian Lewis, supported by Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Julian Brazier and Mr Peter Luff, presented a Bill to prohibit the sale of evidence gathered in criminal investigations or used during criminal proceedings: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 181].

18 Rape (Consent).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to consent in the crime of rape so as to provide that consent shall require the free agreement of the parties involved, that the parties take reasonable steps to ensure that consent has been given, and that the giving of consent on one occasion shall lead to no presumption about the giving of consent on any further occasion; and for related purposes: And that Julia Drown, Vera Baird, Julie Morgan, Joyce Quin, Judy Mallaber, Ms Oona King, Harry Cohen, Mr Michael Clapham, Tom Cox, Margaret Moran, Ms Debra Shipley and Fiona MacTaggart do prepare and bring it in.

19 Rape (Consent) Bill.—Julia Drown accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law relating to consent in the crime of rape so as to provide that consent shall require the free agreement of the parties involved, that the parties take reasonable steps to ensure that consent has been given, and that the giving of consent on one occasion shall lead to no presumption about the giving of consent on any further occasion; and for related purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 182].

20 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Motion in the name of Mr Iain Duncan Smith relating to the Peace Process in Northern Ireland shall, notwithstanding paragraph (2)(e)(ii) of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), be entered upon at Seven o’clock or when proceedings on Lords Amendments to the Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill have been concluded, whichever is the later, and may then be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours; and the Order of 28th June 2001 relating to deferred Divisions shall not apply to it.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

21 Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001], That the following provisions shall apply to the Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 21st January:

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion three hours after their commencement.

Subsequent stages

2. 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 Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.
22 Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Justice (Northern Ireland) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 2, after the word 'he', to insert the words 'does not have recorded against him in Northern Ireland or elsewhere a criminal conviction for which he has received a sentence of imprisonment whether suspended or otherwise and'—(Lady Hermon.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 4 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 5.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 3, to leave out the words 'acting jointly'.—(Lady Hermon.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 6 to 10 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 6.

Lords Amendment No. 11.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 8, to leave out the words 'Director of Public Prosecutions' and insert the words 'Public Prosecution Service', instead thereof.—(Lady Hermon.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made:—It was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 12 to 32 were agreed to.

23 Opposition Day [17th allotted day: second part].—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.

Peace Process in Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House regards the Belfast Agreement as representing the best hope for peace and normalisation available or likely to be achievable in Northern Ireland; is deeply concerned, therefore, at the failure by both Republican and Loyalist paramilitaries to implement essential aspects of it, including decommissioning, which should have been completed two years ago; welcomes recent conciliatory statements by the President of Sinn Fein and the Loyalist Commission; believes that continuing evidence of military activity by Sinn Fein-IRA makes it clear that this organisation has been in breach of its obligations under the ceasefire and the Agreement; regards as quite inconsistent with any declared adherence to democratic methods the failure by the chairman of Sinn Fein to condemn the attempted murder of a Catholic policeman in Ballymena; considers that no peace process can succeed unless rewards only follow performance, and that there is some penalty for breaches; and calls upon all parties to do all they can to contribute to the implementation of the Agreement, forbearance, mutual understanding and respect between the two communities in Northern Ireland, and avoidance of all forms of violence—(Mr Quentin Davies);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Debate stood adjourned, pursuant to Order [this day].

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. 92) (House of Commons Paper No. 877) on Special Grant for Asylum Seekers Support (Adults and Families of Asylum Seekers) for 1999–2000, which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—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. 99) (House of Commons Paper No. 878) on Special Grant for Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children for 2002–03, which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—It was agreed to.
26 Contracting Out.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Contracting Out (Functions of Local Authorities: Income-Related Benefits) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—It was agreed to.

27 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 Schedule 7 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (Information) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 3rd July, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—It was agreed to.

28 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 Fixed-term Employees (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 9th July, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—It was agreed to.

29 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Part-time workers (Prevention of Less Favourable Treatment) Regulations 2000 (Amendment) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 9th July, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp):—It was agreed to.

30 Parliament.—Ordered, That the Parliamentary Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1807), dated 15th July 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th July, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

31 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of South Bedfordshire for a bypass and other road improvements around Dunstable;
(2) St Bonaventure’s Parish, Bristol, for fairer international trading rules; and
(3) residents of Orchard Park, Greenwood, Hull North and others for a review of sentencing powers for driving offences were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

32 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Fraser Kemp);

And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eight minutes past Eleven o’clock, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 11.08 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Companies,—Companies (Disqualification Orders) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1834), dated 8th July 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


3 Customs and Excise,—Hydrocarbon Oil (Marking) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1773), dated 16th July 2002 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

4 Housing,—Housing (Right to Buy) (Designated Rural Areas and Designated Regions) (England) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1769), dated 3rd July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

5 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Report and Accounts of the Horserace Betting Levy Board and the Horserace Totalisator Board for 2001–02 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

6 Broadcasting.—(1) Account of Radio Authority Additional Payments by Radio Programme Licensees for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1098] [Clerk of the House]; and
(2) Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for 2001–02 [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 Company Law.—Paper, entitled Modernising Company Law [by Command] [Cm. 5553-I and -II] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

8 Defence Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Pay and Personnel Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 952] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

9 Disability Rights Commission.—Account of the Disability Rights Commission for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1099] [Clerk of the House].

10 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1033] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

11 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) the Forensic Science Service, and
   (2) NHS Estates
   for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 944 and 889] [Clerk of the House].

12 National Lottery,—Report and Accounts of the National Lottery Commission for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 977] [Clerk of the House].


14 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Thirty-first to the Thirty-fifth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5549] [Ruth Kelly].

15 Registration Service,—Review of the Registrar General on marriages, divorces and adoptions in England and Wales, 2000 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

16 Regulatory Reform,—Proposal under the Regulatory Reform Act 2001 for a Regulatory Reform (Sugar Beet Research and Education) Order 2003, together with a statement by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

17 Science and Technology,—(1) Accounts of the Economic and Social Research Council for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1100] [Clerk of the House]; and
   (2) Report and Accounts of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council for 2001–02 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

18 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Report of the Certification Officer for 2001–02 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions, etc.) (Amendment) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Lyons from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Tom Harris.

2 Draft Treasure (Designation) Order 2002 and the revised Treasure Act 1996 Code of Practice (England and Wales).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Roger Godsiff and Mr Kerry Pollard from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order and revised Code of Practice); and nominated in substitution Mr Michael Jabez Foster and Mr Gordon Marsden.

3 Draft Working Tax Credit (Entitlement and Maximum Rate) Regulations 2002, draft Child Tax Credit Regulations 2002, draft Tax Credits (Definition and Calculation of Income) Regulations 2002 and the draft Tax Credits (Income Thresholds and Determination of Rates) Regulations 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Chris Pond from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Helen Southworth.
European Standing Committees

The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document Nos. 9923/01 and 10143/01 on waste from electrical and electronic equipment and two unnumbered Explanatory Memoranda dated 15th March from the Department of Trade and Industry, in place of Mrs Marion Roe.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry.—First Joint Report from the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees [Strategic Export Controls: Annual Report for 2000, Licensing Policy and Prior Parliamentary Scrutiny] [being the Fifth Report from the Defence Committee, the Eighth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, the Fourth Report from the International Development Committee and the Fourth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee]; to be printed [No. 718] [Mr Roger Berry].

2 European Scrutiny.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the European Scrutiny Committee [Seville European Council and Convention on the Future of Europe]; to be printed [No. 1112-i] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

3 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [FCO Annual Report 2002]; to be printed [No. 826-ii] [Sir John Stanley].

4 House of Lords Reform.—First Special Report from the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform [House of Lords Reform: First Steps]; to be printed [No. 1109] [Dr Jack Cunningham].

5 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Africa, NEPAD and the G8 Africa Action Plan]; to be printed [No. 1107-i] [Tony Baldry].

6 Liaison.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Liaison Committee [The Prime Minister]; to be printed [No. 1095] [Mr Alan Williams].

7 Regulatory Reform.—(1) Twelfth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Removal of 20 Member Limit in Partnerships etc) Order 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1104]; and

(2) Second Special Report from the Committee [Operation of the Regulatory Reform Act], with an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1029]

[Mr Peter Pike].

8 Statutory Instruments.—Thirty-sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xxxvi] [Mr David Tredinnick].

9 Treasury.—Fifth Report from the Treasury Committee [Banking, Consumers and Small Businesses], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [Nos. 818-I and -II][Mr John McFall].

10 Welsh Affairs.—Appendices to Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee on 1st May [Post Office in Wales]; to be printed [No. 817][Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 179; WH, No. 104.]

Tuesday 16th July 2002.

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 Jim Murphy.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
Wednesday 17th July 2002.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, That it had considered the matter of the White Paper ‘Your Region, Your Choice: Revitalising the English Regions’ (Cm. 5511, May 2002), referred to it on 15th July.

2 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 European Standing Committee C,—Mr Joe Benton reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:


Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

4 Home Energy Conservation Bill,—The Order for further consideration of the Home Energy Conservation Bill on Friday 19th July was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

5 Child Abuse Deaths Bill,—Mr Paul Burstow presented a Bill to place Area Child Protection Committees on a statutory footing; to make provision for appropriate resources to establish Child Death Review Teams; to provide child protection training for all professionals in contact with children; to provide independent counselling schemes; and to appoint a Children’s Commissioner in all parts of the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 183].

6 Respite Care (Children),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Children Act 1989 to make it mandatory for local authorities to safeguard and promote the welfare of children within their area who are in need and to ensure that children with severe disabilities receive similar levels of respite care from local authorities as other vulnerable members of the community; And that Tony Baldry, Mr David Cameron, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Robert Jackson and Mr Boris Johnson do prepare and bring it in.

7 Respite Care (Children) Bill,—Tony Baldry accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Children Act 1989 to make it mandatory for local authorities to safeguard and promote the welfare of children within their area who are in need and to ensure that children with severe disabilities receive similar levels of respite care from local authorities as other vulnerable members of the community: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 19th July and to be printed [Bill 184].

8 2003 Preliminary Draft Budget,—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 from HM Treasury dated 5th July 2002 relating to the Preliminary Draft General Budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2003; and supports the Government’s efforts to maintain budget discipline in the Community—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe):—It was agreed to.

9 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 (Cessation of Effect of section 76) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe):—It was agreed to.

10 Adjournment (Defence Procurement),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);
11 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 [28th June 2001]:


Ayes: 275.
Noes: 179.

So the Question was agreed to.

12 Adjournment (Defence Procurement).—Debate being resumed on the Question, That this House do now adjourn;

And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

13 Tax Credits.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Working Tax Credit (Entitlement and Maximum Rate) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 9th July, be approved—(Angela Smith):—It was agreed to.

14 Tax Credits.—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 Tax Credit Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 9th July, be approved—(Angela Smith):—It was agreed to.

15 Tax Credits.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Tax Credits (Definition and Calculation of Income) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 9th July, be approved—(Angela Smith):—It was agreed to.

16 Tax Credits.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Tax Credits (Income Thresholds and Determination of Rates) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 9th July, be approved—(Angela Smith):—It was agreed to.

17 Constitutional Law.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Cross-Border Public Authorities) (Adaptation of Functions, etc.) (Amendment) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 27th June, be approved—(Angela Smith):—It was agreed to.

18 Treasure.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Treasure (Designation) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 3rd July, be approved—(Angela Smith):—It was agreed to.

19 Treasure.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the revised Treasure Act 1996 Code of Practice (England and Wales), a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd July, be approved—(Angela Smith):—It was agreed to.

20 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the SHE (Simply Holistic Endometriosis) Trusts and others for a review of Government policy on the care and treatment of endometriosis sufferers was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

21 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Stoke Deaf British Sign Language Campaigners for recognition of British Sign Language as an official language of the United Kingdom was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

22 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Angela Smith.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 European Communities,—(1) Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) Order 2002, and
(2) draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, and the Republic of Croatia) Order 2002
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Criminal Law,—(1) Penalties for Disorderly Behaviour (Amount of Penalty) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1837), and
(2) Penalties for Disorderly Behaviour (Form of Penalty Notice) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1838),
dated 16th July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Protection of Wrecks,—Protection of Wrecks (Designation) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1858), dated 17th July 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

4 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (EC Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1835), dated 12th July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

5 Aliens’ Employment,—Cabinet Office Minute, dated 17th July 2002, under section 1(4) of the Aliens’ Employment Act 1955 relating to aliens employed in the Civil Service during 2001–02 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Alexander].

6 Criminal Justice,—Paper, entitled Justice for All [by Command] [Cm. 5563] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

7 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2001–02, on Revisiting the Manchester 2002 Commonwealth Games [by Command] [Cm. 5576] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

8 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Defence Storage and Distribution Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 834] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

9 Environmental Protection,—Annual Report of English Nature for 2001–02 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

10 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) Ordnance Survey, and
(2) the Vehicle Inspectorate
for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 892 and 921] [Clerk of the House].


12 Police,—Account of the Police Complaints Authority for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1105] [Clerk of the House].

13 Railways,—Report and Accounts of the Strategic Rail Authority for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

14 Science and Technology,—Annual Report of the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils for 2001–02 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

15 Trade and Industry Executive Agencies,—
(1) Accounts of the Small Business Service,
(2) Report and Accounts of the Insolvency Service, and
(3) Report and Accounts of the National Weights and Measures Laboratory for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 967, 963 and 992] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

16 Treaty Series (No. 30, 2002),—Exchange of Notes, done at Dar es Salaam on 29th March and 23rd May 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Tanzania Debt Agreement No. 6 (2000)) [by Command] [Cm. 5572] [Mr Secretary Straw].

17 Treaty Series (No. 31, 2002),—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 [by Command] [Cm. 5575] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 106) (House of Commons Paper No. 1019) on Special Grants for Performance Pay Progression for Teachers on any Qualified Teacher Pay Scale, for Performance Pay Progression for Teachers on the Leadership Group Pay Spine, and for Threshold Payments for Teachers Employed by Local Authorities in Children’s Homes:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Battle, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Graham Brady, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Ian Cassely, Mr Nick Gibb, Mr Kevan Jones, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr David Rendel, Phil Sawford, Mr Clive Soley, Mr Stephen Twigg, Mr Phil Willis and Mr Mike Wood.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Second 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: Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr John Butterfill, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Eric Martlew, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Ken Purchase, Angela Smith, Dr Howard Stoute, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mr Desmond Swain, Mark Tami, Mr John Taylor, Mr Paul Tyler, Mr Tom Watson and Steve Webb.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Third 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: Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr John Butterfill, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Eric Martlew, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Ken Purchase, Angela Smith, Dr Howard Stoute, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mr Desmond Swain, Mark Tami, Mr John Taylor, Mr Paul Tyler, Mr Tom Watson and Steve Webb.

4 Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Peter Bottomley, Mr Desmond Browne, Jim Dobbin, Jane Griffiths, Mr John Hayes, Lady Hermon, Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Chris McCafferty, Shona McIsaac, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Jim Murphy, Lembit Öpik, Phil Sawford, Mr Hugo Swire and Mr Bill Tynan.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Seventh Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [The Government’s Proposals for Gambling: Nothing to Lose?], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 827]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [BBC Report and Accounts 2001–02]; to be printed [No. 1111-i]

[Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Defence.—(1) Sixth Report from the Defence Committee [Defence and Security 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. 518]; and

(2) Fifth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, on Ministry of Defence Reviews of Armed Forces’ Pensions and Compensation Arrangements]; to be printed [No. 1115]

[Mr Bruce George].

3 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Department for Education and Skills: the next four years]; to be printed [No. 304-ix] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Seventh Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Illegal Meat Imports], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Illegal Meat Imports Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 968];

(2) Eighth Report from the Committee [Hazardous Waste], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Hazardous Waste Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 919];

(3) Memoranda laid before the Illegal Meat Imports Sub-Committee of the Committee [Illegal Meat Imports]; and

(4) Memorandum laid before the Hazardous Waste Sub-Committee of the Committee [Hazardous Waste]

[Mr David Curry].

5 European Scrutiny.—Thirty-seventh Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xxxvii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Health,—(1) Third Report from the Health Committee [Delayed Discharges], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 617] [Julia Drown]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Sexual Health]; to be printed [No. 990-iii] [John Austin].

7 International Development,—Fifth Report from the International Development Committee [Financing for Development: Finding the money to eliminate world poverty], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [Nos. 785-I and -II] [Tony Baldry].

8 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Control of Firearms in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 1119-i] [Mr Michael Mates].

9 Public Accounts,—(1) Fifty-first Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Agricultural fraud: The case of Joseph Bowden]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 684];

(2) Fifty-second Report from the Committee [e-Revenue]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 707];

(3) Fifty-third Report from the Committee [Reducing Prisoner Reoffending]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 619];

(4) Fifty-fourth Report from the Committee [Improving Public Services through e-Government]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 845];

(5) Fifty-fifth Report from the Committee [Fraud and Error in Income Support]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 595].
(6) Fifty-sixth Report from the Committee [Ministry of Defence: Combat Identification]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 759];

(7) Fifty-seventh Report from the Committee [The operation and wind-up of Teesside Development Corporation]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 675];

(8) Fifty-eighth Report from the Committee [Improving Student Achievement and Widening Participation in Higher Education in England]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 588];

(9) Fifty-ninth Report from the Committee [Delivering the Commercialisation of Public Sector Science]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 689];

(10) Sixtieth Report from the Committee [Royal travel by air and rail]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 529];

(11) Sixty-first Report from the Committee [The Management of Surplus Property by Trusts in the NHS in England]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 765];

(12) Sixty-second Report from the Committee [The New Deal for Young People]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 700]; and

(13) Sixty-third Report from the Committee [Construction of Portcullis House, the new Parliamentary building]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 861]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

10 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Fifteenth Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Draft Local Government Bill], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [Nos. 981-I and -III];

(2) Sixteenth Report from the Committee [Tall Buildings], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [Nos. 482-I and -III];

(3) Seventeenth Report from the Committee [The Bus Industry], 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 [Nos. 828-I and -II];

(4) Eighteenth Report from the Committee [National Air Traffic Services’ Finances], 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. 789];

(5) Nineteenth Report from the Committee [The New Towns: their problems and future], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [Nos. 603-I and -III];

(6) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Ports]; to be printed [No. 788-iii];

(7) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Railways in the North of England]; to be printed [No. 972-iii];

(8) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Sub-Committee of the Committee [Rail Freight and the Channel Tunnel]; to be printed [No. 1078-ii]; and

(9) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Committee [Affordable Housing]; to be printed [No. 809-iv]

[Andrew Bennett].

11 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Spending Review 2002]; to be printed [No. 1092-i] [Mr John McFall].
Wednesday 17th July 2002.

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 Ian Pearson.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

Thursday 18th July 2002.

The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Proceeds of Crime Bill [Money] (No. 2),—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Proceeds of Crime Bill [Money] (No. 2):

Resolved, That, for the purpose of any Act resulting from the Proceeds of Crime Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) the remuneration of the Director and staff of the Assets Recovery Agency;
(b) any expenses incurred by the Director or any of the staff of the Agency in the exercise of his or their functions.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth.)

2 Proceeds of Crime Bill (Programme) (No. 3),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001], That the following provisions shall apply to the Proceeds of Crime Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 30th October 2001 and 26th February 2002:

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 at Seven o’clock on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

Subsequent stages

2. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr John Heppell):—It was agreed to.

3 Proceeds of Crime Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 3 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 4.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Bob Ainsworth);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Derek Twigg: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Laurence Robertson: 149.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 5 to 8 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 9.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Bob Ainsworth);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Jim Fitzpatrick: 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Laurence Robertson: 136.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 10 to 29 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 30 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 31 to 37 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 38.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mrs Anne McGuire); And it being Seven o'clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.
The Lords Amendment was agreed to.
The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.
Lords Amendments Nos. 43, 47, 66, 73, 78 and 99 were disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 110.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr John Heppell);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Dan Norris: 242.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Laurence Robertson: 133.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 113 and 166 were disagreed to.
The Deputy Speaker then put the Question, That the House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Amendments:—It was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 39 to 42, 44 to 46, 48 to 65, 67 to 72, 74 to 77, 79 to 98, 100 to 109, 111, 112, 114 to 165 and 167 to 325 were accordingly agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 276.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001], That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 4, 9, 30, 43, 47, 66, 73, 78, 99, 110, 113 and 166.
That Mr Bob Ainsworth, Norman Baker, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr John Heppell, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr David Wilshire be members of the Committee.
That Mr Bob Ainsworth be the Chairman of the Committee.
That three be the Quorum of the Committee.
That the Committee do withdraw immediately—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

4 Business of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Business of the House) and Order [20th November 2000], That, at this day’s sitting, the Business of the House Motion in the name of Mr Robin Cook may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Dan Norris);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Dan Norris: 243.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Stephen O’Brien: 101.
So the Question was agreed to.
Ordered, That, at this day’s sitting, the Business of the House Motion in the name of Mr Robin Cook may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.

5 Waste from 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 Documents No. 9923/01, amended draft Directive on waste from electrical and electronic equipment, the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from the Department of Trade and Industry of 15th March on the Common Position of the Council on that draft Directive, No. 10143/01, amended draft Directive on restricting the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from the Department of Trade and Industry of 15th March on the Common Position of
the Council on that draft Directive; notes the Government’s current negotiating line; and supports the Government’s actions—(Mr Ivor Caplin)—It was agreed to.

6 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 2002, which were laid before this House on 26th June, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin)—It was agreed to.

7 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, at the sitting on Monday 22nd July, 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 be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours, and the Motion shall then lapse—(Mr Ben Bradshaw);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 24th July, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001].

8 Proceeds of Crime Bill.—Mr Bob Ainsworth reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reasons, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Amendments Nos. 4 and 73 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because it is not appropriate for the court to have a discretion to decide not to initiate proceedings for confiscation orders.

The Commons disagree to Amendment No. 9 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because it would involve a charge on public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to Amendments Nos. 30, 66 and 99 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because it is not appropriate to create a preference for unsecured creditors, which would be open to abuse by criminals.

The Commons disagree to Amendment No. 43 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because it is not appropriate for the court to have a discretion to decide not to initiate proceedings for confiscation orders.

The Commons disagree to Amendment No. 47 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because it would involve a charge on public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to Amendment No. 78 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because it would involve a charge on public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to Amendments Nos. 110 and 113 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because it is not appropriate to provide any such exceptions, the House having reached its decision without the opportunity for debate.

The Commons disagree to Amendment No. 166 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because it would involve a charge on public funds, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Joan Ryan.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes past Eight o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.27 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Modification of Enactments) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Other Papers:

2. Defence,—Paper, entitled The Strategic Defence Review: A New Chapter, together with supplementary information [by Command] [Cm. 5566-I and -II] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

3. Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Duke of York's Royal Military School for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 976] [Mr Secretary Hoon].


5. Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1024] [Clerk of the House].

6. Health Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Medical Devices Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 956] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

7. Home Office Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) the Criminal Records Bureau,
   (2) HM Prison Service, and
   (3) the United Kingdom Passport Service
   for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 971, 957 and 970] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8. Housing,—Report and Accounts of the Stonebridge Housing Action Trust for 2001–02 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

9. Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Account of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1117] [Clerk of the House].

10. Local Government,—Financial Statements of the South Bank Centre for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

11. National Audit,—Resource Accounts of the National Audit Office for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1114] [Mr Alan Williams].

12. National Lottery,—Account of the sportscotland National Lottery Fund for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1023] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

13. Northern Ireland (Sentences),—Report of the Sentence Review Commissioners for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 950] [Mr Secretary Reid].

14. Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Planning Inspectorate for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 938] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

15. Pensions,—Report of the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority for 2001–02 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

   (2) Supplement to the Report of the Keeper of Public Records [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

17. Regulatory Reform,—Proposal under the Regulatory Reform Act 2001 for a Regulatory Reform (Credit Unions) Order 2002, together with a statement by HM Treasury [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 106) (House of Commons Paper No. 1019) on Special Grants for Performance Pay Progression for Teachers on any Qualified Teacher Pay Scale, for Performance Pay Progression for Teachers on the Leadership Group Pay Spine, and for Threshold Payments for Teachers Employed by Local Authorities in Children’s Homes,—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 105) on Invest to Save Budget Round 4 Projects and Local Government On-line.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report.

3 Parliamentary Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1807).—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

4 Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Memoranda laid before the Health Committee [Delayed Discharges] [Mr David Hinchcliffe].

2 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Home Office Annual Report 2001–02]; to be printed [No. 1122-i] [Mr Chris Mullin].

3 Procedure,—Second Special Report from the Procedure Committee [Government Response to the Committee’s Second Report: Appointment of Deputy Speakers]; to be printed [No. 1121] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].

4 Public Administration,—(1) Ninth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [Ministerial Accountability and Parliamentary Questions] together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1086]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The New Centre]; to be printed [No. 262-iv]
[Tony Wright].

5 Treasury,—(1) Sixth Report from the Treasury Committee [Financial Regulation of Public Limited Companies], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 758]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Spending Review 2002], together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 1092-ii]
[Mr John McFall].

Thursday 18th July 2002.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Poverty).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Angela Smith);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 23rd July.

[Adjourned at 5.45 p.m.]
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[No. 182.]

Friday 19th July 2002.

The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Totternhoe, Bedfordshire, for weight restrictions on vehicles using certain roads in Totternhoe was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

2 Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs, Etc.) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs, Etc.) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

   A Clause (Damage by assistance dog)—(Sir Sydney Chapman)—brought up, and read the first time.

   Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

   Amendments (Nos. 3 and 1) made to the Bill.

   Another Amendment (No. 12) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 39, to leave out the word 'may' and insert the word 'shall', instead thereof.—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

   Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

   The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

3 Commonwealth Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Commonwealth Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

   The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

4 Housing Benefit (Withholding of Payment) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Housing Benefit (Withholding of Payment) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

   Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 5, to leave out the words 'a year' and insert the words 'six months', instead thereof.—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

   Question, That the Amendment be made, put and negatived.

   It being half-past Two o'clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

5 Prime Minister (Office, Role and Functions) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prime Minister (Office, Role and Functions) Bill;

   The Solicitor General, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's prerogative and interest are concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

   Objection was taken to further proceeding.

6 Motor Vehicles (Prohibition on Use of Hand-held Mobile Telephones) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Motor Vehicles (Prohibition on Use of Hand-held Mobile Telephones) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 15th November.

7 Fixed-term Parliaments Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fixed-term Parliaments Bill;

   The Solicitor General, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty's prerogative and interest are concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

   Objection was taken to further proceeding.

8 Age Discrimination (No. 2) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Age Discrimination (No. 2) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th November.
9 Treason Felony, Act of Settlement and Parliamentary Oath Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Treason Felony, Act of Settlement and Parliamentary Oath Bill;

The Solicitor General, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives Her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s prerogative and interest are concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

Objection was taken to further proceeding.

10 Prescriptions (Chronic Diseases) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Prescriptions (Chronic Diseases) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th November.

11 Regulation of Child Care Providers Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Regulation of Child Care Providers Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 14th November.

12 Home Energy Conservation (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Home Energy Conservation (No. 2) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 15th November.

13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty minutes past Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 22nd July.

[Adjourned at 3.20 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Pensions.—Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1852), dated 5th July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

2 Criminal Justice.—Report of the Serious Fraud Office for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 912] [The Solicitor General].

3 Defence Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) the Army Personnel Centre, and

(2) the Disposal Services Agency

for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1113 and 1010] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

4 Environment,—Report and Accounts of the Environment Agency for 2001–02 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5 Environmental Protection,—Report and Financial Statements of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee for 2001–02 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Export Controls,—Report on Strategic Export Controls for 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 5559] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 930] [Clerk of the House].

8 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Horticultural Development Council for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

9 Social Security,—Report of the Secretary of State on the standards of decision making in the Benefits Agency, Child Support Agency and Employment Service for 2000–01 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1017] [Mr Secretary Smith].
10 Trade and Industry Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Radiocommunications Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 988] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 106) (House of Commons Paper No. 1019) on Special Grants for Performance Pay Progression for Teachers on any Qualified Teacher Pay Scale, for Performance Pay Progression for Teachers on the Leadership Group Pay Spine, and for Threshold Payments for Teachers Employed by Local Authorities in Children’s Homes:

   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report, in place of Mrs Marion Roe; and

   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Gibb from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Flook.

2 Parliamentary Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1807)—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Eric Martlew, Dr Nick Palmer and Dr Howard Stoate from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Stuart Bell, Mr David Clelland and Mr Dennis Turner.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Foot and Mouth Disease Inquiry,—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there shall be laid before this House a Return of the Report, evidence and supporting papers of the Inquiry into Foot and Mouth Disease 2001: Lessons to be Learned, conducted by Dr Iain Anderson.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 106) (House of Commons Paper No. 1019) on Special Grants for Performance Pay Progression for Teachers on any Qualified Teacher Pay Scale, for Performance Pay Progression for Teachers on the Leadership Group Pay Spine, and for Threshold Payments for Teachers Employed by Local Authorities in Children’s Homes.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 105) (House of Commons Paper No. 1069) on Invest to Save Budget Round 4 Projects and Local Government On-Line.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Divorce (Religious Marriages) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on certain of their Amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Bill, to which this House has disagreed; and they do not insist on the remaining Amendments to which this House has disagreed but propose Amendments in lieu thereof, to which they desire the agreement of this House.

The Lords agree, without Amendment, to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Police Reform Bill [Lords]; and they agree to the remaining Amendments made by this House, with Amendments, to which they desire the agreement of this House.

5 Proceeds of Crime Bill,—Lords Amendments in lieu of Lords Amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Bill to which the Commons have disagreed to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 187].

6 Police Reform Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments to the Police Reform Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 186].

7 Endangered Species (Offences) Bill,—Mr David Amess, supported by Bob Spink, John Mann, Andrew Rosindell, Miss Ann Widdecombe, Mr Bill Wiggin, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mrs Helen Clark, Jane Griffiths, Mr Mike Hancock, Linda Perham and Angela Watkinson, presented a Bill to provide for the punishment of offences relating to endangered species; to make consequential amendments to certain enactments; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday 14th November and to be printed [Bill 185].

8 Mobile Telephones (Re-programming) Bill [Lords],—The Mobile Telephones (Re-programming) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 63 (Committal of bills), That the Bill be committed to a Committee of the whole House—(Mr Phil Woolas)—Was it agreed to.

Committee to-morrow.

9 Select Committees,—Ordered, That—

(1) with effect from 23rd July, Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments) be amended as follows:

In the Table, after item 9, insert:

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Leave out item 13 and insert:

‘Transport Department for Transport 11’

Line 11, leave out from ‘Committee’ to end of line 12.

(2) That the unreported evidence taken by the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee shall stand referred to the Transport Committee and the Committee on the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions.

(3) That, with effect from 23rd July, the Order of 5th November 2001 relating to Liaison Committee (Membership) be amended as follows:


(4) That paragraph (2)(a) of Standing Order No. 121 (Nomination of select committees) shall not apply to nominations to any Committee on the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions and to any Transport Committee made before 23rd July, and any such nominations made by the House shall have effect from 23rd July.—(Mr Robin Cook.)

10 Transport,—Ordered, That Tom Brake, Mr Gregory Campbell, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, Clive Efford, Mrs Louise Ellman, Chris Grayling, Helen Jackson, Mr George Stevenson, Mr Graham Stringer and Mr Robert Syms be members of the Transport Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—Ordered, That Andrew Bennett, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Clive Betts, Alistair Burt, Mr David Clelland, Mr John Cummings, Chris Mole, Mr Bill O’Brien, Dr John Pugh, Christine Russell and Mr Gary Streeter be members of the Committee on the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 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 Phil Woolas);

And it being Ten o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

13 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 for the Adjournment in the name of Prime Minister may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

14 Adjournment (Matters to be considered before the forthcoming adjournment),—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;

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The Motion was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

15 Merchant Shipping,—Ordered, That the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1473), dated 31st May 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 31st May, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr John Heppell.)

16 Transport,—Ordered, That the Railways Interoperability (High-Speed) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1166), dated 24th April 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 25th April, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr John Heppell.)

17 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John Heppell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Two o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 2 a.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Synodical Government (Amendment) Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1135] [Clerk of the House].

2 Income Tax.—Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The United States of America) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries.—(1) Gaming Act (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1904),
   (2) Gaming (Bingo) Act (Variation of Monetary Limit) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1909),
   (3) Gaming Clubs (Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1902),
   (4) Gaming Clubs (Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1910), and
   (5) Gaming Clubs (Multiple Bingo) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1901),
   dated 19th July 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

4 Cinemas and Films.—Cinematograph (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1903), dated 19th July 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

5 Companies.—Companies (Disclosure of Information) (Designated Authorities) (No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1889), dated 19th July 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

6 Environmental Protection.—Agricultural or Forestry Tractors (Emission of Gaseous and Particulate Pollutants) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1891), dated 17th July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Food.—Contaminants in Food (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1923), dated 22nd July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

8 Parliament.—Parliamentary Pensions (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1887), dated 22nd July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].


11 Telegraphs.—Wireless Telegraphy (Public Fixed Wireless Access Licences) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1911), dated 22nd July 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

12 Tractors.—Agricultural or Forestry Tractors and Tractor Components (Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1890), dated 17th July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:


14 Cabinet Office Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Centre for Management and Policy Studies for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1091] [Mr Douglas Alexander].

15 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee on the Synodical Government (Amendment) Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1136] [Clerk of the House].
16 Crown Agents,—Accounts of the Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board for 2001, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1131] [Clerk of the House].

17 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 22nd July 2002, concerning the gifting of non-lethal military equipment to the Government of Nepal [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

18 Defence Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) the Defence Analytical Services Agency,
(2) the Defence Medical Training Organisation,
(3) the Defence Vetting Agency,
(4) the Ministry of Defence Police, and
(5) the Royal Air Force Personnel Management Agency
for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1032, 947, 1025, 1062 and 982] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

19 Duchies of Lancaster and Cornwall,—Accounts of the Duchy of Lancaster for 2001–02 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

20 Education,—Accounts of—
(1) the Teacher Training Agency, and
(2) the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority
for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1128 and 1124] [Clerk of the House].

21 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Pesticides Safety Directorate for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 941] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

22 European Community Finances,—Paper, entitled Statement on the 2002 EC Budget and measures to counter fraud and financial mismanagement [by Command] [Cm. 5547] [Ruth Kelly].

23 Foot and Mouth Disease Inquiry,—Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Report, evidence and supporting papers of the Inquiry into Foot and Mouth Disease 2001: Lessons to be Learned, conducted by Dr Iain Anderson [pursuant to Resolution this day]; to be printed and published [No. 888] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

24 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) the Central Office of Information,
(2) the Defence Aviation and Repair Agency, and
(3) the Patent Office
for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 954, 886 and 932] [Clerk of the House].

25 Housing,—Report and Accounts of Tower Hamlets Housing Action Trust for 2001–02 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

26 Ireland (No. 1, 2002).—Agreement, done at Belfast on 29th April 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland on Police Co-Operation, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5579] [Mr Secretary Straw].

27 Learning and Skills,—Account of the Adult Learning Inspectorate for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1123] [Clerk of the House].

28 Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development,—Report and Financial Statements of English Partnerships for 2001–02 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

29 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Public Private Partnership for National Air Traffic Services Ltd [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1096] [Clerk of the House].

30 National Statistics,—Report and Resource Accounts of the Office for National Statistics for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1110] [Ruth Kelly].
31 Northern Ireland.—Proposal for a draft Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, together
with an Explanatory Document [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

32 Police.—Report and Accounts of the Police Information Technology Organisation for
2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to
be printed [No. 1082] [Clerk of the House].

33 Regulatory Reform.—Proposal under the Regulatory Reform Act 2001 for a Regulatory
Reform (Business Tenancies) (England and Wales) Order 2003, together with a
statement by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

34 School Standards and Framework.—Account of the Ellesmere Port Education Action Zone
for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [No. 1125] [Clerk of the House].

35 Science and Technology.—Accounts of the Research Councils’ Pension Schemes for 2001–02,
with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to
be printed [No. 1127] [Clerk of the House].

36 Severn Bridges.—Accounts prepared pursuant to section 28(1)(b) of the Severn Bridges Act
1992 for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [No. 1132] [Clerk of the House].

37 Superannuation.—(1) Civil Service Additional Voluntary Contribution Scheme
(Amendment) Scheme 2002,
   (2) Civil Service Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2002,
   (3) Civil Service Compensation Scheme (Amendment No. 2) Scheme 2002,
   (4) Civil Service Injury Benefits Scheme,
   (5) Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) (Addition of New Section)
       Scheme 2002, and
   (6) Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment No. 2) Scheme 2002,
dated 22nd July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Alexander].

38 Teaching and Higher Education.—Accounts of the General Teaching Council for England
for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [No. 1129] [Clerk of the House].

39 Trade Union and Labour Relations.—Accounts of the Advisory, Conciliation and
Arbitration Service, the Certification Officer and the Central Arbitration Committee
for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [No. 1136] [Clerk of the House].

40 Transport Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Maritime & Coast Guard
Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon
(by Act); to be printed [No. 926] [Mr Secretary Darling].

41 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Government Response to the Eighth
Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee: 10 Year
Plan for Transport [by Command] [Cm. 5569] [Mr Secretary Darling].

42 Treasury Executive Agencies.—Reports and Accounts of National Savings and Investments
for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
to be printed [No. 980] [Ruth Kelly].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 106) [House of Commons
Paper No. 1019] on Special Grants for Performance Pay Progression for Teachers on any
Qualified Teacher Pay Scale, for Performance Pay Progression for Teachers on the
Leadership Group Pay Spine, and for Threshold Payments for Teachers Employed by
Local Authorities in Children’s Homes.—The Committee of Selection has discharged
Mr Clive Betts and Mr Kevan Jones from the First Standing Committee on Delegated
Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Kevin
Brennan and Mr Tom Harris.

Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Clelland from the Third Standing
Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and
nominated in substitution Mr David Marshall.
European Standing Committees

3 The Speaker has appointed Mr John Butterfill Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 15275/01, relating to major accident hazards involving dangerous substances, in place of Mr Joe Benton.

4 The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 10207/01, the EU Action Plan on Drugs.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit,—Sixth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Buying Time for Forests: Timber Trade and Public Procurement], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 792] [Mr John Horam].

2 Human Rights,—(1) Twentieth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Draft Extradition Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1140];

(2) Twenty-first Report from the Committee [Scrutiny of Bills: Further Progress Report]; together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1141]; and

(3) Twenty-second Report from the Committee [The Case for a Human Rights Commission: Interim Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1142]

[Jean Corston].

[No. 184.]

Tuesday 23rd July 2002.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 HSBC Investment Banking Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the HSBC Investment Banking Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Tuesday 15th October.

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Parliamentary Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002. No. 1807).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on one of their Amendments to the Export Control Bill to which this House has disagreed, but propose Amendments in lieu thereof, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; they agree to the Amendments made by this House to certain of the Lords Amendments; and they do not insist on their remaining Amendments to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords insist on certain of their Amendments to the Education Bill to which this House has disagreed; they do not agree with the Amendment proposed by this House in lieu of one of the Lords Amendments, but propose an Amendment in lieu thereof, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; they agree with the Amendment proposed by this House in lieu of one of the Lords Amendments; and they do not insist on their remaining Amendment and agree to the Amendments made by this House to the words so restored to the Bill and to the consequential Amendment made by this House.

4 Export Control Bill,—Lords Amendments in lieu of a Lords Amendment to the Export Control Bill disagreed to by this House to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 190].

5 Education Bill,—Lords Amendment in lieu of a Commons Amendment in lieu of a Lords Amendment to the Education Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 191].
6 Local Sustainability Bill.—Sue Doughty, supported by Mr Don Foster, Mrs Patsy Calton, Alan Simpson, Mr Simon Thomas, Dr Vincent Cable, Joan Walley, Jane Griffiths, Paul Holmes, Mr Harold Best and Alice Mahon, presented a Bill to require the drawing up and implementation of strategies for promoting and increasing local or regional sustainability; to require the setting of targets for the implementation of those strategies; to specify the functions of the Secretary of State and the National Assembly for Wales; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday 14th November and to be printed [Bill 188].

7 Redundancy Payments.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to remove the maximum amount of a week's pay for the purpose of calculating redundancy payments: And that Mr David Crausby, Jim Dobbin, Syd Rapson, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Geraldine Smith, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Bill Olner, Mr George Howarth, David Wright, Mr Anthony D. Wright and John Mann do prepare and bring it in.

8 Redundancy Payments Bill.—Mr David Crausby accordingly presented a Bill to remove the maximum amount of a week's pay for the purpose of calculating redundancy payments: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday 14th November and to be printed [Bill 189].

9 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 106) (House of Commons Paper No. 1019) on Special Grants for Performance Pay Progression for Teachers on any Qualified Teacher Pay Scale, for Performance Pay Progression for Teachers on the Leadership Group Pay Spine, and for Threshold Payments for Teachers Employed by Local Authorities in Children’s Homes, which was laid before this House on 10th July, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);—It was agreed to.

10 Adjournment (Public Expenditure).—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.

11 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of York and surrounding areas for representations to the Government of India for the release of Ian Stillman,

(2) supporters of Carlisle United Football Club for continuance of Carlisle United’s membership of the Football League,

(3) Mrs Pat Cager and others for a review of sentencing policy in relation to manslaughter, and

(4) residents of Chorley and others for free off-peak travel for pensioners on buses and trains
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

12 Public Petition.—A Public Petition from the Islamic Education and Cultural Society of Hayes and others for action by Her Majesty’s Government to secure the rights of Palestinians was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.32 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Income Tax.—Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Lithuania) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture.—Hemp (Third Country Imports) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1924), dated 22nd July 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Education.—Education Maintenance Allowance (Pilot Areas) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1841), dated 16th July 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Estelle Morris].
4 Landlord and Tenant,—Agricultural Holdings (Units of Production) (England) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1925), dated 22nd July 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5 Social Security,—Income-Related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1859), dated 17th July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Other Papers:

6 Agriculture,—Report on Smallholdings in England for 2000–01 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

7 Animals,—Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals in Great Britain for 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 5581] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 British Library,—Statement of Appointment of Duncan Lewis to the Board of the British Library [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

9 Broadcasting,—Accounts of the Independent Television Commission Additional Payments and Financial Penalties by Licensees for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1137] [Clerk of the House].

10 Cabinet Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Government Car and Despatch Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1084] [Mr Douglas Alexander].

11 Coal Industry,—Report and Accounts of the Coal Authority for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

12 Companies,—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on Companies in 2001–02 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

13 Criminal Appeal,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Cases Review Commission for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

14 Defence Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) the Defence Estates Agency for 2001–02,
   (2) the Defence Geographic and Imagery Intelligence Agency for 2000–01,
   (3) the Defence Secondary Care Agency for 2001–02, and
   (4) the Naval Manning Agency for 2001–02,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1080, 1116, 1093 and 1030] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

15 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) the Central Science Laboratory,
   (2) the Veterinary Laboratories Agency, and
   (3) the Veterinary Medicines Directorate
   for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1054, 1060 and 1001] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

16 Food Standards Agency Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Meat Hygiene Service for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1094] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

17 Foreign and Commonwealth Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of Wilton Park for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1014] [Mr Secretary Straw].

18 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) Companies House,
   (2) the Driving Standards Agency,
   (3) the Fire Service College,
   (4) HM Land Registry, and
   (5) the Medicines Control Agency
   for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 985, 997, 1088, 1063 and 983] [Clerk of the House].
19 Greenwich Hospital.—Accounts of the Greenwich Hospital and Travers Foundation for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1106] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

20 Historical Manuscripts.—Report and Financial Statements of the Historical Manuscripts Commission for 2001–02 [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

21 Hong Kong.—Six-monthly Report on Hong Kong, January–June 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5568] [Mr Secretary Straw].

22 Housing.—Review and Accounts of The Housing Corporation for 2001–02 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

23 Immigration and Asylum.—Report and Accounts of the Immigration Services Commissioner for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 996] [Dawn Primarolo].

24 Inland Revenue Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Valuation Office for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 855] [Clerk of the House].

25 Judicial Statistics.—Judicial Statistics for England and Wales for 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 5551] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

26 Local Government.—Report and Accounts of the Local Government Commission for England for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

27 Lord Chancellor’s Department Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Public Guardianship Office for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1097] [Clerk of the House].

28 Medicines.—Reports of the Medicines Commission, Committee on Safety of Medicines, Advisory Board on the Registration of Homoeopathic Products, Veterinary Products Committee, the British Pharmacopoeia Commission, the Independent Review Panel for Advertising and the Independent Review Panel for Borderline Products for 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

29 Museums and Galleries.—Account of the National Portrait Gallery for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1138] [Clerk of the House].

30 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Exercise Saif Sareea II [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1097] [Clerk of the House].

31 National Health Service.—Report and Accounts of the National Health Service Pensions Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1055] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

32 National Heritage.—Report and Accounts of English Heritage for 2001–02 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

33 National Lottery.—(1) Accounts of—
   (a) the Arts Council of Wales Lottery Distribution, and
   (b) the Sports Council for Wales Lottery Distribution
   for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act];
   to be printed [Nos. 1133 and 1134] [Clerk of the House]; and
   (2) UK Sport Lottery Strategy for 2002–05 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

34 Police (Northern Ireland).—Report of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland for the period 6th November 2000 to 31st March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

35 Postal Services.—Report and Accounts of Postwatch for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

36 Prisons (Northern Ireland).—Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Prison Service for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1026] [Mr Secretary Reid].

37 Public Lending Right.—Account of the Public Lending Right Central Fund for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1139] [Clerk of the House].
38 Radiological Protection,—Accounts of the National Radiological Protection Board for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1130] [Clerk of the House].

39 Resource Accounts, 2001–02,—Resource Accounts of the Export Credits Guarantee Department for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1061] [Ruth Kelly].

40 Science and Technology,—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) the Medical Research Council for 2001–02, and
(2) the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

41 Social Security,—Report by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Social Fund for 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5492] [Mr Secretary Smith].

42 Social Security Administration,—Account of the National Insurance Fund for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1076] [Clerk of the House].

43 Trade and Industry,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, Session 2001–02, on Manufacturing Strategy [by Command] [Cm. 5578] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

44 Transport Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1015] [Mr Secretary Darling].

45 Treasury Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Debt Management Office for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 937] [Ruth Kelly].

46 Work and Pensions Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
(1) the Appeals Service,
(2) the Benefits Agency,
(3) the Child Support Agency, and
(4) the Employment Service
for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1068, 929, 894 and 955] [Mr Secretary Smith].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Foot and Mouth Disease: Lessons to be Learned]; to be printed [No. 1144] [Mr David Curry].

2 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Ninth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Private Military Companies], together with Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, and Appendices: to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 922];
(2) Tenth Report from the Committee [Zimbabwe], together with Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee and Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 813];
(3) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 13th March [Barcelona European Council]; to be printed [No. 698-ii]; and
(4) Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 19th June [Seville European Council]; to be printed [No. 974-ii]
[Donald Anderson].

3 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Sexual Health]; to be printed [No. 990-iv] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

4 Home Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Lord Chancellor’s Department Annual Report 2001–02]; to be printed [No. 1143-i]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Conduct of Investigations into Past Cases of Abuse in Children’s Homes]; to be printed [No. 836-II] [Mr Chris Mullin].

5 Select Committees (Choice of Chairman).—Andrew Bennett reported from the Committee on the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions, That he had been chosen as Chairman of the Committee.

6 Standards and Privileges.—Tenth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges, together with an Appendix [Complaint against Mr Peter Brooke]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1147] [Sir George Young].

7 Statutory Instruments.—Thirty-seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xxxvii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

8 Trade and Industry.—(1) Fifth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Managing the Nuclear Legacy: Comments on the Government White Paper], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1074]; and

   (2) Sixth Report from the Committee [Fuel Poverty], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 814] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

9 Treasury.—(1) Seventh Report from the Treasury Committee [Departmental Reports Review], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 340]; and

   (2) Eighth Report from the Committee [Inland Revenue: Self Assessment Systems], 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. 681] [Mr John McFall].

10 Work and Pensions.—Third Report from the Work and Pensions Committee [The Government's Employment Strategy], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 815] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 184; WH, No. 107.]

Tuesday 23rd July 2002.

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 Ivor Caplin.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
Wednesday 24th July 2002.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords];
Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Wednesday 16th October.

2 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

Public Services (Disruption) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision to contain disruption of public services by collective industrial action; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Domestic Combined Heat and Power (Reduction in VAT) Bill,—Alan Simpson, supported by Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Andrew Stunell, Dr Brian Iddon, Llew Smith, Sue Doughty, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Simon Thomas, Mr David Drew and Julia Drown, presented a Bill to reduce the rate of value added tax levied on domestic combined heat and power units and on the costs of their installation: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday 14th November and to be printed [Bill 192].

4 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. 105) (House of Commons Paper No. 1069), on Invest to Save Budget Round 4 Projects and Local Government On-Line, which was laid before this House on 9th July, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe).—It was agreed to.

5 Education Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Reasons for insisting on Amendments to the Education Bill to which this House has disagreed and a Lords Amendment in lieu of an Amendment to which this House has disagreed.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House insists on its disagreement to Lords Amendment No. 12 but proposes the following Amendment to the words restored to the Bill by that disagreement:

Amendment ((a)), page 7, line 12, at the end, to insert the words—
‘(6A) In exercising the power conferred by subsection (5) the governing body of a maintained school shall have regard to any guidance given from time to time (in relation to England) by the Secretary of State or (in relation to Wales) by the National Assembly for Wales.’—(Mr David Miliband).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr John Heppell: 260.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 160.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House insists on its disagreement to Lords Amendment No. 12 but proposes the following Amendment to the words so restored to the Bill by that disagreement:

Amendment ((a)), page 7, line 12, at the end, to insert the words—
‘(6A) In exercising the power conferred by subsection (5) the governing body of a maintained school shall have regard to any guidance given from time to time (in relation to England) by the Secretary of State or (in relation to Wales) by the National Assembly for Wales.’.

It being more than one hour after the commencement of proceedings, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [15th July 2002], put the Questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings to be disposed of at that hour.

Resolved, That this House proposes Amendment ((b)) to the words so restored to the Bill.

Resolved, That this House insists on its disagreement to Lords Amendment No. 13, but proposes Amendments ((a) to (f)) to the words restored to the Bill by that disagreement.
Lords Amendment No. 14B.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment in lieu of the Amendment to which the Commons have disagreed;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr John Heppell: 249.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 154.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 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 [26th June 2001]:

Business of the House.—That, at the sitting on Monday 22nd July, 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 be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours, and the Motion shall then lapse.

Ayes: 13.

Noes: 289.

So the Question was negatived.

7 Export Control Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Export Control Bill in lieu of an Amendment to which this House has disagreed.

Lords Amendments Nos. 10B and 10C were agreed to.

8 Proceeds of Crime Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Proceeds of Crime Bill in lieu of certain Amendments to which this House has disagreed.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4B to 4H, 4J, 4K, 43B to 43H, 43J, 43K, 73B to 73D and 110B were agreed to.

9 Police Reform Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 4).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001]. That the following provisions shall apply to the Police Reform Bill [Lords] for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 7th May 2002—

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. 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 Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

10 Police Reform Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider Lords Amendments to certain Commons Amendments to the Police Reform Bill [Lords].

Lords Amendments 2A, 2B and 75A to 75D were agreed to.

11 Mobile Telephones (Re-programming) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Mobile Telephones (Re-programming) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Re-programming mobile telephone etc.).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 2, after the word ‘if’, to insert the words ‘personally or through an agent and whether in the United Kingdom or abroad’.—(Norman Baker.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Possession or supply of anything for re-programming purposes).
Amendment (No. 2) proposed, in page 1, line 18, to leave out from the word ‘which’ to the word ‘and’ in line 20 and insert the words ‘in conjunction with equipment capable of interfering with the operation of a unique device identifier may be used for such purposes’.—(Norman Baker.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair, and Mr Ivor Caplin reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

12 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Stephen Tindale for international action to end trade in illegal and destructively logged timber was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) officers of Action for Rural Kempston and residents of Kempston against the current proposals for a western bypass, and

(2) Anne Savage and other residents of Streatham for improving road safety in Streatham

were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Education Bill to which this House has disagreed, and agree to the Amendments proposed by this House to the words so restored to the Bill.

15 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nick Ainger);

And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

16 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nick Ainger);

17 Royal Assent.—The Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:

Finance Act 2002
European Parliamentary Elections Act 2002
Copyright, etc. and Trade Marks (Offences and Enforcement) Act 2002
Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002
Divorce (Religious Marriages) Act 2002
Export Control Act 2002
Proceeds of Crime Act 2002
Police Reform Act 2002
Mobile Telephones (Re-programming) Act 2002
Education Act 2002.

18 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 twenty minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till Tuesday 15th October.

[Adjourned at 10.20 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Data Protection,—Draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) (Elected Representatives) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Yvette Cooper].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


   (2) Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1893), dated 6th July 2002, and
   (3) Parochial Fees Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1894), dated 17th July 2002 [by Measure] [Clerk of the House].

4 Food,—Food (Control of Irradiation) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1922), dated 23rd July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Millburn].

5 Road Traffic,—Motor Salvage Operators Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1916), dated 17th July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

   (2) Public Telecommunication System Designation (Tweedwind Limited) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1949), and
   dated 22nd July 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Transport,—Merseyrail Electrics Network Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1946), dated 18th July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

8 Agricultural Marketing,—Report and Accounts of Food from Britain for 2001–02 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

9 Cabinet Office Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Security Facilities Executive for the 15 months ended 30th June 1998, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1108] [Mr Douglas Alexander].


11 Criminal Justice and Court Services,—Accounts of the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1166] [Clerk of the House].

12 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2001–02, on Wembley National Stadium Project: Into Injury Time [by Command] [Cm. 5582] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

13 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the War Pensions Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1081] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

14 Development of Tourism,—Account of the English Tourism Council for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1156] [Clerk of the House].

15 Further and Higher Education,—Accounts of the Further Education Funding Council for England for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1155] [Clerk of the House].
16 Health.—Account of the Commission for Health Improvement for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1165] [Clerk of the House].

17 Health Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the National Health Service Purchasing and Supply Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 927] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

18 House of Commons Members’ Fund.—Accounts of the House of Commons Members’ Fund for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1150] [Clerk of the House].


20 Miscellaneous (No. 13, 2002).—Convention, done at Lisbon on 11th April 1997, on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region with Explanatory Report, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5577] [Mr Secretary Straw].

21 Museums and Galleries.—Accounts of—
   (1) the British Museum,
   (2) the National Maritime Museum,
   (3) the Tate Gallery, and
   (4) the Victoria and Albert Museum
for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1153, 1152, 1157 and 1148] [Clerk of the House].

22 National Lottery.—(1) Accounts of—
   (a) the English Sports Council Lottery Distribution, and
   (b) the United Kingdom Sports Council Lottery Distribution
for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1149 and 1146] [Clerk of the House], and
   (2) Lottery Strategic Plan for the Arts Council of England for 2002–2005 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

23 Northern Ireland.—Report of the Life Sentence Review Commissioners for 2002 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Reid].

24 Northern Ireland Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of—
   (1) the Compensation Agency, and
   (2) Forensic Science Northern Ireland
for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1137 and 1038] [Mr Secretary Reid].

25 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Rent Service for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1167] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

26 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the Petition [20th March 2002] from supporters of Rugby League throughout the United Kingdom [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

27 Race Relations.—Account of the Commission for Racial Equality for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1151] [Clerk of the House].

28 Railways.—Report of the Rail Passengers Council for 2001–02 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

29 Regional Development Agencies.—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) Advantage West Midlands Development Agency,
   (2) East of England Development Agency,
   (3) East Midlands Development Agency,
   (4) Northwest Development Agency,
   (5) One NorthEast,
(6) South East of England Development Agency, and
(7) Yorkshire Forward
for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

30 Regulatory Reform.—Proposal under the Regulatory Reform Act 2001 for a Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licensing) Order 2002, together with a statement by Department of Culture, Media and Sport [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

31 School Standards and Framework.—Accounts of the—
(1) Great Yarmouth Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
(2) Hastings and St. Leonards Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(3) Plymouth Education Action Zone for 1999–2000,
(4) Plymouth Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
(5) Preston Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
(6) Salford and Trafford Education Action Zone for 2001–02, and
(7) South Bradford Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1159, 1164, 1160, 1161, 1162, 1158 and 1163] [Clerk of the House].

32 Telecommunications.—Licences granted under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—
(1) Severn Trent Retail Services Limited,
(2) Tweedwind Limited, and
(3) VTL (UK) Limited
[by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

33 Trade Union and Labour Relations.—Report of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service for 2001–02 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

34 Transport Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Vehicle Certification Agency for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1145] [Mr Secretary Darling].

35 Wildlife and Countryside.—Account of the Countryside Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] to be printed [No. 1154] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Railways (Interoperability) (High Speed) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1166):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Hugh Bayley, Sir Paul Beresford, Tom Brake, Mr Christopher Chope, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Frank Field, Mr Don Foster, Mr Kevan Jones, Andrew Mackinlay, Judy Mallaber, Mr Kerry Pollard, Mr John Randall, Joan Ryan, Mr Mark Simmonds, Mr John Spellar and Mr Dave Watts.

2 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) Order 2002 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, and the Republic of Croatia) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Ivor Caplin, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr David Drew, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Michael Moore, Angus Robertson, Christine Russell, Mr Richard Spring, Dr Phyllis Starkey, Mr Bill Wiggin and Mr James Wray.
   (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: Tony Baldry, Gregory Barker, Mr Harry Barnes, John Barrett, Mr Clive
   Betts, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Andrew George, Helen Jackson, Mr David Jamieson, Miss
   Anne McIntosh, Mr John Randall, Joan Ryan, Ms Debra Shipley, Mr John Smith, Llew
   Smith and Mr Dave Watts.

4 Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2002.—The Speaker has
   appointed Mr David Taylor Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated
   Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mr James Cran.

5 Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Modification of Enactments) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on
   Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the
   Committee: Peter Bottomley, Mr Desmond Browne, Mrs Patsy Calton, Mr Quentin
   Davies, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Mark Field, Mr George Galloway, Dr Ian Gibson,
   Stephen Hesford, Fiona MacTaggart, Gillian Merron, Mr Jim Murphy, Lembit Öpik, Mr
   James Plaskitt, Mr Graham Stringer and Mr David Wilshire.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Seventh Report from the Defence Committee [The Future of NATO], together
   with an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed,
   with the Minutes ofProceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 914] [Mr
   Bruce George].

2 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Second Report from the Select Committee on
   Modernisation of the House of Commons [Modernisation of the House of Commons:
   A Reform Programme], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of
   Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [Nos. 1168-I and -II] [Mr Robin
   Cook].

3 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Fifth Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs
   Committee [Government Observations on the Third Report from the Committee,
   Session 2001–02, on Introduction of the Aggregates Levy in Northern Ireland: The
   Government’s Response]; to be printed [No. 1118] [Mr Michael Mates].

4 Science and Technology,—Fifth Report from the Science and Technology Committee
   [Government Funding of the Scientific Learned Societies], together with Appendices to
   the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of
   Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 774] [Dr Ian Gibson].

5 Select Committees (Choice of Chairman),—Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody reported from the
   Transport Committee, That she had been chosen Chairman of the Committee.

6 Welsh Affairs,—Fourth Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Objective 1
   European Funding for Wales: Responses from the Government and the Welsh Assembly
   Government to the Second Report of the Committee, Session 2001–02]; to be printed
   [No. 1169] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 185; WH, No. 108.]

Wednesday 24th July 2002.

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—(Dan Norris);

And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday
15th October.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
Notice given by the Speaker, pursuant to Standing Order No. 13 (Earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances):

Whereas Her Majesty’s Government have represented to me, Michael Martin, Speaker of the House of Commons, that the public interest requires the House to meet at an earlier time than the 15th day of October 2002 and I am satisfied that the public interest does so require:

Now, therefore, I hereby give notice pursuant to the Standing Order (Earlier meeting of House in certain circumstances) that the House shall meet on Tuesday the 24th day of September 2002 at half-past Eleven of the clock.

Given under my hand this 16th day of September 2002.

[No. 186.]

Tuesday 24th September 2002.

The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Sittings of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments). That this House, at its rising this day, do adjourn till Tuesday 15th October—(Mr Ivor Caplin)—It was agreed to.

2 Adjournment (Iraq and Weapons of Mass Destruction).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Ivor Caplin);

Mr Tam Dalyell 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 Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Paul Marsden: 6.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mike Wood, Mr Kerry Pollard: 64.

So the Question was negatived.

3 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of the area surrounding Betton Abbots landfill site for an alternative location for the site was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

4 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till Tuesday 15th October, pursuant to Resolution [this day].

[Adjourned at 10.14 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):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Tuesday 27th August 2002

1 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [Cm. 5597] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

Monday 29th July 2002

2 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Fraud [Cm. 5560] [Yvette Cooper].

Wednesday 31st July 2002

3 Miscellaneous (No. 14, 2002),—United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, done at New York on 15th November 2000, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5580] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Guyana (No. 1, 2002).—Agreement, done at Georgetown on 5th April 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Co-operative Republic of Guyana on the Transfer of Prisoners, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5583] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Sports Councils.—Financial Statements of the United Kingdom Sports Council for 2001–02 [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 Barbados (No. 1, 2002).—Agreement, done at Bridgetown on 3rd April 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the Government of Barbados on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5584] [Mr Secretary Straw].

8 Treaty Series (No. 32, 2002).—Exchange of Notes, done at Kampala on 2nd July and 18th October 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Uganda concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Uganda Debt Agreement No. 8 (2000)) [Cm. 5585] [Mr Secretary Straw].


10 Miscellaneous (No. 15, 2002).—Protocol, done at Brussels on 27th June 1997, consolidating the Eurocontrol International Convention relating to Co-operation for the Safety of Air Navigation of 13th December 1960, as variously amended, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5587] [Mr Secretary Straw].

11 Treaty Series (No. 34, 2002).—Agreement, done at Brussels on 16th December 1991, on Customs Union and Co-operation between the European Economic Community and the Republic of San Marino, and Protocol to the Agreement, done at Brussels on 30th October 1997, consequent upon the Accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the European Union with Final Act [Cm. 5588] [Mr Secretary Straw].

12 Foreign Affairs.—Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2001–02, on Foreign Policy Aspects of the War Against Terrorism [Cm. 5589] [Mr Secretary Straw].

13 Treaty Series (No. 35, 2002).—Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, done at Rome on 17th July 1998 [Cm. 5590] [Mr Secretary Straw].

14 Defence.—Revised Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 30th August 2002, concerning the gifting of non-lethal military equipment to the Government of Nepal [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
15 Treaty Series (No. 59, 2001),—Third Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2001 [Cm. 5592] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Friday 6th September 2002

16 Treaty Series (No. 36, 2002),—Amendment, adopted at the Ninth Meeting of the Parties held at Montreal on 15th to17th September 1997, to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer [Cm. 5593] [Mr Secretary Straw].

17 Treaty Series (No. 37, 2002),—Amendment, adopted at the Eleventh Meeting of the Parties held in Beijing on 29th to 3rd December 1999, to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer [Cm. 5594] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Wednesday 11th September 2002

18 Miscellaneous (No. 16, 2002),—Protocol, done at Gothenburg on 30th November 1999, to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution to Abate Acidification, Eutrophication and Ground-level Ozone, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5595] [Mr Secretary Straw].

19 Sports Councils,—Consolidated Accounts of the English Sports Council and English Sports Council Group for 2001–02 [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Friday 13th September 2002

20 Treaty Series (No. 38, 2002),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 13th June 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia further amending the Agreement concerning Air Services done at Jakarta on 28th June 1973 [Cm. 5596] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Tuesday 17th September 2002

21 Work and Pensions,—Report for 2002 by the Department for Work and Pensions on Opportunity for All [Cm. 5598] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Wednesday 18th September 2002

22 The Gambia (No. 1, 2002),—Agreement, done at London on 2nd July 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of The Gambia for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5602] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Friday 20th September 2002

23 Miscellaneous (No. 17, 2002),—Second Additional Protocol, done at Strasbourg on 8th November 2001, to the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5603] [Mr Secretary Straw].

24 Treaty Series (No. 39, 2002),—Exchange of Notes, done at Vienna on 11th December 2000 and 8th December 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Austria Extending the European Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters 1959 to the Isle of Man [Cm. 5605] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Monday 23rd September 2002

25 Education and Skills,—Department for Education and Skills Minute, dated 23rd September 2002, concerning contingent liabilities in respect of arrangements to allow the appointment of administrative receivers to manage the affairs of former Training and Enterprise Councils [by Command] [Secretary Estelle Morris].

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:

Thursday 25th July 2002

26 Aggregates Levy,—(1) Aggregates Levy (Northern Ireland Tax Credit) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1927), and

(2) Aggregates Levy (Registration and Miscellaneous Provision) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1929),
dated 25th July 2002 [Ruth Kelly].

[Dawn Primarolo];


Friday 26th July 2002

32 European Communities.—European Communities (Designation) (No. 3) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1819), dated 16th July 2002 [Mr Secretary Straw].

33 Extradition.—(1) European Convention on Extradition (Armenia and Georgia) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1829), and
dated 16th July 2002 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

34 Hong Kong.—(1) Extradition (Overseas Territories) (Application to Hong Kong) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1825),
    (2) Extradition (Overseas Territories) (Hong Kong) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1824), and
    (3) Extradition (Overseas Territories) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1823),
dated 16th July 2002 [Mr Secretary Straw].


Monday 29th July 2002


Tuesday 30th July 2002


Wednesday 31st July 2002


41 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Local Pharmaceutical Services and Pharmaceutical Services) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2016), dated 31st July 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Thursday 1st August 2002

43 Customs and Excise,—The Dual-Use Items (Export Control) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2033), dated 29th July 2002 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


45 Environmental Protection,—Financial Assistance for Environmental Purposes (No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2021), dated 1st August 2002 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

46 National Health Service,—(1) Abolition of NHS Tribunal (Consequential Provisions) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1920), dated 24th July 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn]; and


47 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Nottingham) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2012), dated 30th July 2002 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Friday 2nd August 2002

48 Legal Services,—Appointment of Queen’s Counsel Fees Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2037), dated 27th July 2002 [Yvette Cooper].


Monday 5th August 2002

50 Antarctica,—Antarctic (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2054), dated 2nd August 2002 [Mr Secretary Straw].


(3) The Education (Middle School) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1983), and

Tuesday 6th August 2002


55 Immigration.—Immigration Services Commissioner (Registration Fee) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2011), dated 30th July 2002 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

56 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Medical Examination) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2055), dated 4th August 2002 [Mr Secretary Darling].

57 Social Care.—National Care Standards Commission (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2070), dated 5th August 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Wednesday 7th August 2002


60 Social Security.—(1) Social Security Amendment (Carer Premium) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2020), and


   dated 30th July 2002 [Mr Secretary Smith].

Thursday 8th August 2002


Friday 9th August 2002


63 Education.—(1) Education (Grants etc.) (Dance and Drama) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2064), dated 31st July 2002,

   (2) Education (Grants for Disabled Postgraduate Students) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2104), dated 8th August 2002,


   (8) Education (Teacher Student Loans) (Repayment etc.) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2086), dated 6th August 2002, and
[Secretary Estelle Morris].

64 Environmental Protection,—Environmental Protection (Restriction on Use of Lead Shot) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2102), dated 8th August 2002 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

65 National Health Service,—Community Health Councils (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2106), dated 7th August 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Monday 12th August 2002

66 Education,—(1) Education Act 2002 (Transitional Provisions etc.) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2113), and
dated 8th August 2002 [Secretary Estelle Morris].


Wednesday 14th August 2002

68 Education,—(1) Greenwich—Time to Succeed Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2124), and
dated 8th August 2002 [Secretary Estelle Morris].


70 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Hours of Work) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2125), dated 13th August 2002 [Mr Secretary Darling].

71 Pensions,—Stakeholder Pension Schemes (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2098), dated 8th August 2002 [Mr Secretary Smith].


73 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2126), dated 13th August 2002 [Mr Secretary Darling].

74 Young Offender Institutions,—Young Offender Institution (Amendment) Rules 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2117), dated 14th August 2002 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Thursday 15th August 2002


Monday 19th August 2002


Tuesday 20th August 2002

78 Immigration,—Travel Documents (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2155), dated 19th August 2002 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

80 Tax Credits,—(1) Tax Credits (Payments by the Board) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2173), and
(2) Working Tax Credit (Payment by Employers) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2172),
dated 20th August 2002 [Dawn Primarolo].

81 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Essex) (Borough of Brentwood) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2183), dated 20th August 2002,
(2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Essex) (Borough of Chelmsford) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2184), dated 20th August 2002,
(3) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Essex) (Borough of Colchester) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2186), dated 20th August 2002,
(4) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Essex) (District of Epping Forest) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2185), dated 20th August 2002,
(5) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hampshire) (Borough of Basingstoke and Deane) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2187), dated 19th August 2002, and
(6) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Bury) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2188), dated 19th August 2002 [Mr Secretary Darling].


(2) Notification of New Substances (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2176), and
(3) Offshore Safety (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2175),
dated 17th August 2002 [Mr Secretary Smith].


85 Social Security,—Social Security Amendment (Students and Income-related Benefits) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2207), dated 23rd August 2002 [Mr Secretary Smith].

86 Education,—Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) (No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2223), dated 29th August 2002 [Secretary Estelle Morris].


89 National Health Service,—(1) Avon, Gloucestershire and Wiltshire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2281),
(2) Birmingham and the Black Country Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2269),

(3) County Durham and Tees Valley Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2270),

(4) Cumbria and Lancashire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2282),

(5) Greater Manchester Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2271),

(6) Leicestershire, Northamptonshire and Rutland Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2272),

(7) Northumberland, Tyne & Wear Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2275),

(8) North Central London Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2273),

(9) North West London Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2274),

(10) South East London Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2276),

(11) South West Peninsula Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2277),

(12) Surrey and Sussex Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2283),

(13) Thames Valley Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2278),

(14) Trent Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2279), and

(15) West Yorkshire Health Authority (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2280),
dated 4th September 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Friday 6th September 2002


Monday 9th September 2002


[Mr Secretary Prescott].
Tuesday 10th September 2002


100 Social Security,—Social Security (Incapacity) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2311), dated 5th September 2002 [Mr Secretary Smith].

Wednesday 11th September 2002


102 Food,—(1) Food (Figs, Hazelnuts and Pistachios from Turkey) (Emergency Control) (England) (No.2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2351), and

(2) Food (Peanuts from China) (Emergency Control) (England) (No.2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2350),
dated 11th September 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

103 National Health Service,—(1) National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2352), and

(2) National Health Service (Miscellaneous Dental Charges Amendments) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2353),
dated 11th September 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Thursday 12th September 2002


Friday 13th September 2002

105 Customs and Excise,—(1) Lottery Duty (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2355), and

(2) Lottery Duty (Instant Chances) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2354),
dated 11th September 2002 [John Healey].

106 Pensions,—Occupational Pension Schemes (Member-nominated Trustees and Directors) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2327), dated 9th September 2002 [Mr Secretary Smith].

107 Social Security,—(1) Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2322), dated 9th September 2002, and

[Mr Secretary Smith].

Monday 16th September 2002


Tuesday 17th September 2002

110 Housing (Scotland),—Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 (Accommodation for Asylum-Seekers) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2367), dated 16th September 2002 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

111 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Functions of Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts and Administration Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2375), dated 17th September 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Health Care and Associated Professions,—Council for the Regulation of Health Care Professionals (Appointment etc.) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2376), dated 17th September 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Road Traffic,—(1) Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2382), and
(2) Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2381), dated 18th September 2002 [Mr Secretary Darling].


Road Traffic,—The M60 Motorway (Junction 25) (Speed Limit) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2403), dated 18th September 2002 [Mr Secretary Darling].


Extradition,—Extradition (Terrorist Bombings) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1831), dated 16th July 2002 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Overseas Territories,—Anti-terrorism (Financial and Other Measures) (Overseas Territories) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1822), dated 16th July 2002 [Mr Secretary Straw].

Coroners,—Lancashire (Coroners’ Districts) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2257), dated 2nd September 2002 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Civil Aviation,—Aerodromes (Designation) (Facilities for Consultation) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2421), dated 11th September 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Essex) (Borough of Brentwood) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2440), dated 24th September 2002; and
(2) Road Vehicles (Testing) (Disclosure of Information) (Great Britain) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2426), dated 23rd September 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Opticians,—Accounts of the General Optical Council for 2001–02 [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].
127 Police (Northern Ireland).—Fifth Report of the Oversight Commissioner [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

128 Public Petitions.—Observations:—

(1) by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [2nd July] from residents of Derby against the use of electric collars in dog training;

(2) by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [15th July] from residents of Knebworth, Hertfordshire, for measures to reduce the volume and speed of traffic in Gun Lane, Knebworth;

(3) by the Secretary of State for International Development on the Petition [16th July] from St Bonaventure’s Parish, Bristol, for fairer international trading rules;

(4) by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [19th July] from residents of Totternhoe, Bedfordshire, for weight restrictions on vehicles using certain roads in Totternhoe;

(5) by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [23rd July] from residents of Chorley and others for free off-peak travel for pensioners on buses and trains;

(6) by the Secretary of State for International Development on the Petition [24th July] from Stephen Tindale for international action to end trade in illegal and destructively logged timber;

(7) by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [24th July] from officers of Action for Rural Kempston and residents of Kempston against the current proposals for a western bypass; and

(8) by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [24th July] from Anne Savage and other residents of Streatham for improving road safety in Streatham

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

129 Railways.—Report of the Rail Passengers Committee Wales for 2001–02 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

130 Regional Development Agencies.—Report and Accounts of South West of England Regional Development Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

131 Reserve Forces.—(1) Amendment List 6 to Regulations for the Reserve Air Forces (Air Publication 3392, Volume 7), and

(2) Revision of Regulations for the Royal Marine Reserve (BR 63)

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Communications Bill.—Report from the Joint Committee on the Draft Communications Bill, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee [Nos. 876-I and -II] [ordered to be printed in the adjournment pursuant to S.O. No. 137 (Select committees (adjournment of the House))] [Clerk of the House].

2 Education and Skills.—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Government’s and OFSTED’s response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2001–02, on the Appointment of New HMCI]; to be printed [No. 1190]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th September [Education in Birmingham]; to be printed [Nos. 1191-I to -V]

[ordered to be printed in the adjournment pursuant to S.O. No. 137 (Select committees (adjournment of the House))] [Clerk of the House].

3 Home Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 17th September [Asylum and Immigration]; to be printed [No. 1185-I]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 18th September [Home Office Issues]; to be printed [No. 1186-I]

[ordered to be printed in the adjournment pursuant to S.O. No. 137 (Select committees (adjournment of the House))] [Clerk of the House].
Tuesday 15th October 2002.

The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 HSBC Investment Banking Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Third Reading of the HSBC Investment Banking Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time to-morrow.

2 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Copyright (Visually Impaired Persons) Bill, without Amendment.

Borough Freedom (Family Succession) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make new provision relating to admission to borough freedom; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Corporate Responsibility (Environmental, Social and Financial Reporting),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish and provide for the functions of the Corporate Responsibility Board; to require certain companies to publish reports on environmental, social and economic matters; to require those companies to consult on certain proposed operations; to specify certain duties and liabilities of directors; to provide for remedies for aggrieved persons; and for connected purposes: And that Linda Perham, Mr Barry Sheerman, Mr Martin O’Neill, Dr Vincent Cable, Sir Teddy Taylor, Glenda Jackson, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Mr John Horam, Mr Frank Field, Mr Tony Colman, Sue Doughty and Mr Simon Thomas do prepare and bring it in.

4 Corporate Responsibility (Environmental, Social and Financial Reporting) Bill,—Linda Perham accordingly presented a Bill to establish and provide for the functions of the Corporate Responsibility Board; to require certain companies to publish reports on environmental, social and economic matters; to require those companies to consult on certain proposed operations; to specify certain duties and liabilities of directors; to provide for remedies for aggrieved persons; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday 14th November and to be printed [Bill 193].

5 Urban Post Office Reinvention Programme,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House authorises the Secretary of State to pay, by way of financial assistance under section 8 of the Industrial Development Act 1982 in respect of the urban post office reinvention programme, a sum exceeding £10 million to Post Office Limited—(Mr Stephen Timms);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Jim Murphy: 271.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 170.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House authorises the Secretary of State to pay, by way of financial assistance under section 8 of the Industrial Development Act 1982 in respect of the urban post office reinvention programme, a sum exceeding £10 million to Post Office Limited.

6 Public Trustee (Liability and Fees) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Public Trustee (Liability and Fees) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

7 Adjournment (Local Government Finance Formula Grant Distribution),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

8 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from current and former employees of ASW Sheerness and their partners for the restoration of the ASW Sheerness pension fund was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

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 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 25th September 2002

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Department for Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 25th September 2002, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for images and prints lent by the Royal Photographic Society to the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television, Bradford [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

2 European Communities (No. 3, 2002).—Protocol, done at Luxembourg on 16th October 2001, established by the Council, in accordance with Article 34 of the Treaty on European Union, to the Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Member States of the European Union, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5604] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Human Rights.—Human Rights: Annual Report for 2002 by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office [Cm. 5601] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Thursday 26th September 2002

4 Treasury.—Treasury Minute, dated 26th September 2002, concerning an extension to contingent liabilities undertaken in respect of the provision of third party (war and terrorism) insurance cover to UK operating airlines and the UK airline industry, and reporting on liabilities incurred since the Minute dated 1st August 2002 [Ruth Kelly].

Friday 27th September 2002

5 Venezuela (No. 1, 2002).—Agreement, done at Caracas on 12th June 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5610] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Tuesday 1st October 2002

6 European Union.—Paper, entitled Developments in the European Union, January to June 2002 [Cm. 5607] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Wednesday 2nd October 2002

7 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the Thirty-sixth, the Thirty-seventh and the Thirty-ninth to the Forty-second Reports and Addendum to the Thirteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5600] [Mr Paul Boateng].

8 Treaty Series (No. 40, 2002).—Convention, done at Brussels on 29th November 1996, on the Accession of the Republic of Austria, the Republic of Finland and the Kingdom of Sweden to the Convention on the Law applicable to Contractual Obligations, opened for Signature in Rome on 19th June 1980, and to the First and Second Protocols, on its interpretation by the Court of Justice [Cm. 5613] [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 Treaty Series (No. 41, 2002).—Exchange of Notes, done at Freetown on 5th and 15th April 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Sierra Leone concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Sierra Leone Debt Agreement No. 8 (2001)) [Cm. 5614] [Mr Secretary Straw].
Thursday 3rd October 2002

10 Foreign Affairs.—Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2001–02, on Zimbabwe [Cm. 5608] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Friday 4th October 2002

11 Syria (No. 1, 2002).—Agreement, done at Damascus on 16th June 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Syrian Arab Republic concerning Air Services, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5617] [Mr Secretary Straw].

12 United Arab Emirates (No. 1, 2002).—Agreement, done at Abu Dhabi on 2nd June 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United Arab Emirates concerning Air Services, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5618] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Tuesday 8th October 2002

13 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2001–02, on Road Traffic Speed [Cm. 5621] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Wednesday 9th October 2002

14 Miscellaneous (No. 18, 2002).—Act, done at Munich on 29th November 2000, revising the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (European Patent Convention), of 5th October 1973, last revised at 17th December 1991, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5615] [Mr Secretary Straw].


Thursday 10th October 2002

16 Health.—Department of Health Minutes, dated 10th October 2002, concerning—

(1) a proposed contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for members of the independent inquiry into how the NHS handled allegations about the conduct of Clifford Aylng; and

(2) a proposed contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for members of the independent inquiry into how the NHS handled allegations about the conduct of Richard Neale

[Mr Secretary Milburn].

Friday 11th October 2002

17 Treaty Series (No. 42, 2002).—Agreement, done at London on 21st May and Garching bei München (Germany) on 23rd May 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the European Southern Observatory concerning the Accession to the Convention establishing a European Organization for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere and Related Terms and Conditions [Cm. 5616] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Monday 14th October 2002

18 Law Commission.—Report of the Law Commission on The Effective Prosecution of Multiple Offending [Cm. 5609] [Yvette Cooper].

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:

Thursday 26th September 2002


Friday 27th September 2002


(2) Social Security (Claims and Payments and Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2441), dated 23rd September 2002, and
[Mr Secretary Smith].

Monday 30th September 2002

23 Police,—Metropolitan Police Authority (Civil Staff Pensions) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2468), dated 24th September 2002 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Tuesday 1st October 2002


Friday 4th October 2002


26 Social Security,—Social Security Amendment (Carer’s Allowance) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2497), dated 27th September 2002 [Mr Secretary Smith].


Monday 7th October 2002


29 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Cumbria) (District of Eden) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2520), dated 3rd October 2002 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Tuesday 8th October 2002


31 Education,—(1) Longley Park Sixth Form College (Government) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2523), and
(2) Longley Park Sixth Form College (Incorporation) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2522),
dated 7th October 2002 [Secretary Estelle Morris].


Wednesday 9th October 2002


34 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Out of Hours Medical Services) and National Health Service (General Medical Services) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2548), dated 9th October 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

[Mr Secretary Blunkett].
Thursday 10th October 2002


38 Police,—Police (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2529), dated 4th October 2002 [Mr Secretary Blankett].

   (2) Minibus and Other Section 19 Permit Buses (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2534),
   (3) Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2535), and
   (4) Public Service Vehicles (Registration of Local Services) (Amendment) (No. 2) (England and Wales) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2536),
dated 6th October 2002 [Mr Secretary Darling].


Friday 11th October 2002

41 Immigration,—Immigration (Short-term Holding Facilities) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2538), dated 8th October 2002 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

42 Medical Profession,—General Medical Council (Fitness to Practise Committees) (Amendment) Rules Order of Council 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2572), dated 10th October 2002 [Mr Robin Cook].


Monday 14th October 2002


Other Papers:

Wednesday 9th October 2002


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 15th October 2002:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

47 Northern Ireland,—(1) Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2587), and
dated 14th October 2002 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Reid].

48 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Yvette Cooper].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

49 Plant Health,—Plant Health (Forestry) (Phytophthora ramorum) (Great Britain) (No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2589), dated 15th October 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

50 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 5th March 2002, made by the Governing Body of Darwin College in the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].
51 Veterinary Surgeons.—Veterinary Surgery (Rectal Ultrasound Scanning of Bovines) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2584), dated 11th October 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

52 Census.—Papers, entitled—
(1) Census 2001: First results on population for England and Wales, and
(2) Census 2001: First results on population for Wales [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].


54 Courts and Legal Services.—Report and Accounts of the Court Service for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1187] [Yvette Cooper].

55 Culture, Media and Sport.—Department of Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 15th October 2002, concerning contingent liabilities incurred in relation to the English National Stadium Project [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

56 Defence.—Queen’s Order in respect of increases in Royal Air Force Pensions [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

57 Development of Tourism.—Report and Accounts of the English Tourism Council for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

58 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of the Royal Mint for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1181] [Clerk of the House].

59 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Outsourcing the 2001 Census [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1211] [Clerk of the House].

60 National Health Service.—Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on loans proposed to be raised by Heatherwood and Wexham Park Hospitals National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

61 Northern Ireland.—Accounts of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1195] [Clerk of the House].

62 Public Petitions.—Observations—
(1) by the Deputy Prime Minister and First Secretary of State on the Petition [13th June] from Mrs Anna Harper, Mr Brian Cassidy and others for restoration of the City of Bath to the status of a unitary authority;
(2) by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [3rd July] from residents of Cheadle, Staffordshire, for restrictions on the sale of powerful fireworks;
(3) by the Deputy Prime Minister and First Secretary of State on the Petition [10th July] from residents of Brightlingsea and the surrounding area for a public inquiry into a proposed planning application relating to the former James and Stone shipyard;
(4) by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [11th July] from residents of Tuddenham, Suffolk, and others for improvements to the A11 at Tuddenham;
(5) by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [11th July] from residents of North west Norfolk for a review of fireworks legislation;
(6) by the Deputy Prime Minister and First Secretary of State on the Petition [15th July] from residents of Stevenage and its surrounding villages against proposals by Hertfordshire County Council to build an extra 2,000 houses on urban green space and community land [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

63 Railways.—Report of the Rail Regulator for 2001–02 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

64 Science and Technology.—Report and Summary Financial Statement of the Natural Environment Research Council for 2001–02 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Crispin Blunt and Mr John Hayes from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr John Taylor and Mr David Wilshire.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 1196-1] [Donald Anderson].

2 Health,—Memorandum laid before the Health Committee [Public Expenditure on Health and Personal Social Services 2002]; to be printed [No. 1210] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

3 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Affordable Housing]; to be printed [No. 1206-1]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Affordable Housing]; to be printed [No. 1206-II] [Andrew Bennett]; and

   (3) Memoranda laid before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Committee [The Effectiveness of Government Regeneration Initiatives]; to be printed [No. 1207-II] [Mr Clive Betts].

4 Treasury,—(1) Ninth Report from the Treasury Committee [Appointment of Sir Andrew Large as a Deputy Governor of the Bank of England and Member of the Monetary Policy Committee], together with an Appendix and Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 25th September; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1189] [ordered to be printed in the adjournment pursuant to S.O. No. 137 (Select Committees (adjournment of the House))] [Clerk of the House];

   (2) Eleventh Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2001–02, on The Office of Government Commerce]; to be printed [No. 1217];

   (3) Twelfth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2001–02, on Banking, Consumers and Small and Medium Sized Enterprises]; to be printed [No. 1218];

   (4) Thirteenth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2001–02, on Financial Regulation of Public Limited Companies]; to be printed [No. 1219]; and

   (5) Fourteenth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 2001–02, on Inland Revenue: Self Assessment Systems]; to be printed [No. 1220] [Mr John McFall].

5 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Draft National Health Service (Wales) Bill: Response of the Government to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2001–02]; to be printed [No. 1215]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Wales Office Departmental Report 2002]; to be printed [No. 1216] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 187; WH, No. 109.]

Tuesday 15th October 2002.

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.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 HSBC Investment Banking Bill [Lords].—The HSBC Investment Banking Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

2 Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords].—The Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

3 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the promoters of the Mersey Tunnels Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present session and that all fees due up to that date have been paid;

That on the fifth sitting day in the next session the bill shall be presented to the House by deposit in the Private Bill Office;

That a declaration signed by the agent shall be annexed to the bill, stating that it is the same in every respect as the bill presented in this House in the present session;

That on the next sitting day following presentation, the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay the bill on the Table of the House;

That in the next session the bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it has passed in the present session, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;

That no further fees shall be charged to such stages;

That all petitions relating to the bill which stand referred to the committee on the bill, shall stand referred to the committee on the bill in the next session;

That no petitioners shall be heard before the committee unless their petition has been presented within the time provided for petitioning or has been deposited pursuant to Private Business Standing Order 126(b);

That, in relation to the bill, Private Business Standing Order 127 shall have effect as if the words ‘under Standing Order 126 (Reference to committee of petitions against bill)’ were omitted—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means);

And objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Wednesday 23rd October at Seven o’clock.

4 Selection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr John Hayes be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Peter Luff be added to the Committee—(Mr Phil Woolas);

And objection being taken to further proceeding, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

5 English National Stadium Review.—Resolved, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, That she will be graciously pleased to give directions that there be laid before this House a Return of the Final Report made by Mr Patrick Carter in October 2002 in respect of the English National Stadium Review.—(Mr Richard Caborn.)

6 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—David Taylor reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2002.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Employee Share Schemes Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Public Trustee (Liability and Fees) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

8 Duty Free Imports (Personal Use).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to create a system of prior approval by Her Majesty’s Customs and Excise for duty free imports for personal use; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Peter Duncan, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr John Baron, Mr Mark Field and Mr Christopher Chope do prepare and bring it in.
9 Duty Free Imports (Personal Use) Bill.—Mr Peter Duncan accordingly presented a Bill to create a system of prior approval by Her Majesty’s Customs and Excise for duty free imports for personal use; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday 14th November and to be printed [Bill 194].

10 Opposition Day [18th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Conduct of the Department for Education and Skills.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses its sympathy to the pupils, parents and teachers affected by the fiasco of grading this year’s ‘A’ level exams; condemns Ministers at the Department for Education and Skills for proceeding with the new system of ‘A’ levels in the face of expert advice; regrets the confusion this has caused in university entrance both this year and next; calls for the Qualification and Curriculum Authority to be made independent of Government; further regrets the confusion caused by the Secretary of State for Education and Skills over her powers on exclusion appeal panels; expresses its sympathy to the teachers at the Glyn Technology School in Ewell for the problems this has caused; calls for the end of the current system of appeals panels and the introduction of the option of enforceable contracts between schools and pupils; notes that the problems for schools caused by the backlog at the Criminal Records Bureau are continuing; regrets that there is no sign of a reduction in truancy numbers; and further notes that the Government has failed to hit its targets on primary school attainment and that the Secretary of State has failed to repeat the pledge of her predecessor to resign if these targets were not reached.—(Mr Damian Green);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘applauds the priority the Government attaches to education and congratulates the Secretary of State for Education and Skills on her excellent leadership of the education system; notes the current record levels of sustained investment in education with an increase from £41.6 billion in 2001–02 to £57.8 billion in 2005–06; welcomes rising standards and progress being made in schools up and down the country, congratulating in particular all those who played a part in achieving the best ever results in literacy and numeracy for 11 year olds, with 75 per cent. making the grade in English and 73 per cent. in mathematics compared with less than a half in 1997; welcomes the importance the Government attaches to tackling indiscipline and non-attendance at schools; notes that while the Criminal Records Bureau continues to improve its performance, the Department’s interim ‘List 99’ measures are allowing schools to operate with a full complement of staff; expresses its sympathy for the pupils, parents and teachers who have been affected by the recent ‘A’ level grading problems; but congratulates the Secretary of State for Education and Skills for her decisive action in setting up an independent inquiry under Mike Tomlinson to restore confidence in the exam system’, instead thereof.—(Secretary Estelle Morris.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Mr David Wilshire: 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Joan Ryan: 293.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House applauds the priority the Government attaches to education and congratulates the Secretary of State for Education and Skills on her excellent leadership of the education system; notes the current record levels of sustained investment in education with an increase from £41.6 billion in 2001–02 to £57.8 billion in 2005–06; welcomes rising standards and progress being made in schools up and down the country, congratulating in particular all those who played a part in achieving the best ever results in literacy and numeracy for 11 year olds, with 75 per cent. making the grade in English and 73 per cent. in mathematics compared with less than a half in 1997; welcomes the importance the Government attaches to tackling indiscipline and non-attendance at schools; notes that while the Criminal Records Bureau continues to improve its performance, the Department’s interim ‘List 99’ measures are allowing schools to operate with a full complement of staff; expresses its sympathy for the pupils, parents and teachers who have been affected by the recent ‘A’ level grading problems; but congratulates the Secretary of State for Education and Skills for her decisive action in setting up an independent inquiry under Mike Tomlinson to restore confidence in the exam system.
Rural Economy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognises that the livelihood of millions of British people depends on the rural economy; notes that British agriculture is in the throes of its worst recession since the 1930s; regrets the burden of regulation imposed on farms and other rural businesses; expresses concern about the lack of affordable housing and the strain on public services in rural areas; and calls upon the Government to acknowledge the gravity of the crisis in the countryside and to address effectively and urgently the problems faced by rural communities—(Mr David Lidington);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘acknowledges the millions of British people dependent on the rural economy; welcomes the Government’s support for the farming and food industry in meeting the enormous challenges of change; endorses the Government’s commitment to rural communities as set out in the Rural White Paper; applauds the Government’s wider record on public service delivery in rural areas; welcomes the £239 million allocated over three years to 2003–04 for new and improved rural transport services; further welcomes schemes in place to provide affordable housing in rural areas, including the Rural Exception and the doubling of the Housing Corporation’s Rural Target; commends the efforts to retain the rural post office network and expand services; further applauds the Government’s commitment to invest more than £500 million extra over three years in sustainable food and farming, including £200 million in 2005–06 to implement the core recommendations of the Curry Commission; acknowledges the establishment for the first time of a rural PSA target for increased productivity and improved access to vital public services for all rural people; and calls upon the Government to continue pursuing a strategy based on long term policies to regenerate British agriculture, improve rural services and revitalise the rural economy as a whole’, instead thereof.—(Alun Michael.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question; David Maclean rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.
And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.
And the Question being accordingly put:
The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Wilshire, Angela Watkinson: 192.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 283.

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 Fraser Kemp, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 279.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Angela Watkinson: 185.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House acknowledges the millions of British people dependent on the rural economy; welcomes the Government’s support for the farming and food industry in meeting the enormous challenges of change; endorses the Government’s commitment to rural communities as set out in the Rural White Paper; applauds the Government’s wider record on public service delivery in rural areas; welcomes the £239 million allocated over three years to 2003–04 for new and improved rural transport services; further welcomes schemes in place to provide affordable housing in rural areas, including the Rural Exception and the doubling of the Housing Corporation’s Rural Target; commends the efforts to retain the rural post office network and expand services; further applauds the Government’s commitment to invest more than £500 million extra over three years in sustainable food and farming, including £200 million in 2005–06 to implement the core recommendations of the Curry Commission; acknowledges the establishment for the first time of a rural PSA target for increased productivity and improved access to vital public services for all rural people; and calls upon the Government to continue pursuing a strategy based on long term policies to regenerate British agriculture, improve rural services and revitalise the rural economy as a whole.

11 Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Mr Barry Gardiner be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Angela Eagle be added.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

12 Public Administration.—Ordered, That Mr Anthony D. Wright be discharged from the Select Committee on Public Administration and Mr Kelvin Hopkins be added.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)
13 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of the Boston and Skegness constituency and others for the continuation of the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance,

(2) residents of South East Essex and the surrounding areas against proposals for an airport at Cliffe, and

(3) residents in the Gosport constituency and neighbouring areas for the restoration to their former level of foot care services in Gosport and elsewhere in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

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 Constitutional Law.—Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

Other Papers:

2 Defence.—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 16th October 2002, concerning a contingent liability created for the preparation of the recovery of HMS Nottingham from Australia [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

3 English National Stadium Review.—Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Final Report made by Mr Patrick Carter in October 2002 in respect of the English National Stadium Review [pursuant to Resolution this day]; to be printed [No. 1179] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

4 Home Office Executive Agencies.—Accounts of the Passport and Records Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1120] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minutes on the Thirty-eighth, the Forty-fourth and the Forty-seventh to the Forty-ninth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5612] [Mr Paul Boateng].

6 Public Lending Right.—Report by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the Public Lending Right Scheme for 2001–02, incorporating the Registrar’s Annual Review and Summary Financial Statement of the Public Lending Right Central Fund for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Petition [17th July] from Stoke Deaf British Sign Language Campaigners for recognition of British Sign Language as an official language of the United Kingdom [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

8 Regulatory Reform.—Proposal for a Regulatory Reform (Assured Periodic Tenancies) (Rent Increases) Order 2003, together with a statement by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

9 Resource Accounts, 2001–02.—Resource Accounts of the Office of Water Services for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1182] [Ruth Kelly].

10 Treaty Series (No. 43, 2002).—Exchange of Notes, done at Skopje on 26th and 30th November 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Macedonia concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Macedonia Debt Agreement No. 1 (1995) Amendment) [by Command][Cm. 5627] [Mr Secretary Straw].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The United States of America) Order 2002 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Lithuania) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Battle, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Edward Davey, Mr David Drew, Mr Adrian Flook, Mr John Horam, Mr Kevan Jones, Chris McCafferty, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, Christine Russell, Rachel Squire, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr David Wilshire.

2 Railways (Interoperability) (High-Speed) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1166).—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

3 Draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) (Elected Representatives) Order 2002:
   (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: Mr Richard Allan, Mr Graham Allen, Mr William Cash, Yvette Cooper, Jeremy Corbyn, Ross Cranston, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr David Heath, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Fraser Kemp, Andy King, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Laura Moffatt, Mr George Mudie, Joan Walley and Angela Watkinson.

4 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) Order 2002 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, and the Republic of Croatia) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders.

5 Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1473).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

6 Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Modification of Enactment) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—(1) Sixth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, on Major Procurement Projects]; to be printed [No. 1229];
   (2) Seventh Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, on Defence and Security in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [No. 1230];
   (3) Eighth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, on the Future of NATO]; to be printed [No. 1231]; and
   (4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [SDR New Chapter]; to be printed [No. 1232-i] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) Seventh Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Government Reply to the Third Report from the Committee, on Radioactive Waste: The Government’s Consultation Process]; to be printed [No. 1221];
   (2) Eighth Special Report from the Committee [Government Reply to the Fifth Report from the Committee, on Genetically Modified Organisms]; to be printed [No. 1222];
   (3) Ninth Special Report from the Committee [Government Reply to the Sixth Report from the Committee, on The Departmental Annual Report 2002]; to be printed [No. 1223].
Wednesday 16th October 2002.

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.—(Derek Twigg.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

Thursday 17th October 2002.

The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Development Agency Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the London Development Agency Bill, as amended in the Committee.
   Bill to be read the third time.

2 Milford Haven Port Authority Bill [Lords].—The House proceeded to consider the Milford Haven Port Authority Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee.
   Bill to be read the third time.

3 Selection.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed yesterday, That Mr John Hayes be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Peter Luff be added to the Committee;
   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Monday 21st October.

4 European Standing Committee B.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:
   That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 10207/01, Commission Communication on the implementation of the European Union Action Plan on Drugs (2000–2004); welcomes the mid-term review of the Plan; and urges that it should be revised to ensure that priority is given to achievable, timebound targets that will contribute measurably to the European Union’s contribution to the fight against drug abuse and trafficking.
   Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

5 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Barclays Group Reorganisation Bill [Lords], without Amendment.
6 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Orders Nos. 114 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (legislative proposals and other matters relating exclusively to Northern Ireland)) and 116 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (sittings)), That—

(1) the proposal for a draft Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, being a legislative proposal relating exclusively to Northern Ireland, be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Thursday 24th October at 2.30 p.m.; and

(3) at that meeting the Committee shall consider the legislative proposal referred to it under paragraph (1) above, and the Chairman shall interrupt proceedings at 4.30 p.m.—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

7 Adjournment (Defence in the World).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Jim Murphy);

And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

8 London Government.—Ordered, That the Road User Charging (Charges and Penalty Charging) (London) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2285) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr John Heppell.)

9 London Government.—Ordered, That the Road User Charging (Enforcement and Adjudication) (London) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2313) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr John Heppell.)

10 Highways.—Ordered, That the Trunk Road Charging Schemes (Bridges and Tunnels) (England) Procedure Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2303) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr John Heppell.)

11 Business of the House.—Ordered, That at the sitting on Tuesday 22nd October, paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments) shall apply to proceedings on Motions in the name of Mr Charles Kennedy as if the day were one of the Opposition Days allotted under paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business).—(Mr John Heppell.)

12 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 24th October, the first Motion in the name of the Prime Minister for the adjournment of the House shall lapse three hours after it has been made or at Five o’clock, whichever is the later.—(Mr John Heppell.)

13 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 23rd October, if proceedings on opposition business are not concluded before Seven o’clock, any Private Business set down by direction of the Chairman of Ways and Means for that hour shall stand over to the conclusion of proceedings on opposition business and may be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours after it has been entered upon.—(Mr John Heppell.)

14 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John Heppell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 21st October.

[Adjourned at 7.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture.—Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Additional Designations) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2614), dated 15th October 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

2 Culture, Media and Sport.—Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2001–02, on the Government’s Proposals for Gambling: Nothing to Lose? [by Command] [Cm. 5622] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
3 Defence.—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 17th October 2002, concerning the gifting of up to 133 Challenger 1 tanks to the Government of Jordan [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

4 Football Spectators.—Report and Accounts of the Football Licensing Authority for 2001–02 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

5 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [16th July] from residents of South Bedfordshire for a bypass and other road improvements around Dunstable [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

6 School Standards and Framework.—Accounts of—
   (1) the Ashington Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
   (2) the Blackburn with Darwen Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
   (3) the Camborne Pool Redruth Education Action Zone for 1999–2000,
   (4) the Camborne Pool Redruth Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
   (5) the East Manchester Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
   (6) the Grimsby (North East Lincolnshire) Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
   (7) the North Islington Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
   (8) the North Stockton Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
   (9) the Sunderland Education Action Zone for 2001–02, and
   (10) the Wednesbury Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1174, 1178, 1171, 1172, 1177, 1175, 1176, 1173, 1170 and 1192] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The use of retentions in the construction industry]; to be printed [No. 1234-i] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

[No. 189; WH, No. 111.]

Thursday 17th October 2002.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Road traffic speed—Ninth Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2001–02, and the Government’s response thereto).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr John Heppell);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 22nd October.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Selection.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [16th October], That Mr John Hayes be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Peter Luff be added to the Committee:

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Railways (Interoperability) (High-Speed) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1166).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Commission of body to study the effects of Act)—(Tim Loughton)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Chris Grayling, Mr Desmond Swayne: 120.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Bill Rammell: 329.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

4 EU Action Plan on Drugs,—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. 10207/01, Commission Communication on the implementation of the European Union Action Plan on Drugs (2000–2004); welcomes the mid-term review of the plan; and urges that it should be revised to ensure that priority is given to achievable, timebound targets that will contribute measurably to the European Union’s contribution to the fight against drug abuse and trafficking—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.

5 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 2002, which was laid before this House on 11th July, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.

6 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes to Nine o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.34 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 18th October 2002 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 National Health Service,—National Health Service Litigation Authority (Establishment and Constitution) Amendment Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2621), dated 17th October 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Immigration,—Asylum Support (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2619), dated 16th October 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

5 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Helping victims and witnesses: the work of Victim Support [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1212] [Clerk of the House].

6 Reserve Forces,—(1) Report under section 54 (7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 of a call-out order under section 54 (1) of that Act; and
   (2) Amendments to the Territorial Army Regulations 1978 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 Utilities,—Report and Summarised Accounts of the Gas and Electricity Consumer Council (Energywatch) for the seventeen months to 31st March 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers withdrawn:

8 European Communities,—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, and the Republic of Croatia) Order 2002 [laid 17th July].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Brian Jenkins, Christine Russell and Dr Phyllis Starkey from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Hugh Bayley, Ross Cranston and Mr Colin Pickthall.

2 Draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) (Elected Representatives) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Allan from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Hugh Bayley, Ross Cranston and Mr Colin Pickthall.

3 Trunk Road Charging Schemes (Bridges and Tunnels) (England) Procedure Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2303):
   (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: Tom Brake, Colin Burgon, Mr Christopher Chopke, Harry Cohen, Tony Cunningham, Geraint Davies, Mr Don Foster, Dr Hywel Francis, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr George Osborne, Mr John Randall, Syd Rapson, Joan Ruddock, Joan Ryan, Mr John Spellar and Mr Dave Watts.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Adrian Bailey, Tom Brake, Mr Christopher Chopke, Mr David Crausby, Mr Wayne David, Mr Don Foster, Alan Keen, Rob Marris, Mr Eric Martlew, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr John Randall, Joan Ryan, Mr Mark Simmonds, Mr John Spellar, Mr David Tredinnick and Mr Dave Watts.
Grand Committees

5 The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Thursday 24th October.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Public Expenditure 2002]; to be printed [No. 1238-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: Exercise Saif Sareea II]; to be printed [No. 1245-i] [Mr Alan Williams].

3 Science and Technology,—(1) Sixth Report from the Science and Technology Committee [National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts: a 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. 1064]; and
   (2) Seventh Report from the Committee [The Office of Science and Technology: Scrutiny Report 2002], 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. 860] [Dr Ian Gibson].

4 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [The primary legislative process as it affects Wales]; to be printed [No. 1242-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].

PRAYERS.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

1 London Development Agency Bill,—The London Development Agency Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 Milford Haven Port Authority Bill [Lords],—The Milford Haven Port Authority Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

3 Selection,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [16th October], That Mr John Hayes be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Peter Luff be added to the Committee; Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) Order 2002.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1473).
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to the Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Bill [Lords], without Amendment.
   The Lords have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the Milford Haven Port Authority Bill [Lords], without Amendment.

7 National Nutrition,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide for the establishment of a national nutrition strategy; to provide development funding for Primary Care Trusts to address the issue of diet and obesity; to establish a minimum requirement for physical activity in schools; to develop a system of food labelling to
enable consumers to identify high-fat foods and total calorie content; and to make it a requirement for health warnings to be displayed on all packaged convenience food with a high-fat or sugar content: And that Ms Oona King, Sandra Gidley, Siobhain McDonagh, Julia Drown, Andy Burnham, Ms Debra Shipley, Geraint Davies, Dr Jenny Tonge, Miss Anne Begg, James Purnell and Mr Tom Clarke do prepare and bring it in.

8 National Nutrition Bill.—Ms Oona King accordingly presented a Bill to provide for the establishment of a national nutrition strategy; to provide development funding for Primary Care Trusts to address the issue of diet and obesity; to establish a minimum requirement for physical activity in schools; to develop a system of food labelling to enable consumers to identify high-fat foods and total calorie content; and to make it a requirement for health warnings to be displayed on all packaged convenience food with a high-fat or sugar content: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday 7th November and to be printed [Bill 195].

9 Affordable Housing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that the current crisis in affordable housing has reached such a level that there is a national need for more than 80,000 new affordable dwellings per annum for the next decade and beyond; regrets the failure of the present Government to take earlier action while welcoming additional funding for that housing announced in the Spending Review 2002 and recent measures to tackle homelessness; and believes that urgent action is needed better to link local and regional planning and housing policies, to bring back into use empty properties, to increase the density of housing developments, to encourage local authorities to implement fully PPG3 and to reform the right to buy to prevent abuses of the system, while resisting the Conservative Opposition’s proposals for its extension—(Mr Don Foster);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the additional funding for housing announced in the Spending Review 2002 and recent measures to tackle homelessness; and supports the action being taken better to link local and regional planning and housing policies, to bring back into use empty properties, to increase the density of housing developments, to encourage local authorities to implement fully PPG3 and to reform the right to buy to prevent abuses of the system while resisting the Conservative Opposition’s proposals for its extension’, instead thereof.—(Mrs Barbara Roche.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question:

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Dr John Pugh: 50.
Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Charlotte Atkins: 447.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [17th October] and Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments)—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the additional funding for housing announced in the Spending Review 2002 and recent measures to tackle homelessness; and supports the action being taken better to link local and regional planning and housing policies, to bring back into use empty properties, to increase the density of housing developments, to encourage local authorities to implement fully PPG3 and to reform the right to buy to prevent abuses of the system while resisting the Conservative Opposition’s proposals for its extension.

10 Nuclear Power and Development of a Sustainable Energy Market.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the decision of the Government to put at risk over £600 million of public funds in order to prevent the bankruptcy of the privatised nuclear power company British Energy; further notes that several competitor companies in the deregulated market also face financial collapse and that some are petitioning for Government assistance; believes that nuclear power has been shown in a competitive market to be uneconomic as well as to generate long-term environmental costs in respect of waste disposal and decommissioning; further believes that it would be wrong for the Government to continue to bail out British Energy shareholders with a massive unplanned injection of public money or encourage new nuclear power projects; and calls on Her Majesty’s Government urgently to bring forward its response to the PIU energy review, with measures to initiate a sustained long-term improvement in energy efficiency and conservation, and to facilitate the more rapid introduction of a variety of new renewable energy technologies as the favoured electricity generating source in the long-term, taking into account the Government’s Kyoto targets and the Prime Minister’s support for sustainable energy use at Johannesburg—(Dr Vincent Cable);
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the publication earlier this year of the Performance and Innovation Unit’s review of the strategic issues surrounding energy policy for Great Britain up to 2050; welcomes the Government’s commitment to publish an Energy White Paper in the New Year setting out a long-term framework for energy policy following its recent extensive and innovative public consultation on energy issues; understands that British Energy’s problems, and those of certain other players, are about companies rather than a way of generating electricity and welcomes the speed with which the market can respond to protect the interests of consumers; recognizes that the future of nuclear power in the UK is a question that has to be addressed on its own merits, not in the light of a particular set of circumstances surrounding a particular private sector company; further recognizes that it is not the responsibility of Government to bail out electricity suppliers unless it threatens safety or security of electricity supplies; and welcomes the work Government has done to promote sustainable energy use in terms of energy use reductions and to promote the development of renewable energy’, instead thereof.—(Mr Brian Wilson.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

Sir Robert Smith 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, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Andrew Stunell: 54.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Jim Murphy: 313.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [17th October] and Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Jim Murphy: 293.

Tellers for the Noes, Bob Russell, John Thurso: 52.

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 publication earlier this year of the Performance and Innovation Unit’s review of the strategic issues surrounding energy policy for Great Britain up to 2050; welcomes the Government’s commitment to publish an Energy White Paper in the New Year setting out a long-term framework for energy policy following its recent extensive and innovative public consultation on energy issues; understands that British Energy’s problems, and those of certain other players, are about companies rather than a way of generating electricity and welcomes the speed with which the market can respond to protect the interests of consumers; recognizes that the future of nuclear power in the UK is a question that has to be addressed on its own merits, not in the light of a particular set of circumstances surrounding a particular private sector company; further recognizes that it is not the responsibility of Government to bail out electricity suppliers unless it threatens safety or security of electricity supplies; and welcomes the work Government has done to promote sustainable energy use in terms of energy use reductions and to promote the development of renewable energy.

11 Countryside,—Ordered, That the Countryside (Provisional and Conclusive Maps) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1710), dated 7th July 2002, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

12 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 23rd October, opposition business may be proceeded with, notwithstanding paragraph (2)(c)(i) of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), for three hours or until Seven o’clock, whichever is later, and proceedings shall then lapse if not previously concluded.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

13 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products [two Petitions], and

(2) residents of Gloucester and others for greater regulation of air weapons were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

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:

Other Papers:

1 Agricultural Marketing,—Report of the Agricultural Marketing Schemes for 2001–02 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the merger situation of Group 4 Falck A/S and The Wackenhut Corporation [by Command] [Cm. 5624] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 Criminal Justice and Court Services,—Report and Accounts of the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1208] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

4 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Individual Learning Accounts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1235] [Clerk of the House].

5 Public Petitions,—Observations—

(1) by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [22nd May] from Mr A. Qayum and others for Her Majesty’s Government to seek assurances from the Indian Government that those guilty of murder and violence in Gujarat will be brought to justice; and

(2) by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport on the Petitions [15th July] from users of Richmond Park and others against the planned closure of Pen Ponds car park

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

6 Sport,—Report and Summary Accounts of UK Sport for 2001–02 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Ninth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Future of UK Agriculture in a Changing World] together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [Nos. 550-I and -II]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Future of UK Agriculture in a Changing World]

[Mr David Curry]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy Sub-Committee of the Committee [Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy]; to be printed [No. 1252-i] [Mr Colin Breed].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Biological Weapons Green Paper]; to be printed [No. 1248-i] [Donald Anderson].

3 Home Affairs,—Fourth Report from the Home Affairs Committee [The Conduct of Investigations into Past Cases of Abuse in Children’s Homes]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 836-I] [Mr Chris Mullin].

4 Human Rights,—Twenty-third Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill: Further Report], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1255] [Jean Corston].

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(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Affordable Housing]; to be printed [No. 1206-ii] [Andrew Bennett].

6 Regulatory Reform,—Thirteenth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [The Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Sugar Beet Research and Education) Order 2003]; to be printed; with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1247] [Mr Peter Pike].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Thirty-eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xxxviii] [Brian White].

8 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Split Capital Investment Trusts]; to be printed [No. 1089-ii] [Mr John McFall].

Tuesday 22nd October 2002.

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.—(Joan Ryan.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 192.]

Wednesday 23rd October 2002.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Selection,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [16th October], That Mr John Hayes be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Peter Luff be added to the Committee:
Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Modification of Enactments) Order 2002.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Standing Committee on the Convention,—Frank Cook reported from the Standing Committee on the Convention, That it had considered the Third Report [24th July] and the Fourth Report [15th October] from the United Kingdom Representatives to the Convention on the Future of Europe.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Waste Management Licences,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make further provision regarding waste management licences: And that Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Tony Banks, Caroline Flint, Laura Moffitt, Mr Barry Gardiner, Barbara Follett, Margaret Moran, Ms Oona King, Jeff Ennis, Mr Graham Allen, Martin Linton and Linda Perham do prepare and bring it in.

5 Waste Management Licences Bill,—Siobhain McDonagh accordingly presented a Bill to make further provision regarding waste management licences: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday 7th November and to be printed [Bill 196].

6 Opposition Day [19th allotted day—first part].—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 Management of the National Lottery,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that since its creation in 1994 by the last Conservative Government, the National Lottery has raised over £12 billion for good causes; believes that the principle that Lottery money should not be used to fund projects
that the responsibility of the Government has been undermined by the establishment of the New Opportunities Fund and that this has also significantly reduced the money available for original good causes; further notes that grants made to organisations like the National Coalition of Anti-Deportation Campaigns and the Communities Empowerment Network have destroyed public trust in the Lottery, with the result that ticket sales are falling rapidly; and calls upon the Government to take urgent action to restore public confidence and to return the Lottery to its original purpose of raising money to support deserving causes that command widespread public support—(Mr John Whittingdale);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word 'House' to the end of the Question and add the words 'welcomes the fact that the Lottery has so far generated over £12 billion for investment in good causes and has brought much needed support for sport, the arts and heritage, charities, and organisations dealing with health, education and the environment; notes that the Lottery has created funds for projects to mark the new millennium; also notes that the typical constituency has received millions of pounds of Lottery funding, often transforming local communities and their economies; welcomes the contribution that Lottery funding has made throughout the United Kingdom; believes that Lottery players can have full confidence in the Lottery and in Lottery fund distribution; and welcomes the current review being undertaken by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport to ensure that the Lottery continues to make the fullest possible contribution to the nation', instead thereof.—(Secretary Tessa Jowell.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question; David Maclean rose in his place and claimed to move, That the Question be now put.

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put:—It was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 138.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Phil Woolas, Mr Fraser Kemp: 391.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the fact that the Lottery has so far generated over £12 billion for investment in good causes and has brought much needed support for sport, the arts and heritage, charities, and organisations dealing with health, education and the environment; notes that the Lottery has created funds for projects to mark the new millennium; also notes that the typical constituency has received millions of pounds of Lottery funding, often transforming local communities and their economies; welcomes the contribution that Lottery funding has made throughout the United Kingdom; believes that Lottery players can have full confidence in the Lottery and in Lottery fund distribution; and welcomes the current review being undertaken by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport to ensure that the Lottery continues to make the fullest possible contribution to the nation.

7 Mersey Tunnels Bill (Suspension).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 16th October, That the promoters of the Mersey Tunnels Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present session and that all fees due up to that date have been paid;

That on the fifth sitting day in the next session the bill shall be presented to the House by deposit in the Private Bill Office;

That a declaration signed by the agent shall be annexed to the bill, stating that it is the same in every respect as the bill presented in this House in the present session;

That on the next sitting day following presentation, the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay the bill on the Table of the House;

That in the next session the bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it has passed in the present session, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;
That no further fees shall be charged to such stages;

That all petitions relating to the bill which stand referred to the committee on the bill, shall stand referred to the committee on the bill in the next session;

That no petitioners shall be heard before the committee unless their petition has been presented within the time provided for petitioning or has been deposited pursuant to Private Business Standing Order 126(b);

That, in relation to the bill, Private Business Standing Order 127 shall have effect as if the words 'under Standing Order 126 (Reference to committee of petitions against bill)' were omitted.

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Joe Benton, Tony Cunningham: 164.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Miller, Stephen Hesford: 64.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the promoters of the Mersey Tunnels Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present session and that all fees due up to that date have been paid;

That on the fifth sitting day in the next session the bill shall be presented to the House by deposit in the Private Bill Office;

That a declaration signed by the agent shall be annexed to the bill, stating that it is the same in every respect as the bill presented in this House in the present session;

That on the next sitting day following presentation, the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay the bill on the Table of the House;

That in the next session the bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it has passed in the present session, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;

That no further fees shall be charged to such stages;

That all petitions relating to the bill which stand referred to the committee on the bill, shall stand referred to the committee on the bill in the next session;

That no petitioners shall be heard before the committee unless their petition has been presented within the time provided for petitioning or has been deposited pursuant to Private Business Standing Order 126(b);

That, in relation to the bill, Private Business Standing Order 127 shall have effect as if the words 'under Standing Order 126 (Reference to committee of petitions against bill)' were omitted.

To be communicated to the Lords, and their concurrence desired thereto.

8 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) striking workers of Friction Dynamex, Caernarfon, for removal of the eight-week limit on protection for striking workers, and

(2) ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.45 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Industrial Organisations and Development.—Draft Potato Industry Development Council (Amendment) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Police.—Draft Functions of Traffic Wardens (Amendment) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Income Tax.—Venture Capital Trust (Exchange of Shares and Securities) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2661), dated 22nd October 2002 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

4 Road Traffic.—(1) Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2640), dated 20th October 2002; and
   (2) Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2641), dated 21st October 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

5 National Lottery.—Accounts of the Community Fund for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1188] [Clerk of the House].

6 Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions.—Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pay and Allowances) Order 2002 [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

7 Overseas Territories.—Overseas Territories (Zimbabwe) (Restrictive Measures) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2627), dated 22nd October 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

8 Procedure.—Government Response to the Third Report from the Procedure Committee, Session 2001–02, on Parliamentary Questions [by Command] [Cm. 5628] [Mr Robin Cook].

9 Resource Accounts, 2001–02.—Resource Accounts of National Savings and Investments for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1200] [Ruth Kelly].

10 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instruments had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instruments came into operation:
   Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2587), and

11 Trade and Industry.—Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 23rd October 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for Regional Committee members of the Consumer Council for Postal Services (Postwatch) [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

12 Treaty Series (No. 60, 2001).—Fourth Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 5635] [Mr Secretary Straw].

13 United Nations.—(1) Somalia (United Nations Sanctions) (Channel Islands) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2629), and
   dated 22nd October 2002 [by Act] [Yvette Cooper]; and
   dated 22nd October 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The United States of America) Order 2002 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Lithuania) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders.

2 Draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) (Elected Representatives) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

3 Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Modification of Enactment) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr James Plaskitt and Mr Graham Stringer from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Ann Coffey, Helen Jones, Mr John Lyons and Shona McIsaac.

4 Draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third 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: Norman Baker, Mr John Burnnett, Andy Burnham, Yvette Cooper, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Neil Gerrard, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr John Smith and Angela Watkinson.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr George Stevenson Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Gregory Barker, Sir Paul Beresford, Peter Bradley, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr James Gray, Chris Grayling, Matthew Green, Ian Lucas, Mr Peter Mandelson, Alun Michael, Chris Ruane, Mr Dennis Skinner, Jon Trickett, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Mr Roger Williams.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Orders to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Nigel Beard Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Peter Bottomley, Mr Desmond Browne, Jon Cruddas, Mr Quentin Davies, Huw Irranca-Davies, Helen Jackson, Mr John Lyons, Shona McIsaac, Mr Jim Murphy, Lembit Opik, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr James Plaskitt, Jim Sheridan, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr David Trimble and Mr David Wilshire.

7 Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Cameron, Mr Peter Duncan, Mr George Foulkes, Mr Eric Joyce, Mrs Jacqui Lait, Mr John MacDougall, Mrs Anne McGuire, Rosemary McKenna, Mr Jim Murphy, Sandra Osborne, John Robertson, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, John Thurso and Pete Wishart.

European Standing Committees

8 European Union Document No. 10665/02, relating to sustainable use of pesticides, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

9 European Union Document No. 10625/1/02, relating to sound financial management and fighting fraud, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

Grand Committees

10 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Crispin Blunt and Mr John Hayes from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Mr John Taylor and Mr David Wilshire.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [National Museums]; to be printed [No. 1228-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Pesticides: The Voluntary Initiative]; to be printed [No. 1209-i] [Mr John Horam].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Water Framework Directive]; to be printed [No. 1237-i] [Mr David Curry].

4 European Scrutiny.—(1) Thirty-ninth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xxxix];

2 Second Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Thirtieth Report from the Committee, on European Scrutiny in the Commons]; to be printed [No. 1256]; and

3 Third Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Thirty-third Report from the Committee, on Democracy and Accountability in the EU and the Role of National Parliaments]; to be printed [No. 1257]

[Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Public Accounts,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Royal Mint Trading Fund: 2001–02 Accounts]; to be printed [No. 1184-i] [Mr Alan Williams].

6 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Towards a Non-Carbon Fuel Economy: Research, Development and Demonstration]; to be printed [No. 1240-i] [Dr Ian Gibson].

7 Transport.—(1) First Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Response to the First Special Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee, on The Attendance of a Minister from HM Treasury before the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee]; to be printed [No. 1241]; and

2 Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Urban Charging Schemes]; to be printed [No. 1258-i]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

8 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Regional Spending]; to be printed [No. 1047-ii] [Mr John McFall].

9 Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Social Security Advisory Committee]; to be printed [No. 1253-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Selection.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [16th October], That Mr John Hayes be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Peter Luff be added to the Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Monday 28th October.

2 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee that it had considered the proposal for a draft Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, referred to it on 17th October.

3 Adjournment (Local Government Finance Formula Grant Distribution).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Phil Woolas);

And it being Five o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to Order [17th October].

4 Adjournment (Asbestos in the work place).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nick Ainger);

And it being Seven o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

5 Business of the House.—Ordered, That at the sitting on Monday 28th October, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any messages from the Lords relating to the Enterprise Bill shall have been received.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

6 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Chesham Bois and others against the closure of the Post Office in Chesham Bois, and

(2) ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Seven o'clock, adjourned till Monday 28th October.

[Adjourned at 7.29 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland.—Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

2 Regulatory Reform.—Draft Regulatory Reform (Removal of 20 Member Limit in Partnerships etc.) Order 2002, together with a statement by the Department of Trade and Industry [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—(1) Draft Maternity and Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2002,

(2) draft Paternity and Adoption Leave Regulations 2002, and

(3) draft Statutory Paternity Pay and Statutory Adoption Pay (Weekly Rates) Regulations 2002

[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Local Government.—Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (England) (No. 3) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2624), dated 17th October 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Social Security.—Social Security (Claims and Payments and Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2660), dated 22nd October 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Other Papers:

6 Defence Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Defence Dental Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1236] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 Development of Tourism.—Report and Accounts of the British Tourist Authority for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

8 National Lottery.—Report and Accounts of the New Opportunities Fund for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1180] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Jacqui Lait from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger.

Grand Committees

2 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Lembit Öpik from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Mrs Patsy Calton.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 1196-ii] [Donald Anderson].

2 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Afghanistan: the transition from humanitarian relief to reconstruction and development]; to be printed [No. 1260-i] [Tony Baldry].

3 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Appointments and Patronage]; to be printed [No. 686-ix] [Tony Wright].

[No. 193; WH, No. 114.]

Thursday 24th October 2002.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (UN Charter on the Rights of the Child).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Joan Ryan.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 29th October.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]
[No. 194.]

Monday 28th October 2002.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Selection.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [16th October], That Mr John Hayes be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Peter Luff be added to the Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Ilsley reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The United States of America) Order 2002 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Lithuania) Order 2002.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Enterprise Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Enterprise Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Enterprise Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 197].

5 Opposition Day [20th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Access to Facilities of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the serious breaches by Sinn Fein/IRA of their obligations under the Belfast Agreement and the ceasefire, which have been recognised by the Government in the decision to suspend the devolved institutions in Northern Ireland; believes that good faith has not been observed by Sinn Fein/IRA; and, unless Sinn Fein honourable Members commit themselves to a public statement that all terrorist organisations, including the IRA, should renounce violence, resolves to rescind the Resolution of 18th December 2001 granting facilities and other support to Sinn Fein honourable Members who have chosen not to take their seats—(Mr Quentin Davies);

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 fundamental need for the affairs of Northern Ireland to be settled on an exclusively peaceful, democratic and inclusive basis; and does not believe that expelling any party to the peace process from the parliamentary precincts is likely to encourage them to renounce violence and to pursue a political settlement within that process’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Murphy.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Chris Grayling: 140.

Tellers for the Noes, Charlotte Atkins, Derek Twigg: 336.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House recognises the fundamental need for the affairs of Northern Ireland to be settled on an exclusively peaceful, democratic and inclusive basis; and does not believe that expelling any party to the peace process from the parliamentary precincts is likely to encourage them to renounce violence and to pursue a political settlement within that process.

Implications of the Human Rights Act 1998,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes with concern the impact of the European Convention on Human Rights on the sentencing powers of the Home Secretary and in other respects; further notes that the Government has not so far made any defining statement about its intentions relating to the impact of the European Convention on Human Rights; and calls upon the Government to work with all political parties which are represented in the House in order to construct a lasting settlement that can bring the
Human Rights Act 1998 into conformity with the democratic will of the people and the concepts of liberty that have served this country so well for so long—(Mr Dominic Grieve);

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 Human Rights Act 1998 is fully in conformity with parliamentary sovereignty, which enables Parliament to reflect the democratic will of the people; and further notes that the Human Rights Act enshrines the concepts of liberty that have served this country so well for so long’, instead thereof.—(Beverley Hughes.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

David Maclean 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, Chris Grayling, Mr Desmond Swayne: 133.

Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Joan Ryan: 350.

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 Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House notes that the Human Rights Act 1998 is fully in conformity with parliamentary sovereignty, which enables Parliament to reflect the democratic will of the people; and further notes that the Human Rights Act enshrines the concepts of liberty that have served this country so well for so long.

6 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) (Stabilisation and Association Agreement between the European Communities and their Member States, and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 17th July, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.

7 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Modification of Enactments) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 18th July, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick):—It was agreed to.


9 Utilities,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation) shall apply to the Social and Environmental Guidance to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority, a draft of which was laid before this House on 20th June, as if it were a draft instrument to which that Order applies, and that the draft Guidance be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

10 Sittings in Westminster Hall,—Ordered, That, on Thursday 7th November, there shall be no sitting in Westminster Hall.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

11 Catering,—Ordered, That Mrs Jacqui Lait be discharged from the Catering Committee and Mr Peter Atkinson be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products [two Petitions], and

(2) Mrs Susan Penney and others for legislation to prohibit the use of mobile telephones by drivers

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eleven minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.49 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Contracting Out.—Draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Applications for Patents) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Northern Ireland.—Draft Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

3 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Electricity.—Electricity Safety, Quality and Continuity Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2665), dated 24th October 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

5 Telecommunications.—(1) Public Telecommunications Systems Designation (Econet Satellite Services Limited) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2657), and

(2) Public Telecommunications Systems Designation (Gamma Telecommunications Limited) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2658),
dated 21st October 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

6 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry.—
Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Defence Committee, the Eighth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, the Fourth Report from the International Development Committee and the Fourth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, Session 2001–02, on Strategic Export Controls: Annual Report for 2000, Licensing Policy and Prior Parliamentary Scrutiny [by Command] [Cm. 5629] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 Honours, Decorations and Medals.—Paper, entitled The Royal Ulster Constabulary Service Medal [by Command] [Cm. 5591] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

8 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Building an Air Manoeuvre Capability: The Introduction of the Apache Helicopter [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1246] [Clerk of the House].

9 National Lottery.—Accounts of—

(1) the Arts Council of England Lottery Distribution, and

(2) the Arts Council of Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1265 and 1193] [Clerk of the House].

10 Science and Technology.—Accounts of the Natural Environment Research Council for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1264] [Clerk of the House].

11 Telecommunications.—Licences granted under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry to—

(1) Econet Satellite Services Limited, and

(2) Gamma Telecommunications Limited

[by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

12 Utilities.—Accounts of the Gas and Electricity Consumer Council (Energywatch) for the seventeen months to 31st March 2002, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1266] [Clerk of the House].

13 Wildlife and Countryside.—Report and Accounts of the Countryside Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1263] [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The United States of America) Order 2002 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Lithuania) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Rachel Squire from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Andy Burnham.


APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Qualifications and Curriculum Authority]; to be printed [No. 862-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 1196-iii] [Donald Anderson].

3 Human Rights.—Twenty-fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Adoption and Children Bill: as amended by the House of Lords]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 979] [Jean Corston].

4 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee [The Effectiveness of Government Regeneration Initiatives]; to be printed [No. 1207-i] [Andrew Bennett].

5 Public Accounts.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Office for National Statistics: Outsourcing the 2001 Census]; to be printed [No. 1267-i]; and

   (2) part of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on 11th March; to be printed [No. 690-ii]
   [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 195.]

Tuesday 29th October 2002.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Selection.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [16th October], That Mr John Hayes be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Peter Luff be added to the Committee;

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 2002.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr George Stevenson reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Access to the Countryside (Provisional and Conclusive Maps) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1710).

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
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Another Amendment ((d)) was proposed to the Question, in line 10, at the end, to add the words ‘but is of the opinion that the House should meet at half-past Two o’clock on Mondays, and half-past Nine o’clock on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, with a suspension of the sitting between 1.00 p.m. and 2.00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and the moment of interruption of business falling at Seven o’clock on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Six o’clock on Thursdays.’.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Joan Ryan: 94.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Nick Ainger: 441.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Joan Ryan: 411.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Nick Ainger: 47.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House approves the Second Report from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons, and endorses its proposals, in particular for more effective law making by more routine publication of bills in draft for pre-legislative scrutiny, for consultation with Opposition parties on the broad shape of the legislative year and more flexibility in programming, for an annual House of Commons calendar which would allow honourable Members to plan work in their constituencies more effectively and provide sittings in September balanced by an earlier recess in July, for more effective use of the Chamber including more regular use of time limits on speeches, and a Parliament that is more accessible to the public that it serves.

10 Parliamentary Questions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of the Third Report from the Procedure Committee, Session 2001–02, on Parliamentary Questions, House of Commons Paper No. 622, and the Government Response thereto, Cm. 5628, and approves the proposals in both for a quota on named day questions, the introduction of electronic tabling subject to safeguards to ensure the authenticity of questions and the power of the Speaker to modify or halt the system if it appears it is being abused, and the timing and printing of answers to written questions and written ministerial statements.—(Mr Phil Woolas);

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Question, in line 8, to leave out the words ‘and written ministerial statements’.—(Mr Greg Knight.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Joan Ryan: 144.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Nick Ainger: 386.

So the Question was negatived.

Another Amendment ((b)) was proposed to the Question, in line 8, at the end, to add the words ‘; and approves the proposals in the Procedure Committee’s Report for the introduction of a 30-minute session of questions on a single topical subject on Tuesdays and Thursdays.’.—(Sir Nicholas Winterton.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Joan Ryan: 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Nick Ainger: 283.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of the Third Report from the Procedure Committee, Session 2001–02, on Parliamentary Questions, House of Commons Paper No. 622, and the Government Response thereto, Cm. 5628, and approves the proposals in both for a quota on named day questions, a reduction in the daily quota of questions per department, the introduction of electronic tabling subject to safeguards to ensure the authenticity of questions and the power of the Speaker to modify or halt the system if it appears it is being abused, and the timing and printing of answers to written questions and written ministerial statements.
Questions (Amendments to Standing Orders).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [this day], That—

(1) the following Standing Order (Written statements by ministers) be made:

‘A Minister of the Crown, being a Member of the House, may give notice of his intention to make a ministerial statement in written form on a specified day not later than five sitting days after the day on which notice was given; and such statements shall be printed in the Official Report.’

(2) with effect from 1st January 2003, the following amendments to Standing Orders be made:

(a) Standing Order No. 21 (Time for taking questions) be amended as follows:

Line 13, by leaving out the words ‘on the order paper’ and inserting the words ‘in the Questions Book’.

(b) Standing Order No. 22 (Notices of questions, motions and amendments) be amended as follows:

Line 2, at end insert ‘in a form determined by the Speaker’

Line 17, leave out from ‘that’ to end of line 34 and insert—

‘(a) notice has appeared at latest on the notice paper circulated two days (excluding Saturday and Sunday) before that on which an answer is desired; and’

(b) a Member may not table more than five such questions on any one day.

(5) Notice of a question for oral answer may be given only for answer on the next day on which the Member to whom it is addressed is due to give oral answers; and in respect of each such day the Speaker shall specify the latest date and time at which notice may be given and how many questions are to be printed for each Member answering; and only that number of notices of questions (selected at random from those received in a manner to be prescribed by the Speaker) shall be treated as valid notices received on the day concerned;

Provided that the latest date and time specified by the Speaker shall be such as to enable the notices selected to be printed and circulated—

(a) in the case of questions to the Secretaries of State for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales at least four days (excluding Friday, Saturday and Sunday) before the question is to be answered or

(b) in the case of questions to other Ministers, at least two days (excluding Friday, Saturday and Sunday) before the question is to be answered’.

Line 38, leave out from ‘paragraphs’ to end of paragraph and add ‘(4) and (5) of this order and specifying the arrangements for tabling questions during the adjournment’—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

New Provision for Earlier Sittings on Wednesdays, and for Thursdays and Fridays.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, with effect from 1st January 2003 until the end of the Parliament, the Standing Orders and practice of the House shall have effect subject to the following modifications:

(1) Subject to paragraph (3) of this Order and to paragraph (14)(a) of Standing Order No. 1B (Election of Speaker by secret ballot), the House shall meet on Wednesdays at half-past Eleven o’clock and—

(a) the moment of interruption shall be at Seven o’clock;

(b) in their application to such sittings, reference to a specified time in the Standing Orders shall be interpreted as reference to a time three hours earlier, except that reference to Twelve o’clock in Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) shall be read as reference to half-past Ten o’clock, and that references to One o’clock, a quarter past One o’clock and half-past Three o’clock in Standing Order No. 88 (Meetings of standing committees) shall be read as references to twenty-five minutes past Eleven o’clock, twenty minutes to Twelve o’clock and Two o’clock respectively; and

(c) divisions deferred under the provisions of the Order (Deferred Divisions) shall be held at half-past Twelve o’clock.

(2) On Wednesdays the sitting in Westminster Hall shall begin at half-past Nine o’clock, shall be suspended from half-past Eleven o’clock until Two o’clock and may then continue for up to a further two and a half hours (and in calculating that period no account shall be taken of any period during which the sitting may be suspended owing to a division being called in the House or a Committee of the whole House).

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Order shall not apply to a Wednesday sitting which immediately follows a periodic adjournment of more than two days or is the first day of a Session, and in the former case the sitting in Westminster Hall shall begin at half-past Nine o’clock and conclude at Two o’clock.
(4) On Thursdays the provisions of paragraph (1) of this Order shall apply (and the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) shall not apply), except that the moment of interruption shall be at Six o’clock and—

(a) opposed private business under Standing Order No. 20 (Time for taking private business), urgent debates set down for the same day by direction of the Speaker under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration), opposition half-day debates under paragraph (2)(c)(ii) of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business) and half-day Estimates debates under paragraph (3)(b) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates) shall begin at Three o’clock;

(b) opposition half-day debates under paragraph (2)(c)(i) of Standing Order No. 14 and half-day Estimates debates under paragraph (3)(a) of Standing Order No. 54 shall lapse, or be interrupted, as the case may be, at Four o’clock; and

(c) references to Eleven o’clock and half-past Eleven o’clock in Standing Orders No. 15 (Exempted business) and No. 17 (Delegated Legislation (negative procedure)) shall be read as references to Seven o’clock and half-past Seven o’clock respectively.

(5) Unless the House otherwise orders, the House shall not sit on any Friday other than those on which private Members’ bills have precedence and—

(a) when the House is not sitting on a Friday it shall, at its rising on the previous Thursday, stand adjourned till the following Monday without any question being put, unless it shall have resolved otherwise; and

(b) paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 12 (House not to sit on certain Fridays) shall apply to any Friday on which the House does not sit by virtue of this Order, with the addition of notices of motions relating to proceedings on bills committed to a standing committee to the notices which may be received by the Public Bill Office under subparagraph (b) of that paragraph—(Mr Phil Woolas);

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Question, in line 5, to leave out paragraphs (1) to (3).—(Mr Chris Mullin.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr John Heppell: 265.

Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Derek Twigg: 288.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr John Heppell: 311.

Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Derek Twigg: 234.

So the Question was agreed to.

13 New Provision for Earlier Sittings on Tuesdays.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [this day], That, with effect from 1st January 2003 until the end of the Parliament, the Standing Orders and practice of the House shall have effect subject to the following modifications:

(1) Subject to paragraph (3) of this Order and to paragraph (14)(a) of Standing Order No. 1B (Election of Speaker by secret ballot), the House shall meet on Tuesdays at half-past Eleven o’clock and—

(a) the moment of interruption shall be at Seven o’clock; and

(b) in their application to such sittings, reference to a specified time in the Standing Orders shall be interpreted as reference to a time three hours earlier, except that reference to Twelve o’clock in Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on a specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) shall be read as reference to half-past Ten o’clock, and that references to One o’clock, a quarter past One o’clock and half-past Three o’clock in Standing Order No. 88 (Meetings of standing committees) shall be read as references to twenty-five minutes past Eleven o’clock, twenty minutes to Twelve o’clock and Two o’clock respectively.

(2) On Tuesdays the sitting in Westminster Hall shall begin at half-past Nine o’clock, shall be suspended from half-past Eleven o’clock until Two o’clock and may then continue for up to a further two and a half hours (and in calculating that period no account shall be taken of any period during which the sitting may be suspended owing to a division being called in the House or a Committee of the whole House).

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) of this Order shall not apply to a Tuesday sitting which immediately follows a periodic adjournment of more than two days or is the first day of a Session, and in the former case the sitting in Westminster Hall shall begin at half-past Nine o’clock and conclude at Two o’clock—(Mr Phil Woolas);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr John Heppell: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Derek Twigg: 267.

So the Question was agreed to.

14 Carry-over of Bills.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [this day], That in the current Parliament the following Order shall have effect:

(1) Subject to the following provisions of this order, a Minister of the Crown may give notice of a motion (a ‘carry-over motion’) that proceedings on a public bill not completed before the end of the Session shall be resumed in the next Session of Parliament; and the Speaker shall put any question necessary to dispose of proceedings on such a motion—
   (a) forthwith if the motion is made on the day the bill is read a second time; or
   (b) not more than one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion if the motion is made at any other time.

(2) A carry-over motion may be proceeded with, though opposed, after the moment of interruption.

(3) A carry-over motion shall not be made in respect of more than one bill.

(4) A carry-over motion shall not be made in respect of a bill carried over from a previous Session of Parliament.

(5) Paragraphs (6) to (9) of this order shall apply to any bill ordered to be carried over to the next Session of Parliament in pursuance of a carry-over motion.

(6) If proceedings in Committee on the bill are begun but not completed before the end of the first Session, the Chairman shall report the bill to the House as so far amended and the bill shall be ordered to lie upon the Table.

(7) In any other case, proceedings on the bill shall be suspended at the conclusion of the Session in which the bill was first introduced.

(8) If a bill is presented in the next Session in the same terms as the bill reported to the House under paragraph (6) or as it stood when proceedings were suspended under paragraph (7), the bill shall be read the first and second time without question put, shall be ordered to be printed, and—
   (a) in the case of a bill reported from a standing committee under paragraph (6), shall stand committed in respect of those clauses and schedules not ordered to stand part of the bill in the first Session, to a standing committee of the same Members as the Members of the standing committee on the bill in the first Session;
   (b) in the case of a bill reported from a Committee of the whole House under paragraph (6), shall stand committed to a Committee of the whole House in respect of those clauses and schedules not ordered to stand part of the bill in the first Session;
   (c) in the case of a bill committed to a Standing Committee but on which proceedings on the bill were not begun, shall again stand committed to a Standing Committee,
   (d) otherwise shall be set down as an order of the day for (as the case may be) committee, consideration, further consideration or third reading.

(9) Notices of amendments, new clauses and new schedules given in respect of parts of a bill not disposed of in the first Session shall be reprinted as notices in respect of the bill as presented and proceeded with under paragraph (8).

(10) Proceedings on a bill ordered to be carried over to the next Session of Parliament shall lapse on the expiry of the period of twelve months from the date of its first reading in this House and the bill shall be laid aside unless the House shall order, in pursuance of a motion under paragraph (11), that proceedings on the bill be extended for a specified period.

(11) A motion may be made by a Minister of the Crown to extend for a specified period proceedings on a bill which would otherwise lapse under paragraph (10), and any such motion
   (a) may contain provisions amending or supplementing a programme order in respect of the bill;
   (b) may be proceeded with, though opposed, after the moment of interruption;
   and the Speaker shall put any question necessary to dispose of proceedings on any such motion not later than one and a half hours after the commencement of those proceedings—(Mr Phil Woolas);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr John Heppell: 365.

Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Derek Twigg: 147.

So the Question was agreed to.
Permanent Arrangements for Westminster Hall, Thursday Sittings and Standing Committees.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [this day], That, with effect from the beginning of the next Session of Parliament

(1) Standing Order No. 10 (Wednesday sittings) be repealed;

(2) the following Standing Order (Sittings in Westminster Hall) be made:

‘(1) On days on which the House shall sit after an address has been agreed to in answer to Her Majesty’s Speech there shall be a sitting in Westminster Hall—

(a) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays between half-past Nine o’clock and Two o’clock; and

(b) on Thursdays beginning at half-past Two o’clock and continuing for up to three hours (and in calculating that period no account shall be taken of any period during which the sitting may be suspended owing to a division being called in the House or a Committee of the whole House).

(2) Any Member of the House may take part in a sitting in Westminster Hall.

(3) Subject to paragraph (13) below, the business taken at any sitting in Westminster Hall shall be such as the Chairman of Ways and Means shall appoint and may include oral answers to questions under arrangements to be made by him.

(4) The Chairman of Ways and Means or a Deputy Chairman shall take the chair in Westminster Hall as Deputy Speaker; and the House may appoint not more than four other members of the Chairmen’s Panel to sit in Westminster Hall as Deputy Speaker.

(5) Any member of the Chairmen’s Panel may also take the chair at a sitting in Westminster Hall when so requested by the Chairman of Ways and Means, with the duties and powers conferred on additional Deputy Speakers; and Members so appointed shall be addressed by name.

(6) Any order made or resolution come to at a sitting in Westminster Hall (other than a resolution to adjourn) shall be reported to the House by the Deputy Speaker and shall be deemed to be an order or resolution of the House.

(7) If a motion be made by a Minister of the Crown that an order of the day be proceeded with at a sitting in Westminster Hall, the question thereon shall be put forthwith, but such motion may be made only with the leave of the House and may not be made on a Friday.

(8) The quorum at a sitting in Westminster Hall shall be three.

(9) If at a sitting in Westminster Hall the opinion of the Deputy Speaker as to the decision of a question (other than a question for adjournment) is challenged, that question shall not be decided, and the Deputy Speaker shall report to the House accordingly; and any such question shall be put forthwith upon a motion being made in the House.

(10) If any business other than a motion for adjournment is under consideration at a sitting in Westminster Hall, and not fewer than six Members rise in their places and signify their objection to further proceedings, that business shall not be further proceeded with in Westminster Hall, and the Deputy Speaker shall report to the House accordingly, and any order under paragraph (7) above relating thereto shall be discharged.

(11) At the end of each sitting in Westminster Hall, unless a question for adjournment has previously been agreed to, the Deputy Speaker shall adjourn the sitting without putting any question; and proceedings on any business which has been entered upon but not disposed of shall lapse.

(12) The provisions of Standing Orders No. 29 (Powers of chair to propose question), No. 36 (Closure of debate), No. 37 (Majority for closure or proposal of question), No. 38 (Procedure on divisions), No. 39 (Voting), No. 40 (Division unnecessarily claimed), No. 41 (Quorum), No. 43 (Disorderly conduct), No. 44 (Order in debate), No. 45 (Members suspended, &c., to withdraw from precincts), No. 45A (Suspension of salary of Members suspended) and No. 163 (Motions to sit in private) shall not apply to sittings in Westminster Hall.

(13) In each Session, the Speaker shall appoint not more than six Thursdays on which the business to be taken in Westminster Hall should be debates on select committee reports chosen by the Liaison Committee.’; and

(3) the following Amendments to Standing Orders be made:

Standing Order No. 1B (Election of Speaker by secret ballot)

Line 90, leave out ‘10 (Wednesday sittings)’ and insert ‘9 (Sittings of the House)’
Standing Order No. 9 (Sittings of the House)
Line 2, leave out 'and Thursdays at half-past two' and insert 'and Wednesdays at half-past two o’clock and Thursdays at half-past eleven'
Line 6, after 'Tuesday' insert 'Wednesday'
Line 15, after 'Tuesdays' insert 'and'
Line 16, after 'and' insert 'at seven o’clock on'
Line 16, after 'Thursdays', insert '(the “moment of interruption”)'
Line 43, leave out ‘ten o’clock’ and insert ‘the moment of interruption’
Line 52, leave out ‘ten o’clock in the evening’ and insert ‘the moment of interruption’

Standing Order No. 11 (Friday sittings)
leave out lines 9 to 11 and insert—
'(b) the insertion of references to half-past two o’clock as the moment of interruption; and'

Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of Public Business)
Lines 20 and 23, after 'o’clock' insert 'on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday or four o’clock on Thursday'
Line 29, after 'o’clock' insert 'or four o’clock'

Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business)
Lines 4, 42, 93 and 96, leave out 'ten o’clock' and insert 'the moment of interruption'
Line 24, after 'o’clock' insert 'on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday or eight o’clock on Thursday'

Standing Order No. 17 (Delegated legislation (negative procedure))
Lines 3 and 5, after 'o’clock' insert 'on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday or half-past eight o’clock on Thursday'
Line 18, after 'o’clock' insert 'on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday or eight o’clock on Thursday'

Standing Order No. 20 (Time for taking private business)
Line 3, leave out 'to three o’clock' and insert 'of an hour after the House sits'
Line 28, leave out 'Wednesday or Thursday' and insert 'or Wednesday or Four o’clock on any specified Thursday'
Line 38, after 'o’clock' insert 'or four o’clock'

Standing Order No. 21 (Time for taking questions)
Line 5, leave out 'after half-past three o’clock' and insert 'more than one hour after the House sits'

Standing Order No. 22 (Notices of questions, motions and amendments)
Line 6, leave out 'after half past ten o’clock in the evening' and insert 'later than half an hour after the moment of interruption'

Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration)
Line 24, at end insert ‘if it is a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday or four o’clock if it is a Thursday’
Line 27, after ‘o’clock’ insert ‘on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday or half-past Ten o’clock on a Thursday’
Line 52, after ‘o’clock’ insert ‘or four o’clock’
Line 59, leave out ‘seven o’clock’ and insert ‘the time when they were postponed’

Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates)
Lines 11 and 40, leave out ‘ten o’clock’ and insert ‘the moment of interruption’

Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.)
Line 3, leave out ‘ten o’clock’ and insert ‘the moment of interruption’
Standing Order No. 88 (Meetings of standing committees)

Line 8, leave out ‘(being days on which the House sits)’ and insert ‘and at such times’

Line 9, leave out from ‘committee’ to end of line 10

Line 11, after ‘sit’ insert ‘at Westminster, on a day on which the House sits,’

Line 13, after ‘afternoon’ insert ‘on Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays or between the hours of twenty-five minutes past eleven o’clock in the morning and two o’clock in the afternoon on Thursdays’

Line 14, after ‘committee’ insert ‘to which the proviso to paragraph (1) of this order applies’

Line 16, after ‘o’clock’ insert ‘or twenty-five minutes past eleven o’clock as the case may be’

Line 25, leave out ‘until a quarter past one o’clock’ and insert ‘for a quarter of an hour’

Line 34, at end add—

‘(3) Any standing committee may sit notwithstanding any adjournment of the House.’

Standing Order No. 99 (Scottish Grand Committee (substantive motions for the adjournment))

Line 34, leave out ‘at or after half-past three o’clock’ and insert ‘five hours or more after the commencement of the sitting’

Standing Order No. 100 (Scottish Grand Committee (sittings))

Leave out line 9 and insert ‘such hours as may be specified’

Line 45, after ‘o’clock’ insert ‘on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and at twenty-five minutes past eleven o’clock on Thursdays’

Standing Order No. 108 (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings))

Leave out lines 9 and 10 and insert ‘such hours as may be specified’

Line 45, after ‘o’clock’ insert ‘on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and at twenty-five minutes past eleven o’clock on Thursdays’

Standing Order No. 116 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (sittings))

Line 57, after ‘o’clock’ insert ‘on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and at twenty-five minutes past eleven o’clock on Thursdays’

Standing Order No. 117 (Standing Committee on Regional Affairs)

Line 37, leave out ‘at ten o’clock’

Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee)

Line 10, leave out ‘Wednesdays’ and insert ‘days’

Line 11, leave out ‘(4) of Standing Order No. 10 (Wednesday sittings)’ and insert ‘(13) of Standing Order (Sittings in Westminster Hall)’

Standing Order No. 154 (Time and manner of presenting petitions)

Line 22, leave out ‘ten o’clock or at half-past two o’clock respectively’ and insert ‘the moment of interruption’

Standing Order No. 155 (Petition as to present personal grievance)

Line 7, leave out ‘shall not be interrupted at ten o’clock and’—(Mr Phil Woolas);—It was agreed to.

16 Deferred Divisions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [this day]. That the Order relating to Deferred Divisions, made by the House on 28th June 2001, shall continue to have effect in the next Session of Parliament—(Mr Phil Woolas);

The House proceeded to a Division.

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Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Derek Twigg: 313.

Tellers for the Noes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr John Heppell: 153.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That the Order relating to Deferred Divisions, made by the House on 28th June 2001, shall continue to have effect in the next Session of Parliament.
17 Programming.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [yesterday], That Orders A to I relating to the Programming of Bills, made by the House on 28th June 2001, shall continue to have effect in the next Session of Parliament—(Mr Phil Woolas);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Jim Murphy: 309.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Jim Fitzpatrick: 153.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Orders A to I relating to the Programming of Bills, made by the House on 28th June 2001, shall continue to have effect in the next Session of Parliament.

18 Leave of Absence for the Speaker,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [yesterday], That Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker) be amended as follows—

Line 7, after ‘Speaker’ insert ‘or where paragraph (2A) of this order applies’

Line 19, at end add

‘(2A) For the purpose of paragraph (2) of this order, the Speaker shall have leave of absence, if he thinks fit, on any Friday on which the House sits.’—(Mr Phil Woolas);—It was agreed to.

19 Short Speeches,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [yesterday], That, with effect from the beginning of the next Session of Parliament, Standing Order No. 47 (Short speeches) be amended as follows:

Line 8, leave out ‘may’ and insert ‘shall, subject to paragraph (2)’.

Leave out lines 14 and 15 and insert—

‘(2) In relation to any speech, the Speaker shall add to any period specified in paragraph (1) of this order—

(a) one minute if one intervention is accepted, plus the time taken by that intervention;

(b) two minutes if two or more interventions are accepted, plus the time taken by the first two such interventions.’—(Mr Phil Woolas);—It was agreed to.

20 Sittings of the House,—Ordered, That—

(i) at the sittings on Wednesday 30th October, Thursday 31st October, Monday 4th November, Tuesday 5th November, Wednesday 6th November and Thursday 7th November, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Messages from the Lords shall have been received;

(ii) at the sittings on Monday 4th November, Tuesday 5th November, Wednesday 6th November and Thursday 7th November, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Committee to draw up Reasons which has been appointed at that sitting has reported; and

(iii) at the sitting on Thursday 7th November, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until a Message is received from the Lords Commissioners.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

21 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes to One o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.47 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


2 Prisons,—Draft Release of Short-Term Prisoners on Licence (Amendment of Requisite Period) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


6 Insolvency.—(1) Insolvency (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2712),
   (2) Insolvency Practitioners (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2710),
   (3) Insolvency (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2709), and
   (4) Insolvent Partnerships (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2708), dated 29th October 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Race Relations.—Draft Code of Practice on the duty to promote race equality in Scotland [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

8 Communications.—Government Response to the Report from the Joint Committee on the Draft Communications Bill [by Command] [Cm. 5646] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

9 European Communities.—Report by the Department of Trade and Industry on the exercise of powers conferred by certain sections of the European Communities Act 1972 and of the Customs and Excise Duties (General Reliefs) Act 1979, for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1183] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) (Elected Representatives) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr William Cash from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Nick Hawkins.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy]; to be printed [No. 1252-ii] [Mr Colin Breed]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Mid-term Review of the CAP Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Mid-term Review of the CAP]; to be printed [No. 1282-i] [Mr David Curry].

2 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Draft Extradition Bill]; to be printed [No. 1268-i] [Mr Chris Mullin].

3 International Development.—(1) Third Special Report from the International Development Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, on Financing for Development: Finding the Money to Eliminate World Poverty]; to be printed [No. 1269];
   (2) Fourth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, on Global Climate Change and Sustainable Development]; to be printed [No. 1270]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Humanitarian Crisis in Southern Africa]; to be printed [No. 1271-i] [Tony Baldry].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Control of Firearms in Northern Ireland and the Draft Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2002]; to be printed [No. 1119-ii] [Mr Michael Mates].

5 Regulatory Reform.—Third Special Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [Handling of Regulatory Reform Orders (III)]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1272] [Mr Peter Pike].

6 Statutory Instruments.—Thirty-ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xxxix] [Mr David Tredinnick].
7 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Company Law White Paper; Manufacturing Strategy], to be printed [Nos. 1283-i and ii and 1284-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

8 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Split Capital Investment Trusts], to be printed [No. 1089-iii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 195; WH, No. 115.]

Tuesday 29th October 2002.

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.—(Derek Twigg.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]

[No. 196.]

Wednesday 30th October 2002.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Selection.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed [16th October], That Mr John Hayes be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Peter Luff be added to the Committee;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) (Elected Representatives) Order 2002.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2002.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Adoption and Children Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Adoption and Children Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Adoption and Children Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 201].

6 Borough Freedom (Family Succession) Bill [Lords].—The Borough Freedom (Family Succession) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday 7th November and to be printed [Bill 200].

7 Patient Choice.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reinstate a patient’s right to choose the hospital in which to receive treatment within the National Health Service: And that Mr Peter Lilley, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Frank Field, Alistair Burt, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Michael Portillo, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Gregory Barker, Mr David Cameron, Mr George Osborne, Mr Mark Prisk and Mr Andrew Turner do prepare and bring it in.

8 Patient Choice Bill.—Mr Peter Lilley accordingly presented a Bill to reinstate a patient’s right to choose the hospital in which to receive treatment within the National Health Service: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday 7th November and to be printed [Bill 199].

9 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—Resolved, That the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Proscribed Organisations) (Amendment) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 28th October, be approved.—(Mr Secretary Blunkett.)
10 Income Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The United States of America) Order 2002 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 22nd July—(Joan Ryan):—It was agreed to.

Address to be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of the House as are of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty’s Household.

11 Income Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Lithuania) Order 2002 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 23rd July—(Joan Ryan):—It was agreed to.

Address to be presented to Her Majesty by such Members of the House as are of Her Majesty’s Most Honourable Privy Council or of Her Majesty’s Household.

12 Enterprise Bill (Programme) (No. 4),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001], That the following provisions shall apply to the Enterprise Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 10th April—

**Consideration of Lords Amendments**

1. Consideration of Lords Amendments to the Bill shall be completed at this day’s sitting and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion—

   (a) four hours after their commencement, or

   (b) at Ten o’clock,

whichever is later.

**Subsequent stages**

2. The proceedings on any further message from the Lords on the Bill shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Joan Ryan):—It was agreed to.

13 Enterprise Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Enterprise Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Charlotte Atkins, Jim Fitzpatrick: 325.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Mark Francois: 181.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 3 to 6 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 7 was disagreed to.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 7 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 8 to 19 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 20.

An Amendment was made to the Lords Amendment, in line 1, by leaving out the words ‘100 million’ and inserting the words ‘70 million’, instead thereof.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 21 to 52 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 53.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 23, after the word ‘consideration’, to insert the words ‘, or a matter relating to the legitimate interests of the balanced distribution of industry and employment,’.—(Mr Harry Barnes.)
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tom Brake, Mr Kelvin Hopkins: 48.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr John Heppell: 283.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 54 to 175 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 54 and 77.

Lords Amendment Nos. 176 to 186 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 187 to 208 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 209 was disagreed to.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 209 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 210 to 326 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 279, 281, 282, 286, 294, 296, 297, 299 to 301, 305, 306 and 308.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 1 and 176 to 186.

That Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Mark Hoban, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Jim Murphy and Mr Andrew Robathan be members of the Committee.

That Miss Melanie Johnson be the Chairman of the Committee.

That three be the Quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Suspension of Devolved Government) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2574), dated 14th October 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th October, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2587), dated 14th October 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 15th October, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products; and
(2) residents of Tewkesbury and others for doorstep recycling schemes in all local authority areas

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Enterprise Bill.—Miss Melanie Johnson reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Enterprise Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reason, which it had directed her to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Amendments Nos. 1 and 176 to 186 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because it is inappropriate to make express provision about the chief executive of the Office of Fair Trading.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.
Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

And the Motion having been made after Ten o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-five minutes to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.35 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Income Tax,—(1) Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (South Africa) Order 2002, and
   (2) draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Taiwan) Order 2002,
   [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Dorset) (Borough of Weymouth and Portland) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2705), dated 28th October 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

3 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Defence Transport and Movements Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1214] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

4 Judicial Appointments,—Report by the Lord Chancellor on Judicial Appointments for 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5606] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

5 National Lottery,—(1) Review of the Arts Council of England for 2002, incorporating Reports and Accounts of the Grant in Aid and of the Lottery Distribution for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon, and
   (2) Report of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts for 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

   (2) Treasury Minutes on the Fiftieth to the Fifty-second, the Fifty-fourth, the Fifty-sixth to the Fifty-seventh and the Fifty-ninth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5636] [Ruth Kelly].

7 Resource Accounts, 2001–02,—Resource Accounts of—
   (1) the Armed Forces Pension Scheme, and
   (2) the Crown Prosecution Service
   for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1198 and 1239] [Ruth Kelly].

8 Transport, Local Government and Regional Affairs,—Government Response to the Eleventh Report from the Transport, Local Government and Regional Affairs Committee, Session 2001–02, on Air Transport Industry [by Command] [Cm. 5623] [Mr Secretary Darling].

9 Treaty Series (No. 44, 2002),—Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 21st June 1999, between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Swiss Confederation, of the other, on the Free Movement of Persons [by Command] [Cm. 5639] [Mr Secretary Straw].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations 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: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr David Borrow, Peter Bradley, Jeremy Corbyn, Valerie Davey, Angela Eagle, Paul Farrelly, Mr Mark Field, Andrew George, Mr James Gray, Chris Grayling, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Alun Michael, James Purnell, Mr Paul Stinchcombe and Mr Roger Williams.

2 Draft Maternity and Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2002, the draft Paternity and Adoption Leave Regulations 2002 and the draft Statutory Paternity Pay and Statutory Adoption Pay (Weekly Rates) Regulations 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft 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: Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Russell Brown, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Colin Challen, Brian Cotter, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Mark Hoban, Kate Hoey, Alan Johnson, Mr Bob Laxton, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Jim Murphy, Diana Organ, Dr Nick Palmer and Mr Mark Simmonds.

3 Draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) (Elected Representatives) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ross Cranston from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Tom Watson.

4 Trunk Road Charging Scheme (Bridges and Tunnels) (England) Procedure Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2303).—The Speaker has appointed Mr George Stevenson Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

5 Road User Charging (Enforcement and Adjudication) (London) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2313) and Road User Charging (Charges and Penalty Charges) (London) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2285).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

6 Draft Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Tony Banks, Mrs Patsy Calton, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Paul Flynn, Patrick Hall, Jane Kennedy, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Shona McIsaac, Alice Mahon, Gillian Merron, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr John Smith, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr John Taylor, Mr Andrew Turner and Mr David Wilshire.

7 Draft Social and Environmental Guidance to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Guidance to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Gregory Barker, Mr Henry Bellingham, Dr Vincent Cable, Jeff Ennis, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr John Horam, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Michael Jack, Mr David Kidney, Chris Mole, Mr Jim Murphy, Albert Owen, Syd Rapson, Mr Marsha Singh, Ian Stewart, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Simon Thomas and Mr Brian Wilson.

8 Draft Scottish Parliament (Elections etc.) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ernie Ross and Mr Mohammad Sarwar from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Tom Harris and Mr Mark Lazarowicz.

European Standing Committees

9 European Union document No. 12839/02 and Addenda 1–13, relating to European Commission strategy paper on enlargement and reports on progress by applicant countries, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Work of OFSTED]; to be printed [No. 1286-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Water Framework Directive]; to be printed [No. 1237-ii] [Mr David Curry].

3 European Scrutiny,—Fortieth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xl] [Mr Michael Connarty].

4 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Affordable Housing]; to be printed [No. 1206-iii] [Andrew Bennett].

5 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Towards a Non-Carbon Fuel Economy: Research, Development and Demonstration]; to be printed [No. 1240-ii] [Dr Ian Gibson].

6 Scottish Affairs,—(1) Second Special Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, on Customs Services in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 1287]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Work of the Scottish Consumer Council]; to be printed [No. 1199-i] [Mrs Irene Adams].

7 Transport,—(1) Second Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee, on The European Transport White Paper]; to be printed [No. 1285]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Urban Charging Schemes]; to be printed [No. 1258-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

8 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Office for National Statistics Annual Report and Accounts, 2001-02, and Related Matters]; to be printed [No. 1289-i] [Mr John McFall].

9 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Departmental Report]; to be printed [No. 1254-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 196; WH, No. 116.]

Wednesday 30th October 2002.

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 John Heppell);

And it being Two o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
Thursday 31st October 2002.

The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Development Agency Bill.—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [29th October] as relates to the London Development Agency Bill be now considered.

That the promoters of the London Development Agency Bill shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present Session and that all fees due up to that date have been paid;

That on the fifth sitting day in the next Session the bill shall be presented to the House by deposit in the Private Bill Office;

That a declaration signed by the agent shall be annexed to the bill, stating that it is the same in every respect as the bill at the last stage of its proceedings in this House in the present Session;

That on the next sitting day following presentation, the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay the bill on the Table of the House and, when so laid, the bill shall be read the first, second and third time and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having been so read;

That no further fees shall be charged to such stages.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

2 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], to which they desire the concurrence of this House:

That the promoters of the bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than 12 noon on Wednesday 6th November and that all fees due on or before that day have been paid;

That the bill be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than noon on the second sitting day in the next Session with a declaration annexed, signed by the agent, stating that the bill is the same in every respect as the bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session;

That the proceedings on the bill in the next Session of Parliament be pro forma in regard to every stage through which the bill has passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged to such stages;

That the Private Business Standing Orders apply to such bill in the next Session only in regard to any stage through which the bill has not passed during the present Session.

The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolutions in respect of the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill [Lords], to which they desire the concurrence of this House:

That the promoters of the bill have leave to suspend any further proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next Session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than 12 noon on Wednesday 6th November and that all fees due on or before that day have been paid;

That the bill be deposited in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments not later than noon on the second sitting day in the next Session with a declaration annexed, signed by the agent, stating that the bill is the same in every respect as the bill at the last stage of the proceedings thereon in this House in the present Session;

That the proceedings on the bill in the next Session of Parliament be pro forma in regard to every stage through which the bill has passed in the present Session, and that no new fees be charged to such stages;

That the Private Business Standing Orders apply to such bill in the next Session only in regard to any stage through which the bill has not passed during the present Session.
3 Adjournment (Defence in the UK).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Fraser Kemp); And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

4 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

5 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

6 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick); The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting until a Message was received from the Lords, pursuant to Order [29th October].

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7 Message from the Lords.—A Message was received from the Lords, as follows: The Lords have agreed to the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

8 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill to be considered on Monday 4th November; and to be printed [Bill 202].

9 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 thirteen minutes past Twelve o’clock on Friday morning, adjourned till Monday 4th November.

[Adjourned at 12.13 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (Funding for Teacher Training) Designation (No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2713), dated 30th October 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].


Other Papers:

3 Education and Skills,—Department for Education and Skills Minute, dated 31st October 2002, concerning a contingent liability in respect of a contract with the Centre for British Teaching (CfBT) for the provision of services relating to the Government’s drive to raise standards through the primary and Key Stage 3 strategies [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Executive Agencies,—Report and Resource Accounts of the Rural Payments Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1197] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Ninth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2001–02, on Private Military Companies [by Command] [Cm. 5642] [Mr Secretary Straw].
6 Health and Safety.—Report and Accounts of the Health and Safety Commission, and Accounts of the Health and Safety Executive, for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1202] [Clerk of the House].

7 National Lottery.—Report and Financial Statements of the sportscotland Lottery Fund for 2001–02 [by Act] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

8 Northern Ireland.—Report of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission for 2001–02 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

9 Regulation of Investigatory Powers.—Reports of—
   (1) the Intelligence Services Commissioner, and
   (2) the Interception of Communications Commissioner
for 2001 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1244 and 1243] [The Prime Minister].


APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

Draft Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Gillian Merron from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Jim Fitzpatrick.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy]; to be printed [No. 1252-iii] [Mr Colin Breed].

2 European Scrutiny.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the European Scrutiny Committee [Commission’s Annual Work Programme]; to be printed [No. 1290] [Mr Michael Connarty].

3 Public Administration.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Service Targets]; to be printed [No. 1259-i]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Public Appointments and Patronage]; to be printed [No. 686-x]
[Tony Wright].

4 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Company Law White Paper]; to be printed [Nos. 1283-iii and -iv] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 197; WH, No. 117.]

Thursday 31st October 2002.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall [pursuant to Order of 20th November 2000].

The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism—Seventh Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2001–02, and the Government’s response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 5th November.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Frank Cook reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002, No. 1836).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Maternity and Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2002, the draft Paternity and Adoption Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2002 and the draft Statutory Maternity Pay and Statutory Adoption Pay (Weekly Rates) Regulations 2002.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Message from the Lords,—A message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Animal Health Bill, with Amendments; to which they desire the agreement of this House.

The Lords insist on certain of their Amendments to the Enterprise Bill to which this House has disagreed; they do not agree with an Amendment made by this House to one of their Amendments, for which disagreement they assign a Reason; they agree without Amendment to the Amendments made by this House in lieu of certain of the Lords Amendments; and they agree without Amendment to the Amendment made by this House to the remaining Lords Amendment.

5 Animal Health Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Animal Health Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 203].

6 Enterprise Bill,—Lords Reasons for insisting on Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed and for disagreeing to a Commons Amendment to a Lords Amendment to the Enterprise Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 204].

7 Adoption and Children Bill (Programme) (No. 5),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001], That the following provisions shall apply to the Adoption and Children Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 29th October 2001, 23rd January 2002, 20th March 2002 and 16th May 2002:

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed at today’s sitting and shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) at Ten o’clock.

2. Those proceedings shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the following Table and each part of the proceedings shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) at the time specified in the second column of the Table.

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3. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question put.

4. Proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) one hour after their commencement—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.
Adoption and Children Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Adoption and Children Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 26.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr David Hinchliffe);

And it being half-past Eight o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Kevin Brennan, Jonathan Shaw: 344.

Tellers for the Noes, Chris Grayling, Mr Laurence Robertson: 145.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order, proceeded to put forthwith the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendments Nos. 32 to 36 and 66 were disagreed to.

Amendments ((a) to (z) and (aa) to (uu)) were made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 26, 32 to 36 and 66 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 25, 27 to 31 and 37 to 40 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 1.

Lords Amendment No. 41.

Amendments ((a) to (c)) were made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 42 and 43 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 44 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 45 was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 46.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 47 to 57 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 58.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 59 and 60 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 61.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 62 to 65 and 67 to 92 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 93.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 94 and 95 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 96.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 97 to 107 were agreed to.
9 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 Maximum Number of Judges Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 15th October, be approved—(Dan Norris)—It was agreed to.

10 Data Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Data Protection (Processing of Sensitive Personal Data) (Elected Representatives) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 24th July, be approved—(Dan Norris)—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.) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 16th October, be approved—(Dan Norris)—It was agreed to.

12 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products [two Petitions] were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 1st November 2002 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Treaty Series (No. 45, 2002),—Exchange of Notes, done at London on 8th and 24th November 1994, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands extending the European Convention on Extraterritoriality on 13th December 1957 to the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba [Cm. 5647] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 1st November 2002 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Display of Registration Marks) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2687), dated 24th October 2002 [Mr Secretary Darling].

6 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Paternity and Adoption) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2689), dated 29th October 2002; and


7 Town and Country Planning,—(1) Town and Country Planning (Enforcement) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2683), and

dated 23rd October 2002 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

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Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


11 Pesticides,—Plant Protection Products (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2733), dated 3rd November 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

12 Caribbean and North Atlantic Territories,—Turks and Caicos Islands Constitution (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2637), dated 22nd October 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

13 Criminal Justice,—Report and Accounts of the Parole Board for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1203] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

14 Health,—(1) Government Response to the Third Report from the Health Committee, Session 2001–02, on Delayed Discharges [by Command] [Cm. 5645]; and (2) Paper, the General Medical Practice and Specialist Medical Education, Training and Qualifications Order 2003: Consultation Document [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

15 Home Office,—Home Office Minute, dated 4th November 2002, concerning the transfer of the reversionary interest in a number of properties and other assets to the WRVS [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

16 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on— (1) PFI refinancing update, and (2) Opra: Tackling the risks to pension scheme members [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1288 and 1262] [Clerk of the House].

17 Pitcairn Islands,—Pitcairn (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2638), dated 22nd October 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

18 Regulatory Reform,—Proposal for a Regulatory Reform (Housing Management Agreements) Order 2003, together with a statement by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 1836).—The Speaker has appointed Frank Cook Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations, in place of Mrs Irene Adams.

2 Draft Maternity and Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2002, the draft Maternity and Adoption Leave Regulations 2002 and the draft Statutory Paternity Pay and Statutory Adoption Pay (Weekly Rates) Regulations 2002: (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations, in place of Mr Joe Benton; and
The Committee of Selection has discharged Kate Hoey from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Roger Casale.

Draft Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Paul Flynn from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Jim Dobbin.

Trunk Road Charging Scheme (Bridges and Tunnels) (England) Procedure Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2303).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations, in place of Mr George Stevenson.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights,—(1) Twenty-fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [draft Mental Health Bill], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1294]; and

(2) Twenty-sixth Report from the Committee [Scrutiny of Bills: Final Progress Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1295]

[Jean Corston].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Sixty-fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Public Private Partnerships: Airwave]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 783];

(2) Sixty-fifth Report from the Committee [Awarding the new licence to run the National Lottery]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 881];

(3) Sixty-sixth Report from the Committee [Progress in achieving Government on the Web]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 936]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Individual Learning Accounts]; to be printed [No. 1296-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

3 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Government Response to the Committee’s Report on Science Education from 14 to 19]; to be printed [No. 1273-i] [Dr Ian Gibson].

[No. 199.]

Tuesday 5th November 2002.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAyERS.

1 Income Tax,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That its Addresses of 30th October relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (The United States of America) Order 2002 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Lithuania) Order 2002 be made in the form of the drafts laid before your House on 22nd and 23rd July respectively.

I will comply with your request.

2 Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [31st October] as relates to the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.
3 Private Bills [Lords] (Suspension).—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message [31st October] as relates to the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill [Lords] be now considered.

Lords Message considered accordingly.

Resolved, That this House concurs with the Lords in their Resolution.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Trunk Road Charging Schemes (Bridges and Tunnels) (England) Procedure Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2303).

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, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House in lieu of certain of the Lords Amendments to the Adoption and Children Bill, and they agree, without Amendment, to the Amendments made by this House to the remaining Lords Amendments.

6 Sunday Working (Scotland).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to extend to Scotland the provisions of Part IV of the Employment Rights Act 1996: And that Mr Malcolm Savidge, Miss Anne Beeg, Mr Roy Beggs, Mr John Bercow, Mr Russell Brown, Malcolm Bruce, Mr Frank Doran, Mr Calum MacDonald, Sandra Osborne, Mr David Stewart, Mr Michael Weir and Sir Nicholas Winterton do prepare and bring it in.

7 Sunday Working (Scotland) Bill.—Mr Malcolm Savidge accordingly presented a Bill to extend to Scotland the provisions of Part IV of the Employment Rights Act 1996: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Thursday 7th November and to be printed [Bill 205].

8 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill (Programme) (No. 4).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001], That the following provisions shall apply to the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill for the purposes of supplementing the Orders of 24th April, 9th May and 11th June 2002:

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed at today’s sitting and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion six hours after their commencement or, if later, at ten o’clock.

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3. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question put.

4. 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 Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

9 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 13 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 14.

An Amendment (a) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 15 and 237 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 17.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Beverley Hughes); And it being two and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day]. The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 304.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Mark Hoban: 183.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Questions which he was required to put at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 28.
Amendments ((a) and (b)) were made to the Lords Amendment.
The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments No. 19 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 20.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Beverley Hughes); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 263.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Amendments ((a) and (b)) were made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 19, 25 and 26 disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 38 was disagreed to.
Amendments ((a) to (e)) were made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 39 was disagreed to.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 41, 42 and 44 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 18, 21 to 24, 27, 29 to 37, 40 and 43 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privilege in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 24, 36, 37 and 40.

Lords Amendment No. 104.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Secretary Blunkett); And it being three and a quarter hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Question:—It was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Questions which he was required to put at that hour.

Lords Amendments Nos. 105 and 106 were disagreed to.
An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 104 to 106 disagreed to, in page 34, line 13, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(3A) A person shall be presumed to have been convicted by a final judgement of a particularly serious crime and to constitute a danger to the community of the United Kingdom if—

(a) he is convicted of an offence specified by order of the Secretary of State, or
(b) he is convicted outside the United Kingdom of an offence and the Secretary of State certifies that in his opinion the offence is similar to an offence specified by order under paragraph (a).
(3B) An order under subsection (3A)—
(a) must be made by statutory instrument, and
(b) shall be subject to annulment in pursuance of a resolution of either House of
Parliament.’.—(Mr John Heppell.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Derek Twigg: 307.

So the Question was agreed to.

Other Amendments ((b) to (e)) were made in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 104 to
106 disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 109 was disagreed to.
Amendments ((a) to (d)) were made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Lords Amendment Nos. 107 and 108 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 84.

An Amendment ((b)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 7, to leave out
from the word ‘is’ to the word ‘after’ in line 8 and insert the words ‘satisfied that there
was undue delay in making the claim’, instead thereof.—(Simon Hughes.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made to the Lords
Amendment;

And it being three and three-quarter hours after the commencement of proceedings on
the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Question.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Sir Robert Smith, Tom Brake: 57.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Joan Ryan: 297.

So the Question was negatived.

The Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put the remaining Questions which he was
required to put at that hour.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their
privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 99 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 86.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House agrees with the
Lords in their Amendment No. 86;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Fraser Kemp: 291.
Tellers for the Noes, Sir Robert Smith, Tom Brake: 55.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to, the Commons being willing to
waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 127.
A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the
Lords in their Amendment—(Beverley Hughes);
And it being five and a quarter hours after the commencement of proceedings on the
Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Question:—It was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment was accordingly agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker put the remaining Questions which she was required to put at
that hour.

Lords Amendments Nos. 128 to 153 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 154.
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House agrees with the
Lords in their Amendment—(Mr John Heppell);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Gillian Merron: 298.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Robert Smith, Tom Brake: 59.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 155 and 156 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 157.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr John Heppell),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Gillian Merron: 294.


So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 158 to 191 and 215 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 179, 190, 214 and 215.

Lords Amendment No. 16.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Beverley Hughes);

And it being Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the Question:—It was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Speaker then put the remaining Questions which he was required to put at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 225.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment, as amended;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Jim Murphy: 301.


So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was accordingly agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 45, 88, 126, 192, 216 and 224 were disagreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House agrees with the Lords in their remaining Amendments—(Beverley Hughes);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jim Murphy, Charlotte Atkins: 299.


So the Question was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 46 to 83, 85, 87, 89 to 98, 100 to 103, 110 to 125, 193 to 214, 217 to 223, 226 to 236 and 238 to 311 were accordingly agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 48, 85, 102, 214 and 276.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 16, 17, 20, 41, 42, 44, 45, 88, 99, 126, 192, 216 and 224;

That Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr John Heppell, Beverley Hughes, Mr Humfrey Malins and Mr Desmond Swayne be members of the Committee;

That Beverley Hughes be Chairman of the Committee;

That Three be the Quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Dan Norris.)
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, consideration of Lords Amendments to the Enterprise Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Dan Norris)—It was agreed to.

11 Enterprise Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Reasons for insisting on Amendments to the Enterprise Bill to which the Commons have disagreed and for disagreeing to a Commons Amendment to a Lords Amendment.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 176 to 186.

Resolved, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendments.—(Miss Melanie Johnson.)

Amendments ((a) and (b)) were made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 176 to 186 disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2.

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendment No. 2A to Lords Amendment No. 2, to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Miss Melanie Johnson.)

An Amendment was made to the Lords Amendment, in lieu of Amendment No. 2A disagreed to, in line 2, by leaving out from the word ‘OFT’ to the end of line 3 and inserting the words ‘shall have regard, in addition to any relevant general guidance as to the governance of public bodies, to such generally accepted principles of good corporate governance as it is reasonable to regard as applicable to the OFT’, instead thereof.

12 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill.—Beverley Hughes reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reasons, which it had directed her to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Amendments Nos. 16, 45, 88, 126, 192, 216 and 224 made by the Lords for the following Reason:

Because the power to make consequential and incidental provision should not be restricted in the manner proposed.

The Commons disagree to Amendment No. 17 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because it is unnecessary to restrict the power to establish an accommodation centre in the terms proposed.

The Commons disagree to Amendment No. 20 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because the power to provide accommodation in an accommodation centre should not be restricted in the manner proposed.

The Commons disagree to Amendments Nos. 41 and 42 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendment is consequential on Amendment No. 25, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to Amendment No. 44 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because the Amendment is consequential on Amendments Nos. 25 and 26, to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to Amendment No. 99 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because it would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords, to communicate the said Reasons, together with the Bill and Amendments.

13 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Maternity and Parental Leave (Amendment) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 24th October, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin)—It was agreed to.
14 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 Paternity and Adoption Leave Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 24th October, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

15 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Statutory Paternity Pay and Statutory Adoption Pay (Weekly Rates) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 24th October, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

16 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 Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 28th October, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

17 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

   (1) residents of Gloucester and others for further controls on public firework displays and on the sale of fireworks;
   (2) ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products; and
   (3) residents of Lowestoft restricting the period during which fireworks can be sold for private use

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

18 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

   (1) ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products; and
   (2) residents of Hayes and others for further controls on the use and sale of fireworks

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

19 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-one minutes to midnight, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.39 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Contracting Out.—Draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Applications for Patents) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

2 Agriculture.—Report and Accounts of the Meat and Livestock Commission for 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Fisheries.—(1) Seafish Annual Review for 2001–02, and
   (2) Report and Accounts of the Sea Fish Industry Authority for 2001–02 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Justices of the Peace.—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of the Magistrates’ Courts Service for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1205] [Yvette Cooper].

5 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Government Responses to the—

   (1) Tenth Report of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2001–02, on Ordnance Survey;
   (3) Fifteenth Report of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2001–02, on the Draft Local Government Bill; and
(4) Sixteenth Report of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2001–02, on Tall Buildings [by Command] [Cm. 5641, 5625, 5638 and 5649] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers withdrawn:

6 Contracting Out.—Draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Applications for Patents) Order 2002 [laid 28th October].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Road User Charging (Enforcement and Adjudication) (London) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2313) and the Road User Charging (Charges and Penalty Charges) (London) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2285).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Dave Watts from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Brian White.

2 Draft Social and Environment Guidance to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Horam from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Guidance); and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Flook.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee on 5th November [Tourism]; to be printed [No. 1291-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Mid-term Review of the CAP Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Mid-term Review of the CAP]; to be printed [No. 1282-ii] [Mr David Curry].

3 European Scrutiny.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the European Scrutiny Committee [European Scrutiny in the Commons]; to be printed [No. 1298] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Foreign Affairs.—(1) Eleventh Report from the Foreign Affairs 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. 973];

(2) Twelfth Report from the Committee [FCO Annual 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. 826]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Turkey]; to be printed [No. 1300] [Donald Anderson].

5 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Public Expenditure 2002]; to be printed [No. 1238-ii] [Mr David Hinchcliffe].

6 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Criminal Justice and Sentencing Bill]; to be printed [No. 1299-i] [Mr Chris Mullin].

7 International Development.—(1) Sixth Report from the Committee [Department for International Development: Departmental Report 2002], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 964]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [The Autumn Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank]; to be printed [No. 1297-i] [Tony Baldry].


9 Statutory Instruments.—Fortieth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 135-xl] [Mr David Tredinnick].
Tuesday 5th November 2002.

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 Nick Ainger.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.58 p.m.]

Wednesday 6th November 2002.

The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform Committee.—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the draft Regulatory Reform (Removal of 20 Member Limit in Partnerships etc.) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 24th October 2002, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Road User Charging (Enforcement and Adjudication) (London) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2313) and the Road User Charging (Charges and Penalty Charges) (London) Regulations 2001 (S.I., 2001, No. 2285).

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Amess reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social and Environmental Guidance to the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have amended their Standing Order No. 51 relating to the Joint Committee on Consolidation Bills by substituting for the reference to the Northern Ireland Act 1974 a reference to the Northern Ireland Act 2000.

5 Energy-saving Materials (Reduced Rate of VAT) Bill.—Julia Drown, supported by Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Paul Truswell, Tom Brake, Alan Simpson, Brian White, Vera Baird, Norman Lamb, Peter Bottomley, Mr Simon Thomas, Clive Efford and Joan Walley, presented a Bill to reduce the rate of Value Added Tax levied on the supply of energy-saving materials and the cost of their installation; 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 206].

6 Single European Language.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State to make proposals to the European Council for the establishment of one language as the official language of the European Union; to provide for the development of a single European language; and to establish a date by which the language will become the official language of the United Kingdom: And that Mr Peter Viggers do prepare and bring it in.

7 Single European Language Bill.—Mr Peter Viggers accordingly presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to make proposals to the European Council for the establishment of one language as the official language of the European Union; to provide for the development of a single European language; and to establish a date by which the language will become the official language of the United Kingdom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 207].
8 Animal Health Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001], That the following provisions shall apply to the Animal Health Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 12th November 2001:

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion six hours after their commencement or at Ten o’clock, whichever is later.

2. Those proceedings shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the Table below and shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) in accordance with the second column of that Table.

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3.—(1) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question 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 Elliot Morley):—It was agreed to.

9 Animal Health Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Animal Health Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Elliot Morley);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Phil Woolas: 314.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 190.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Questions which he was required to put at that hour.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 1 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2 to 12 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 5, 7 and 11.

Lords Amendment No. 13.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Elliot Morley);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Derek Twigg: 283.

Tellers for the Noes, Chris Grayling, Mr Mark Francois: 178.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

It being three and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker proceeded to put the Questions which he was required to put at that hour.
Lords Amendment No. 45.

The Question being put, That Amendments (a) and (b) be made to the Lords Amendment;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Derek Twigg: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Chris Grayling, Mr Mark Francois: 174.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 14.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 8, to leave out from the word ‘warrant’ to the end of line 16.—(Mr Elliot Morley.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And it being five hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Speaker put the Question:—It was agreed to.

The Speaker then put the remaining Questions which he was required to put at that hour.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 22.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 8, to leave out from the word ‘warrant’ to the end of line 16.—(Mr Elliot Morley.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Gillian Merron: 297.

Tellers for the Noes, Chris Grayling, Mr Mark Francois: 172.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 35.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 15 to 21, 23 to 34 and 36 to 44 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 46 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 47.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, to leave out lines 12 to 29.—(Mr Elliot Morley.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Gillian Merron: 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Wilshire: 164.

So the Question was agreed to.

It being more than six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Speaker put the Questions which he was required to put at that hour.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Lords Amendment No. 65.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, so amended, was agreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 48 to 64 and 66 to 74 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 49.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 13;

That Mr Nick Ainger, Andrew George, Mr John Hayes, Mr Elliot Morley and Mr Andy Reed be members of the Committee;

That Mr Elliot Morley be Chairman of the Committee;

That Three be the Quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

10 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Somerton and Frome and others against a pre-emptive war against Iraq;

(2) residents of Taunton and others for the making available of all drugs to all patients on the basis of clinical need alone; and

(3) ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products

were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Animal Health Bill,—Mr Elliot Morley reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 13 to the Animal Health Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reason, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Amendment No. 13 made by the Lords, for the following Reason:

Because it would be inappropriate to terminate automatically a restriction on the movement of animals.

Message to the Lords, to communicate the said Reason, together with the Bill and Amendments.

12 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Phil Woolas);

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting until a message was received from the Lords, pursuant to Order [29th October].

13 Message from the Lords,—A Message was received from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on one of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed to the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill, but do propose an Amendment in lieu thereof; they agree to the Amendments made by this House to certain other Lords Amendments; they do not insist on certain other Amendments to which this House has disagreed; they agree to the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of certain other Lords Amendments; and they agree to the Amendments proposed by this House to words restored to the Bill by this House’s disagreement to certain other Lords Amendments.

The Lords agree without Amendment to the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu of one of the Lords Amendments to the Enterprise Bill; they agree without Amendment to the Amendment made by this House to another Lords Amendment; and they do not insist on the remaining Lords Amendments.

14 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill,—Lords Amendment in lieu of an Amendment to which the Commons have disagreed to the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 208].

15 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 a quarter to midnight, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.45 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Insolvency,—Insolvency Practitioners (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2748), dated 5th November 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (EC Type Approval) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2743), dated 3rd November 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

3 Environment,—The Environment Agency’s Objectives and Contribution to Sustainable Development: Statutory Guidance [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Response by HM Government with the Welsh Assembly to the Reports of the Foot and Mouth Disease Inquiries [by Command] [Cm. 5637] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5 Environmental Audit,—Government Response to the Fourth Report of the Environmental Audit Committee, Session 2001–02, on Measuring the Quality of Life: The 2001 Sustainable Development Headline Indicators [by Command] [Cm. 5650] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums,—Report and Accounts of the Electoral Commission for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1292] [Clerk of the House].

7 Treaty Series (No. 46, 2002),—Convention, done at Amman on 22nd July 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital Gains [by Command] [Cm. 5648] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

European Standing Committees

European Union Document No. 12817/02, relating to Trans-European Networks, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [SDR New Chapter]; to be printed [No. 1232-ii] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Qualifications and Curriculum Authority]; to be printed [No. 862-iii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Tenth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Role of DEFRA], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 991]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Water Framework Directive]; to be printed [No. 1237-iii]

[Mr David Curry].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Forty-first Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xli];

(2) Forty-second Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 152-xlii]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Scrutiny Reserve breach]; to be printed [Nos. 1307-i and 1308-i]

[Mr Jim Marshall].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Sixth Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Government Observations on the Fourth Report of the Committee, Session 2001–02, on The Financing of Terrorism in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 1347] [Mr Michael Mates].
6 Public Accounts,—(1) Sixty-seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Inland Revenue: Tax Credits]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 866];

(2) Sixty-eighth Report from the Committee [Collection of fines and other financial penalties in the criminal justice system]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 999];

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Helping victims and witnesses: the work of Victim Support]; to be printed [No. 1343-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Regulatory Reform,—(1) Fourteenth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [The draft Regulatory Reform (Removal of 20 Member Limit in Partnerships etc.) Order 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1303]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licensing) Order 2002]; to be printed [No. 1304]

[Mr Peter L. Pike].

8 Science and Technology,—(1) Eighth Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Short Term Research Contracts in Science and Engineering], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1046];

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Short Term Research Contracts in Science and Engineering]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Towards a Non-Carbon Fuel Economy: Research, Development and Demonstration]; to be printed [No. 1240-iii]

[Dr Ian Gibson].

9 Transport,—(1) Third Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Response to the Eighteenth Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee, on National Air Traffic Services’ Finances]; to be printed [No. 1305]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Multi Modal Studies]; to be printed [No. 1306-i]

[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [The Future of UK Pensions]; to be printed [No. 1302-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 200; WH, No. 119.]

Wednesday 6th November 2002.

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.—(Joan Ryan.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 12th November.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.]
Thursday 7th November 2002.

The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Scottish Grand Committee,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Scottish Grand Committee be printed [No. 1274].

2 Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Welsh Grand Committee be printed [No. 1275].

3 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee be printed [No. 1276].

4 Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs be printed [No. 1277].

5 European Standing Committee A,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European Standing Committee A be printed [No. 1278].

6 European Standing Committee B,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European Standing Committee B be printed [No. 1279].

7 European Standing Committee C,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European Standing Committee C be printed [No. 1280].

8 Standing Committee on the Convention,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee on the Convention be printed [No. 1281].

9 Accommodation and Works,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Accommodation and Works Committee be printed [No. 1309].

10 Administration,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Administration Committee be printed [No. 1310].

11 Broadcasting,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Broadcasting be printed [No. 1311].

12 Catering,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Catering Committee be printed [No. 1312].

13 Culture, Media and Sport,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee be printed [No. 1313].

14 Defence,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Defence Committee be printed [No. 1314].

15 Education and Skills,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Education and Skills Committee be printed [No. 1315].

16 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Radioactive Waste Sub-Committee, Disposal of Refrigerators Sub-Committee, Genetically Modified Organisms Sub-Committee, Hazardous Waste Sub-Committee, Illegal Meat Imports Sub-Committee, the Reform of the CFP Sub-Committee and the Mid-term Review of the CAP Sub-Committee [No. 1316].

17 Environmental Audit,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Environmental Audit Committee be printed [No. 1317].

18 European Scrutiny,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the European Scrutiny Committee be printed [No. 1318].

19 Finance and Services,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance and Services Committee be printed [No. 1319].

20 Foreign Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Foreign Affairs Committee be printed [No. 1320].

21 Health,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Health Committee be printed [No. 1321].

22 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Home Affairs Committee be printed [No. 1322].

23 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. 1323].
24 Information,—*Ordered*, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Information Committee be printed [No. 1325].

25 International Development,—*Ordered*, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the International Development Committee be printed [No. 1326].

26 Liaison,—*Ordered*, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Liaison Committee be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Liaison Sub-Committee [No. 1327].

27 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. 1328].

28 Northern Ireland Affairs,—*Ordered*, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee be printed [No. 1329].


30 Procedure,—*Ordered*, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Procedure Committee be printed [No. 1330].

31 Public Accounts,—*Ordered*, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee of Public Accounts be printed [No. 1331].

32 Public Administration,—*Ordered*, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Public Administration be printed [No. 1332].

33 Regulatory Reform,—*Ordered*, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Regulatory Reform Committee be printed [No. 1333].

34 Science and Technology,—*Ordered*, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Science and Technology Committee be printed [No. 1334].

35 Scottish Affairs,—*Ordered*, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Scottish Affairs Committee be printed [No. 1335].

36 Standards and Privileges,—*Ordered*, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on Standards and Privileges be printed [No. 1336].

37 Statutory Instruments,—*Ordered*, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments be printed [No. 1337].

38 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. 1338].

39 Trade and Industry,—*Ordered*, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Trade and Industry Committee be printed [No. 1339].

40 Transport,—*Ordered*, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Transport Committee be printed [No. 1345].

41 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—*Ordered*, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Transport Sub-Committee and of the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee [No. 1346].

42 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. 1340].

43 Welsh Affairs,—*Ordered*, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Welsh Affairs Committee be printed [No. 1341].


45 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment in lieu of an Amendment to the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill to which the Commons have disagreed.

Lords Amendment No. 17B.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—*{Mr Secretary Blunkett}*;
And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendment, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [5th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 248.

Tellers for the Noes, Tom Brake, Annette Brooke: 38.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question which she was required to put at that hour.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Amendments (a) and (b) be made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 17B disagreed to—(Beverley Hughes);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 251.

Tellers for the Noes, Tom Brake, Annette Brooke: 37.

So the Question was agreed to.

46 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have disagreed to the Amendments proposed by this House to certain Lords Amendments to the Animal Health Bill, for which disagreement they assign Reasons; they do not insist on one of their Amendments to which this House has disagreed; and they have agreed to the Amendments made by this House to the remaining Lords Amendments.

Lords Reasons for disagreeing to Commons Amendments to Lords Amendments to the Animal Health Bill to be printed [Bill 209].

47 Animal Health Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Reasons for disagreeing to Commons Amendments to Lords Amendments to the Animal Health Bill, pursuant to Order [yesterday].

Lords Reason No. 14B.

Resolved, That this House insists on its Amendment (No. 14A) to Lords Amendment No. 14, to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Mr Elliot Morley.)

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of the words left out of the Lords Amendment.

Lords Reason No. 22B.

Resolved, That this House insists on its Amendment (No. 22A) to Lords Amendment No. 22, to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Mr Elliot Morley.)

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of the words left out of the Lords Amendment.

Lords Reason No. 35B.

Resolved, That this House insists on its Amendment (No. 35A) to Lords Amendment No. 35, to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Mr Elliot Morley.)

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of the words left out of the Lords Amendment.

Lords Reason No. 65B.

Resolved, That this House insists on its Amendment (No. 65A) to Lords Amendment No. 65, to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Mr Elliot Morley.)

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of the words left out of the Lords Amendment.

48 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

49 Message from the Lords.—A Message was received from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Bill to which this House has disagreed, and they agree to the Amendments made by this House to the Bill in lieu of the Lords Amendment.

The Lords do not insist on their disagreement to the Amendments made by this House to the Lords Amendments to the Animal Health Bill, and they agree to the Amendments made by this House in lieu of the words left out of the Lords Amendments.
50 Message to attend the Lords Commissioners,—A Message from the Lords Commissioners was delivered by the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod.

Mr Speaker,

The Lords, authorised by virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission, for declaring Her Royal Assent to several Acts agreed upon by both Houses and for proroguing the present Parliament, desire the immediate attendance of this Honourable House in the House of Peers, to hear the Commission read.

Accordingly the Speaker, with the House, went up to the House of Peers, where a Commission was read, giving, declaring and notifying the Royal Assent to several Acts, and for proroguing this present Parliament.

The Royal Assent was given to the following Acts:—

Copyright (Visually Impaired Persons) Act 2002
Employee Share Schemes Act 2002
Public Trustee (Liability and Fees) Act 2002
Tobacco Advertising and Promotion Act 2002
Private Hire Vehicles (Carriage of Guide Dogs etc.) Act 2002
Adoption and Children Act 2002
Commonwealth Act 2002
Enterprise Act 2002
Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002
Animal Health Act 2002
HSBC Investment Banking Act 2002
Barclays Group Reorganisation Act 2002
Milford Haven Port Authority Act 2002

And afterwards Her Majesty’s Most Gracious Speech was delivered to both Houses of Parliament by the Lord High Chancellor (in pursuance of Her Majesty’s Command), as follows:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

My Government has taken action in support of economic stability and sound public finances, and has continued to increase investment in public services and tackle child poverty.

Education is my Government’s top priority. An Act has been passed to promote diversity, choice, innovation and higher standards in schools. The Act provides new opportunities for school partnerships, improved support for teachers, more options for tackling weak and failing schools and greater freedom for successful headteachers and governors.

Legislation has been passed to reform health services and strengthen regulation of the health professions.

An Act has been passed to increase powers against money laundering, establish a Criminal Assets Recovery Agency and make it easier to recover the proceeds of crime and drugs.

Legislation has been passed to modernise and reform the police service and to establish a new complaints system.

Legislation has been passed to reform and streamline the system for dealing with immigration and applications for asylum.

Legislation has been passed to reform employment dispute resolution procedures and to introduce new employment rights, including measures to balance work and parental life.

Legislation was also passed which introduced a new system of tax credits and a new pension credit for pensioners.

An Act was passed to improve productivity and enterprise through reform of the competition, insolvency and consumer protection regimes.

Draft legislation has been brought forward on a number of matters including on Communications, Local Government and Extradition.

Members of the House of Commons,

I thank you for the provision you have made for the work and dignity of the Crown and for the public service.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,
In Northern Ireland, my Government continued to work closely with the political parties and the Irish Government to secure the full implementation of the Belfast Agreement.

Acts have been passed to maintain the arrangements on decommissioning and to reform the criminal justice system, both part of the Belfast Agreement. Provision has been made for new measures to combat electoral fraud in Northern Ireland.

My Government has continued to co-operate with the devolved administrations in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland in the interests of all of the people of the United Kingdom. A White Paper was published outlining proposals for devolution to the English regions.

My Government invited Parliament to set up a joint committee of both Houses to enable Parliament to reach a view on the second phase of House of Lords reform.

Legislation was passed to allow political parties to make positive moves to increase the representation of women in public life.

An Act was passed to reform the system of land registration. Legislation was also passed reforming residential leasehold law and improving leaseholders’ rights and to create commonhold.

My Government brought forward legislation to make the age of entitlement for concessory fares the same for men as it is for women.

An Act has been passed to reform adoption law to make children’s welfare paramount, encourage more adoption and strengthen regulation of overseas adoptions.

Other important measures have been enacted.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

The Duke of Edinburgh and I were pleased to receive the state visit of the King and Queen of Jordan last November.

We recall with pleasure our visits to Jamaica and New Zealand in February and our subsequent visit to Australia on the occasion of the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. The Duke of Edinburgh and I were also delighted to pay a visit to Canada in October.

Following the shocking events of 11th September, my Government has taken decisive action to help combat terrorism around the world and support the reconstruction of Afghanistan.

My Government has continued to play a leading role in efforts to improve the competitiveness of Europe’s economies and bring the European Union closer to its people. Legislation has been enacted enabling the United Kingdom to ratify the Treaty of Nice and implement decisions on the Union’s future funding.

My Government has played a key role in agreeing a timetable for enlargement of the European Union and in identifying practical ways to strengthen the Union’s foreign and security policy, particularly its support for peace building in the Balkans.

My Government has worked to strengthen NATO, equip it for the challenges of the future and develop its growing partnership with Russia.

My Government has worked for a more effective global effort to reduce poverty, including initiatives on debt relief and HIV/AIDS, and has enacted legislation to strengthen the poverty focus to Britain’s development work.

My Government ratified the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change along with other EU partners, as well as the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

In the United Nations, the Commonwealth and other fora my Government has been active in promoting human rights and tackling the causes of conflict, including support for UN efforts in newly independent East Timor.

My Government enacted legislation to grant British citizenship to British Overseas Territories citizens in qualifying territories.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may attend you.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

By virtue of Her Majesty's Commission which has now been read we do, in Her Majesty's name, and in obedience to Her Majesty’s Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Wednesday the thirteenth day of this instant November, to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday the thirteenth day of November.
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 European Communities,—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement on Trade, Development and Co-operation Between the European Community and its Member States and the Republic of South Africa) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture,—Olive Oil (Marketing Standards) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2761), dated 6th November 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Immigration,—(1) Immigration and Asylum Appeals (One-Stop Procedure) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2731), dated 6th November 2002 [by Act];
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