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BY virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission under the Great Seal, and in obedience to Her Majesty’s Commands, Parliament was prorogued on the above-mentioned day to Wednesday the Thirteenth day of this instant November, to be then here holden.
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The Fifty-Third Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

[No. 1.]

Wednesday 13th November 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Mr Speaker,

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

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

The Speaker resumed the Chair at half-past Two o’clock.

2 Elections,—Ordered, That all Members who are returned for two or more places in any part of the United Kingdom do make their Election for which of the places they will serve, within one week after it shall appear that there is no question upon the Return for that place; and if any thing shall come in question touching the Return or Election of any Member, he is to withdraw during the time the matter is in debate; and that all Members returned upon double Returns do withdraw till their Returns are determined.

Resolved, That if it shall appear that any person 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.

3 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 misdemeanor; 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.

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

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

7 Standing Orders (Public Business),—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business be printed [No. 2].

8 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 main priorities are economic stability, investment and reform in public services and a constructive foreign policy.

To this end, my Government will maintain sound public finances and will continue to take action to secure high levels of employment.

This approach will enable my Government to continue to invest in the public services, while supporting major programmes of reform on health, education, transport and crime.

At the heart of my Government’s legislative programme is a commitment to reform and rebalance the criminal justice system to deliver justice for all and to safeguard the interests of victims, witnesses and communities.

A Bill will be introduced to reform sentencing arrangements and criminal procedures.

Sentencing will be reformed to ensure that the punishment is appropriate for the offender. New types of sentence will be introduced to protect the public from dangerous offenders, help reduce re-offending and deal with young offenders.

The Bill will also allow retrials for those acquitted of serious offences where new and compelling evidence emerges. It will also simplify the rules of evidence to allow judge and jury to hear all the facts, including relevant previous convictions of a defendant.

Legislation will also be introduced to reform the courts system. It will bring together Magistrates’ Courts and the Crown Court to work more effectively under a single organisation. New sanctions will allow courts to enforce the payment of fines more efficiently.

My Government will introduce a Bill to tackle anti-social behaviour that damages communities.

A Bill will be brought forward to modernise the laws on sexual offences and to strengthen the framework of penalties for sex offenders to protect the public.

A Bill will also be introduced to improve international co-operation in tackling crime, including drugs trafficking, and to modernise the arrangements for international mutual assistance to catch criminals.

My Government will bring forward legislation to streamline the licensing system for premises selling alcohol. This will abolish fixed opening hours and introduce a range of measures to reduce anti-social behaviour.

My Government will continue to modernise the delivery of healthcare based on the founding principles of the National Health Service.

Legislation will be brought forward to devolve power and resources to frontline staff, give greater freedom to successful hospitals while increasing their accountability to local communities; and to introduce an independent health inspectorate.

A Bill will also be introduced to help ensure that local authorities support older people awaiting discharge from hospital.

Raising educational standards remains my Government’s main priority for Britain’s future prosperity. Secondary school reform will continue to promote opportunity and choice through greater diversity for parents and pupils. University reform proposals will be published to improve access and build on excellence.

My Government wants to create a welfare state based on giving people rights and responsibilities. They will pursue proposals that focus on the importance of work as part of our social security system. They will also bring forward proposals to tackle problems of truancy.

A Bill will be brought forward to establish a Railway Accident Investigation Branch in the light of Lord Cullen’s recommendations on transport safety and reform the way railways are regulated to improve services for the public.
My Government will introduce a Bill to modernise local government by improving the delivery of local services through better financial management and greater freedom for councils based on performance. Legislation will also be introduced to provide for the holding of referendums on the issue of regional governance in England.

Legislation will be brought forward to reform the broadcasting and telecommunications industry by promoting competition and investment and giving powers to the Office of Communications.

Measures will be brought forward to protect our environment including legislation on the conservation and proper management of water.

My Government will also introduce legislation to speed up the planning system while improving the involvement of local communities.

Members of the House of Commons,

Estimates for the Public Services 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. Legislation will be brought forward on policing in Northern Ireland.

My Government maintains its commitment to devolution in Scotland and Wales. A Bill will be introduced to reform the provision of health services in Wales.

A Bill will be introduced to enable Parliament to reach a conclusion on hunting with dogs.

Parliament will be invited to scrutinise legislation in draft on a number of measures, reflecting the importance that my Government places on pre-legislative scrutiny by Parliament.

Legislation in draft will be published to improve both housing standards and standards of management of private rented accommodation by landlords.

Draft legislation will be published on the management of nuclear liabilities. A draft Bill will also be published to reform the laws on corruption.

My Government looks forward to considering the report from the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform.

Other measures will be laid before you.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

The Duke of Edinburgh and I look forward to paying a visit to Belgium next spring and to receiving the state visit of His Excellency the President of Russia next summer.

My Government will work for rapid progress on enlargement of the European Union, notably at next month’s European Council meeting in Copenhagen. Legislation will be introduced to enable the United Kingdom to ratify the Accession Treaty with prospective member states.

My Government will make a decision on whether to recommend entry into the single currency on the basis of the assessment of the Five Economic Tests to be completed by next June.

The forthcoming NATO Summit in Prague will emphasise the Alliance’s continuing role as the cornerstone of Britain’s national security. My Government will continue work for an enlarged and even more effective NATO, enjoying a close partnership with Russia.

My Government will continue to play a leading role in combating terrorism and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, which are among the most serious threats to the security of the United Kingdom and our allies. My Government will continue to work with the international community to ensure the implementation of all United Nations Security Council Resolutions.

My Government will work for rapid and effective implementation of the agreements reached at the recent World Summit for Sustainable Development in Johannesburg and will focus on tackling climate change and finding new ways to meet our energy needs.

My Government will continue to work for a more effective global effort to reduce poverty, building on the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and on progress achieved at the recent Monterrey Conference on Financing for Development. Britain’s aid budget will be increased and we will work to implement the Africa Action Plan in response to the New Partnership for Africa’s Development.

My Government will work for a successful outcome to the current round of world trade negotiations that benefits industrialised and developing countries alike.
My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,
I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels.

9 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 George Foulkes);

Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

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 Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.29 p.m.

APPENDIX I

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

Friday 8th November 2002

1 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed merger between Vivendi Water UK PLC and First Aqua (JvCo) Limited [Cm. 5681] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Treaty Series (No. 47, 2002),—Exchange of Notes, done at Bangkok on 5th and 25th June 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand concerning the reciprocal granting of Licences to Amateur Radio Operators [Cm. 5670] [Mr Secretary Straw].

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

Friday 8th November 2002

3 Education,—(1) Dudley Partnership for Achievement Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2768), dated 7th November 2002,


(3) East Manchester Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2770), dated 7th November 2002,


(6) Hastings and St Leonards Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2774), dated 7th November 2002,

(7) Heart of Slough Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2775), dated 7th November 2002,


(9) North East Derbyshire Coalfields Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2765), dated 7th November 2002,

(10) Southend Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2766), dated 7th November 2002,

[Mr Secretary Clarke].

(2) Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2742), dated 4th November 2002

[Mr Secretary Darling].

Monday 11th November 2002


[Yvette Cooper].


7 Road Traffic,—Removal and Disposal of Vehicles (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2777), dated 7th November 2002 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Wednesday 13th November 2002:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

9 Legal Services,—Draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Solicitors’ Practising Certificates) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

10 Police,—Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Statutory Powers of Stop and Search) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

11 Cereals Marketing,—Report and Accounts of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority for 2001–02 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

12 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) Facing the Challenge: NHS Emergency Planning in England, and
(2) Tackling Pensioner Poverty: Encouraging take-up of entitlements
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 36 and 37] [Clerk of the House].

13 National Lottery,—Accounts of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 45] [Clerk of the House].

14 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [28th October, in the last Session of Parliament] from Mrs Susan Penney and others for legislation to prohibit the use of mobile telephones by drivers [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

15 Suriname (No. 1, 2002),—Agreement, done at Paramaribo on 29th June 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Suriname on the Transfer of Prisoners [by Command] [Cm. 5679] [Mr Secretary Straw].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

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. 55-i] [Dr Ian Gibson].

CHAIRMEN’S PANEL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel), the Speaker has nominated Mrs Irene Adams, Mr David Amess, Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Nigel Beard, Miss Anne Begg, Mr Joe Benton, Mr John Butterfill, Mr David Chidgey, Derek Conway, Frank Cook, Mr James Cran, Mr John Cummings, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Win Griffiths, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Alan Hurst, Mr Eric Illsley, Mr John McWilliam, Mr Bill O’Brien, Mr Edward O’Hara, Mr Bill Olner, Mr Peter Pike, Mrs Marion Roe, Mr George Stevenson, David Taylor, Miss Ann Widdecombe and Sir Nicholas Winterton to be members of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

[No. 2.]

Thursday 14th November 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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.

2 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.

3 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 Sir Nicholas Winterton to be the two Members whom the Speaker shall consult, if practicable, before certifying a Bill to be a Money Bill.

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

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

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.

6 Health (Wales) Bill,—Secretary Peter Hain, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Blankett, Mr Secretary Milburn, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Secretary Smith, Mrs Secretary Liddell and Mr Don Touhig, presented a Bill to make provision about Community Health Councils in Wales; to establish and make provision about the Wales Centre for Health; and to make provision for the establishment of, and otherwise about, Health Professions Wales: 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 Health (Wales) Bill be printed [Bill 1–EN].

7 Extradition Bill,—Mr Secretary Blankett, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mrs Secretary Liddell, Secretary Peter Hain and Mr Bob Ainsworth, presented a Bill to make provision about extradition: 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 Extradition Bill be printed [Bill 2–EN].

8 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill,—Mr Secretary Prescott, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Blankett, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Milburn, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Mr Secretary Clarke, Mr Nick Raynsford and Mr Christopher Leslie, presented a Bill to make provision for the holding of referendums about the establishment of elected assemblies for the regions of England (except London); for reviewing the structure of local government in regions where the holding of a referendum is under consideration; for implementing the recommendations of such reviews; for the Electoral Commission to give advice in connection with the establishment of assemblies; for payment of grant in connection with the activities of regional chambers; and for incurring expenditure in preparation for assemblies and in connection with the transfer of functions to them: 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 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill be printed [Bill 3–EN].

9 Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill,—Mr Secretary Milburn, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Smith, Secretary Peter Hain, Mr Paul Boateng and Jacqui Smith, presented a Bill to make provision requiring social services authorities to make payments in cases where the discharge of patients is delayed for reasons relating to the provision of community care services; and to enable the Secretary of State and the National Assembly for Wales to require certain community care services provided by social services authorities to be free of charge to persons receiving those services: 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 Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill be printed [Bill 4–EN].
10 Welsh Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Orders No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (Matters relating exclusively to Wales)) and No. 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 at Westminster on Thursday 21st November at five minutes to Nine o’clock and at Two o’clock, to take questions under Standing Order No. 108 (Welsh Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)), and to consider 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)); and

(3) at the meeting—

(a) the Chairman shall interrupt proceedings at Four o’clock; and

(b) at the conclusion of those proceedings a Motion for the adjournment of the Committee may be made by a Minister of the Crown pursuant to Standing Order No. 108(5) (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings))—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

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

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

And the Question being again proposed:—The House resumed the adjourned Debate. Ordered, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

12 Sittings of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 12 (House not to sit on certain Fridays), That the House shall not sit on the following Fridays:

22nd and 29th November and 6th and 13th December 2002—(Mr Nick Ainger).—It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the people of the fishing communities of Scotland against recent EU proposals affecting the future of the Scottish fishing industry was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 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 Environmental Protection,—Draft Air Quality (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Health Care and Associated Professions,—Draft Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

3 Local Government Finance,—(1) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 107) on Special Grant for Activities Undertaken by Beacon Councils [by Act]; to be printed [No. 60] [Mr Secretary Prescott]; and

(2) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 109) on Special Grant for addressing the costs of EC Regulation 2037/00 on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 15] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

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Other Papers:

5 Animals,—Report of the Animal Procedures Committee for 2001 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 8] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

6 Immigration and Asylum.—Draft Code of Practice on Civil Penalty (Level of Penalty) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

7 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Sharing Homes: A Discussion Paper [by Command] [Cm. 5666] [Ms Rose Winterton].

8 National Lottery,—(1) Annual Report and Accounts of the Millennium Commission 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 12] [Secretary Tessa Jowell]; and

(2) Scottish Arts Council National Lottery Distribution Fund Account [by Act]; to be printed [No. 34] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

9 Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Hong Kong Locally Engaged Ratings’ Service Gratuities and Attributable Disablement and Death Awards) Order 2002, dated 22nd October 2002 [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [16th October, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of the Boston and Skegness Constituency and others for the continuation of the Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Functions of Traffic Wardens (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 Richard Bacon, Mr John Burnett, Geraint Davies, Mr John Denham, Mr Nick Gibb, Mr David Heath, Mr John Heppell, Kate Hoey, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Siobhain McDonagh, John McDonnell, Mr James Pacre, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Desmond Swayne and David Winnick.

2 Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) 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: Peter Bottomley, Mr Desmond Browne, Mr Chris Bryant, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Barbara Follett, Mr Mark Hendrick, Lady Hermon, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr David Kidney, Shona McIsaac, Gillian Merron, Mr Sôn Simon, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr John Taylor and Mr David Wilshire.


(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 Harold Best, Angela Eagle, Clive Efford, Mr John Grogan, John Healey, Mr Michael Jack, Ann Keen, Norman Lamb, Mr David Laws, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Anne Picking, Hugh Robertson, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mrs Betty Williams, Mr David Wilshire and Mr James Wray.

4 Draft Release of Short-Term Prisoners on Licence (Amendment of Requisite Period) 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: Hilary Benn, Annette Brooke, Mr John Burnett, David Cairns, Mr David Crausby, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr John Heppell, Mr John Horam, Mr Stephen McCabe, Patrick Mercer, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Desmond Swayne and Dr Rudi Vis.

5 Draft Potato Industry 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 Michael Clapham, Andrew George, Chris Grayling, Mr John Hayes, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Mr David Heyes, Norman Lamb, Mr Calum MacDonald, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr George Mudie, Mr Purnell, Mr Andy Reed, Mr Andrew Rosindell and Mr David Ruffley.

Draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Applications for Patents) 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 Martin Caton, Brian Cotter, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr Huw Edwards, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr Mark Hoban, Glenda Jackson, Miss Melanie Johnson, Lynne Jones, Ms Oona King, John Mann, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Andrew Robathan, Rachel Squire and Richard Younger-Ross.

Grand Committees

7 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—The Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-two additional Members to serve on the Northern Ireland Grand Committee: 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 Öpik, Sandra Osborne, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr Andrew Robathan, Mr Martin Salter, Mark Tami, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr John Taylor and Mr Gareth Thomas.

8 Welsh Grand Committee,—The Committee of Selection has nominated two additional members to serve on the Welsh Grand Committee: Mr Nigel Evans and Mr Bill Wiggin.

9 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: Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Henry Bellingham, Ms Karen Buck, Ross Cranston, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Nigel Evans, Andrew George, Norman Lamb, John Mann, Mr Denis Murphy, Lawrie Quinn, Mr Anthony Steen and Derek Wyatt.

Private Business

10 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): John Austin, Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Nigel Beard, Peter Bottomley, Mr John Butterill, Mr Colin Challen, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Paul Farrelly, Mr Brian Jenkins, Helen Jones, John Mann, Siobhain McDonagh, Sir Robert Smith, Jon Trickett, Sir Peter Tapsell, Mr Robert Walter and Ann Winterton.

11 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 the House to act as Commissioners under the Private Legislation Procedure (Scotland) Act 1936: Miss Anne Begg, David Cairns, Mr Peter Duncan, David Hamilton, Mr Iain Luke, Mr Calum MacDonald, Mr John McDougall, Rosemary McKenna, Mr Michael Moore, Anne Picking, Mr Alan Reid, John Robertson and Mr Mohammed Sarwar.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Prague NATO Summit]; to be printed [No. 66-i] [Donald Anderson].

2 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. 67-i] [Mr Michael Mates].

3 Public Administration,—(1) First Special Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2001-02, on The Public Service Ethos]; to be printed [No. 61].

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Public Service Targets]; to be printed [No. 62-i] [Tony Wright].

4 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The Financial Services Authority]; to be printed [No. 64-i] [Mr John McFall].
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the Day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

Ordered. That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Dan Norris.)

Debate to be resumed on Monday 18th November.

2 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 18th November.

[Adjourned at 2.53 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Housing Support Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, and
(2) draft Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2002
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command][Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—(1) Draft School Admissions Code of Practice, and
(2) draft School Admission Appeals Code of Practice
[by Act][Mr Secretary Clarke].

3 Health and Safety,—Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2776), dated 7th November 2002 [by Act][Mr Secretary Smith].

4 Immigration and Asylum,—(1) Carriers’ Liability (Clandestine Entrants) (Level of Penalty: Code of Practice) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2816), and
(2) Carriers’ Liability Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2817), dated 15th November 2002 [by Act][Mr Secretary Blunkett].

(3) Statutory Paternity Pay and Statutory Adoption Pay (General) Regulations 2002 (S.I., No. 2822),
(4) Statutory Paternity Pay and Statutory Adoption Pay (National Health Service Employees) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2819), and

Other Papers:

6 Northern Ireland,—Resource Accounts of—
(1) the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure,
(2) the Department of Education,
(3) the Department of Education—Teachers' Superannuation,
(4) the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment,
(5) the Office for the Regulation of Electricity and Gas,
(6) the Department of the Environment,
(7) the Department for Regional Development,
(8) the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety,
(9) the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety: Health and Personal Social Services Superannuation,
(10) the Department for Social Development,
(11) the Department of Finance and Personnel: Superannuation and Other Allowances,
(12) the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister,
(13) the Northern Ireland Assembly,
(14) the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints, and
(15) the Northern Ireland Audit Office,

for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General of Northern Ireland thereon [by Command]; to be printed [Nos. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 33] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

7 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [23rd July, in the last Session of Parliament] from the Islamic Education and Cultural Society of Hayes and others for action by Her Majesty's Government to secure the rights of Palestinians [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

8 Treaty Series (No. 48, 2002),—Exchange of Notes, done at Accra on 20th May and 15th July 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Ghana concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Ghana Debt Agreement No. 2 (2001)) [by Command] [Cm. 5682] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Functions of Traffic Wardens (Amendment) Order 2002:
(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order; and
(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Desmond Swayne from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Francois.

2 Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2002,—The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

3 Draft Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs) (Revocation) Order 2002:
(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order; and
(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Hugh Robertson from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Flook.
4 Draft Release of Short-Term Prisoners on Licence (Amendment of Requisite Period) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Desmond Swayne from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Francois.

5 Draft Potato Industry Development Council (Amendment) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr John Butterfill Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Chris Grayling from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Hugh Robertson.

6 Draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Applications for Patents) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Hoban and Mr Mark Prisk from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr George Osborne and Hugh Robertson.

European Standing Committees

7 The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Community Document No. 14394/01, on Greenhouse Gas Emission Trading.

8 The Speaker has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Community Document No. 12839/02, the Enlargement, and Addenda 1–13, the Reports on progress by applicant countries.

Grand Committees

9 Welsh Grand Committee.— The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meetings on Thursday 21st November.
Monday 18th November 2002.

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

**PRAYERS.**

1 Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) Bill,—Secretary Patricia Hewitt, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mrs Secretary Liddell, Secretary Peter Hain and Alan Johnson, 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 section 8(5) of the Industrial Development Act 1982: 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 Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) Bill be printed [Bill 5–EN].

2 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address),—The Order of the Day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

*Ordered*, That the Debate be now adjourned.—(Derek Twigg.)

Debate to be resumed to-morrow.

3 Business of the House,—*Ordered*, That, at the sitting on Thursday 21st November—

(a) notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents) the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to Fisheries not later than four hours after their commencement; and

(b) notwithstanding the practice of the House in relation to motions relating to the Committee of Selection, the Motion in the name of Mr Keith Hill relating to the Committee of Selection may be made during the time of public business and the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on it not later than one hour after their commencement,

and proceedings under this Order may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption.—(Derek Twigg.)

4 Business of the House,—*Ordered*, That Private Members’ Bills shall have precedence over Government business on 31st January and 7th and 28th February and 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th March and 4th April and 16th May and 13th and 20th June and 4th and 11th July 2003.—(Derek Twigg.)

5 Agriculture,—*Ordered*, That the Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Additional Designations) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2614) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Derek Twigg.)

6 Home Affairs,—*Ordered*, That Mr Humfrey Malins and Angela Watkinson be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Mr James Clappison and Miss Ann Widdecombe be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

7 International Development,—*Ordered*, That Mr Andrew Robathan be discharged from the International Development Committee and Alistair Burt be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Adjournment,—*Resolved*, That this House do now adjourn.—(Derek Twigg.)

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 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Church of England (Pensions) Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 73] [Clerk of the House].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

4 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures).—Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee on the Church of England (Pensions) Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 74] [Clerk of the House].

5 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The PFI Contract for the redevelopment of West Middlesex University Hospital [by Act]; to be printed [No. 49] [Clerk of the House].

6 Resource Accounts, 2001–02.—Resource Accounts of the Public Record Office for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 11] [Ruth Kelly].

7 Work and Pensions.—Paper, entitled Pathways to work: Helping people into employment [by Command] [Cm. 5690] [Mr Secretary Smith].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Kidney from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Gareth Thomas.

2 Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs) (Revocation) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2691).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Keen from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Anthony D. Wright.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Sexual Health]; to be printed [No. 69-i] [John Austin].

2 Human Rights.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child]; to be printed [No. 81-i] [Jean Corston].

3 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The Public Private Partnership for National Air Traffic Services Ltd]; to be printed [No. 80-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [The primary legislative process as it affects Wales]; to be printed [No. 79-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].
Tuesday 19th November 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Functions of Traffic Wardens (Amendment) Order 2002. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Communications Bill,—Secretary Tessa Jowell, supported by The Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mrs Secretary Liddell, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Secretary Peter Hain, Mr Stephen Timms and Dr Kim Howells, presented a Bill to confer functions on the Office of Communications; to make provision about the regulation of the provision of electronic communications networks and services and of the use of the electro-magnetic spectrum; to make provision about the regulation of broadcasting and of the provision of television and radio services; to make provision about newspaper mergers and, in that connection, to amend the Enterprise Act 2002; 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 6].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Communications Bill be printed [Bill 6-EN].

3 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address),—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words ‘but humbly regret the absence of a Bill to ensure the impartiality of the Civil Service; and further regret the centralising nature of measures on regional and local government, housing and planning; note the absence of measures to end insecurity in old age with no Bill to abolish the annuity rule or tackle the crisis in the pension system; further regret that the Gracious Speech contains no measures to deliver a health service in which no patient is left waiting, but seeks unfairly to charge local authorities for bed-blocking in hospitals, and to grant foundation status only to a small number of hospitals; are concerned at the failure to reduce the burden of regulation on business and to tackle the crisis in the rural economy; welcome the Bill to create a Railway Accident Investigation Branch, along lines recommended by Her Majesty’s Official Opposition, but condemn the failure to address the worsening transport crisis or to improve conditions for passengers, motorists and businesses; and further regret the failure to give more control over schools to parents and governors, to restore teacher morale, and to improve confidence in the examination system and universities.’—(David Davis.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Mark Hoban: 150.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Phil Woolas, Dan Norris: 330.

So the Question was negatived.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

4 Procedure,—Ordered, That Ms Meg Munn be discharged from the Procedure Committee and Mr Tony McWalter be added.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

5 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products,

(2) Sandra Edwards and supporters of ‘Voice 4 Dogs’ for legislation to ban the import and export of products made from dog and cat fur,
(3) the British Pensioners and Trade Union Action Association, Coventry Branch, for a free national travel pass scheme for pensioners in England, and
(4) the British Pensioners and Trade Union Action Association, Coventry Branch, for increased state retirement pensions,

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 Nick Ainger.)

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 Education,—Special Educational Needs Tribunal (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2787), dated 11th November [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

2 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Local Pharmaceutical Services Etc.) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2861), dated 19th November [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

3 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the British Forces Post Office for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 7] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

4 Miscellaneous (No. 19, 2002),—Protocol of Amendment to the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures, done at Brussels on 26th June 1999, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5680] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Invest to Save Budget [by Act]; to be printed [No. 50] [Clerk of the House].

6 National Lottery,—Report and Accounts and Corporate Plan Summary of the Sports Council for Wales for 2001–02, with the Report of the Auditor General for Wales thereon [by Act] [Secretary Peter Hain].

7 Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions,—(1) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Non-Effective Benefits and Family Pensions) Order 2002, and
(2) Naval and Marine Pay and Pensions (Pensions Increase) Order 2002 dated 22nd October 2002 [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

8 Oil and Pipelines,—Report and Accounts of the Oil and Pipelines Agency for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 44] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

9 Private Business,—Rules for the Practice and Procedure of the Court of Referees, framed by the Chairman of Ways and Means [by Standing Order]; to be printed [No. 88] [Clerk of the House].

10 Sexual Offences,—Paper, entitled Protecting the Public: Strengthening protection against sex offenders and reforming the law on sexual offences [by Command] [Cm. 5668] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Functions of Traffic Wardens (Amendment) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Geraint Davies from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Phil Sawford.

2 Draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Applications for Patents) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Oona King from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Miller.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Tourism]; to be printed [No. 65-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Criminal Justice and Sentencing Bill]; to be printed [No. 83-i] [Mr Chris Mullin].

3 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Afghanistan: the transition from humanitarian relief to reconstruction and development assistance]; to be printed [No. 84-i] [Tony Baldry].

4 Statutory Instruments,—First Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-i] [Mr Brian White].

5 Trade and Industry,—(1) First Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Managing the Nuclear Legacy: Responses to the Committee’s Fifth Report of Session 2001–02]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 86]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Biotechnology]; to be printed [No. 87-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

6 Regulatory Reform,—First Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Credit Unions) Order 2002; Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licensing) Order 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 82] [Mr Peter Pike].

7 Welsh Affairs,—First Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Broadband 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. 95] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 6.]

Wednesday 20th November 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills,—The Orders of 23rd October and 31st October relating to the Mersey Tunnels Bill and the London Development Agency Bill, suspended in the last Session of Parliament, being read;

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 and second time and committed.

London Development Agency Bill,—A Bill to confer powers upon the London Development Agency, was read the first, second and third time and passed.

2 Sessional Returns,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Returns for Session 2001–02 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 and Regulatory Reform Orders;

(7) European Legislation, &c.;

(8) Grand Committees;

(9) Chairmen’s Panel; and

(10) Select Committees.—(The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means.)
3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr James Cran reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) 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 Document No. 12839/02, the Commission Strategy Paper and Report on progress towards accession by each of the candidate countries with Addenda 1 to 13, the 2002 Regular Reports on progress by individual candidate countries; welcomes the Government’s continuing commitment to European Union enlargement; and supports the Government’s aim that the European Union complete negotiations with ten candidates 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 Queen’s Speech (Motion for an Address).—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 13th November, That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, as follows:

Most Gracious Sovereign,

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

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, at the end, to add the words ‘welcome measures in the Gracious Speech to improve criminal justice, despite the failure of the Government’s previous 12 such Acts to deliver improvement; further welcome measures to reform the excessively bureaucratic legislation previously introduced to curb anti-social behaviour, and other measures, proposed by Her Majesty’s Official Opposition, to protect the public from sex offenders; but deplore proposals within the European Arrest Warrant that could lead to the arrest of people in Britain for actions which are not crimes in Britain, or to the deportation of British people for trial in judicial systems where there is no presumption of innocence; will study with concern any proposals for the restriction of the “double jeopardy” rule, or the introduction of past convictions into court proceedings; and regret the failure of the Government to address the central issues of crime today, such as the lack of true neighbourhood policing, the falling rates of detection and the lack of a coherent strategy to lift young people off the conveyor belt to crime.’.—(Mr Oliver Letwin.)

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

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: 152.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Joan Ryan: 372.

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 distracts from sound policies which deal effectively with crime and its causes by proposing further untried quick fixes and measures which threaten civil liberties and the rights of defendants; believe that Government proposals for health and social care unfairly punish social services for Government failure, fail to provide proper democratically accountable decentralisation and create inequitable distinctions in funding between foundation hospitals and others; regret the lack of provision for free personal care for elderly and disabled people and the failure to tackle the pension crisis; note that the Government has failed to put the environment at the heart of its legislative agenda and address the crisis in the public transport system; note the 7 per cent. real terms reduction in funding per student by Government since 1997, and the failure to rule out top-up fees, allow the Welsh Assembly to operate its own student funding arrangements for Wales or re-open the Tomlinson Inquiry into A Level grade fixing; regret the continued failure of the Government to provide for a referendum on a fair voting system for the House of Commons; and regret the absence of the promised Bill to protect the Civil Service from politisisation and of Government measures to tackle the steep inequalities which continue to afflict the most disadvantaged members in society.’.—(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, Annette Brooke, Tom Brake: 55.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Joan Ryan: 319.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put,

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Joan Ryan: 295.
Tellers for the Noes, Tom Brake, Annette Brooke: 60.

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 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 Functions of Traffic Wardens (Amendment) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 23rd October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Mr Nick Ainger)—It was agreed to.

7 Public Petition.—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.

8 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

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 International Development.—Draft International Development Association (Thirteenth Replenishment) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Clare Short].

2 Social Security.—Draft Jobseeker's Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Animals,—(1) Pet Travel Scheme (Pilot Arrangements) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2850), and
(2) TSE (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2860) dated 18th November 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

4 Air Force (Constitution).—(1) Amendment List 18 to Air Publication 1269A—The Royal Air Force Manual of Assessment of Medical Fitness, and
(2) Order by Her Majesty amending Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

5 Freedom of Information,—Lord Chancellor’s Codes of Practice issued under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on—
(1) the Discharge of Public Authorities Functions under Part 1 of the Act, and
(2) the Management of Records under Section 46 of the Act [by Act] [Yvette Cooper].
6 Police Reform.—The National Policing Plan for 2003–06 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

7 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [16th October] from residents of South East Essex and the surrounding areas against proposals for an airport at Cliffe [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

8 Regulatory Impact Assessments.—List of Regulatory Impact Assessments for 1st January to 30th June 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5675] [Mr Douglas Alexander].

9 Resource Accounts, 2001–02.—Resource Accounts of the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 9] [Ruth Kelly].

10 Treaty Series (No. 49, 2002).—Exchange of Notes, done at Washington 18th June 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America terminating the Leased Bases Agreement of 27 March 1941 and related lease and other arrangements regarding the establishment, use, operation and defence of the United States bases on Bermuda [by Command] [Cm. 5683] [Mr Secretary Straw].

11 Tribunals and Inquiries.—Report of the Council on Tribunals for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 14] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Keith Bradley, Mrs Patsy Calton, Mr Michael Clapham, Mrs Helen Clark, Gerardt Davies, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Chris Grayling, Dr Evan Harris, Mr John Hutton, Mr David Kidney, John McDonnell, Mr David Tredinnick, Dr Rudi Vis and Claire Ward.

2 Draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Solicitors' Practising Certificates) 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 sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Annette Brooke, Ms Karen Buck, Mr John Burnett, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr David Lepper, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Gordon Marsden, Linda Perham, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Andrew Selous, Mr Clive Soley, Angela Watkinson and Ms Rosie Winterton.

3 Draft Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Roger Berry, Peter Bottomley, Richard Burden, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr David Clelland, Julia Drown, Shona Mclusac, Gillian Merron, Angela Smith, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr John Taylor, Mr Paul Truswell, Mr Bill Tynan, Mr Bill Wiggin, Mr David Wilshire and Mr Mike Wood.

4 Draft Housing Support Services (Northern Ireland) 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: Janet Anderson, Gregory Barker, Mr Desmond Browne, David Burnside, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Shona Mclusac, Gillian Merron, Mr Martin Salter, Geraldine Smith, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr John Taylor and Mr David Wilshire.

5 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 107) (House of Commons Paper No. 60) on Special Grant for Activities Undertaken by Beacon Councils:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Jon Cruddas, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Nick Gibb, Linda Gilroy, Matthew Green, Stephen Hesford, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Christopher Leslie, Andrew Muckinlay, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Denis Murphy, Bob Spink, Mr Desmond Swayne and Mr Phil Woolas.
6 Draft Air Quality (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Sixth 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: Ms Diane Abbott, Vera Baird, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Tam Dalyell, Sue Doughty, Mr Boris Johnson, Jim Knight, Alun Michael, Mr Andy Reed, Hugh Robertson, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Derek Twigg, Mr John Wilkinson, Tony Worthington and Richard Younger-Ross.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Seventh 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 Nick Ainger, Norman Baker, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Michael Connarty, Sue Doughty, Michael Fabricant, Jane Griffiths, Mr John Hayes, Mr Elliot Morley, Dr Andrew Murray, Mr Stephen Pound, Joyce Quin, Mr Andy Reed, Hugh Robertson, Christine Russell and Paddy Tipping.

8 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:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eighth 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: Tony Baldry, Mr David Cameron, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Tony Colman, Mrs Janet Dean, Jim Dowd, Mr Bill Etherington, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Greg Pope, Angus Robertson, Mr Richard Spring, Dr Phyllis Starkey and Mr Shaun Woodward.

9 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (South Africa) Order 2002 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Taiwan) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders 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: Mr John Burnett, Ann Clwyd, Mr Michael Jack, Mr Brian Jenkins, Norman Lamb, Mr Jim Marshall, Kali Mountford, Mr Chris Pond, Mr Gordon Prentice, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Mark Prisk, Christine Russell, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Keith Vaz and Mr David Wilshire.

European Standing Committees

10 European Union document No. 12530/02, relating to major accident hazards involving dangerous substances, has been referred to European Standing Committee A, together with European Union document No. 15275/01, already referred to the Committee on 26th June 2002.

11 European Union document No. 11079/02, relating to mutual recognition of financial penalties, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

12 European Union document No. 8395/02 and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 14th November 2002, submitted by the Lord Chancellor’s Department and the Scottish Executive, both relating to jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and in matters of parental responsibility, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

13 European Union document No. 12228/02, relating to security of energy supply, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [SDR New Chapter], to be printed [No. 93-i] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: Diversity of Provision], to be printed [No. 94-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit,—(1) First Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Pesticides: The Voluntary Initiative], together with an Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee in the last Session, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 100], and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The World Summit on Sustainable Development: From Rhetoric to Reality]; to be printed [No. 98-i]
[Mr John Horam].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) First Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63-i]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Convention on the Future of Europe]; to be printed [No. 103-i]
[Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) First Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Impact in Northern Ireland of Cross-border Road Fuel Price Differentials: Three Years On], together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 105]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Control of Firearms in Northern Ireland and the Draft Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2002]; to be printed [No. 67-ii]
[Mr Michael Mates].


7 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. 55-i] [Dr Ian Gibson].

8 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Futureskills Scotland]; to be printed [No. 101-i] [Mrs Irene Adams].

9 Transport,—(1) First Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government and Office of Fair Trading Responses to the Seventeenth Report from the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee in Session 2001–02, on The Bus Industry]; to be printed [No. 97]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Multi Modal Studies]; to be printed [No. 38-i]
[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Royal Mint Annual Report 2001–02]; to be printed [No.106-i] [Mr John McFall].

11 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [The Future of UK Pensions]; to be printed [No. 92-i] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

WESTMINSTER HALL

In pursuance of Standing Order No. 10(13), the Speaker has appointed 27th February, 13th March, 3rd April, 15th May, 12th June and 3rd July 2003 as days when the business to be taken in Westminster Hall shall be debates on select committee reports chosen by the Liaison Committee.
Thursday 21st November 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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 first allotted day in the present Session of Parliament):

That a day not later than 6th February be allotted for the consideration of the following Vote on Account for financial year 2003–04:

Home Office, in so far as it relates to the Government’s drugs policy.

Report to lie upon the Table.

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs) (Revocation) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2691).

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

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—David Taylor reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Release of Short-Term Prisoners on Licence (Amendment of Requisite Period) Order 2002.

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 Government’s legislative programme as outlined in the Queen’s Speech as it relates to Wales, referred to it on 14th November.

5 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. 14394/01, draft Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission allowance trading within the Community and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC, and supports the Government’s objective of establishing a flexible, market-based instrument across the European Union in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions towards meeting the United Kingdom’s international obligations and domestic targets on climate change.

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

6 European Parliament (Representation) Bill,—Yvette Cooper, supported by The Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Secretary Straw, Mrs Secretary Liddell and Secretary Peter Hain, presented a Bill to make provision enabling alterations to be made to the total number of Members of the European Parliament to be elected for the United Kingdom and to their distribution between the electoral regions; to make provision for and in connection with the establishment of an electoral region including Gibraltar for the purposes of European Parliamentary elections; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 25th November and to be printed [Bill 7–EN].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the European Parliament (Representation) Bill be printed [Bill 7–EN].

7 Criminal Justice Bill,—Mr Secretary Blunkett, supported by The Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Secretary Milburn, Mrs Secretary Murphy, Mrs Secretary Liddell, Secretary Peter Hain, Hilary Benn and Yvette Cooper, presented a Bill to make provision about criminal justice (including the powers and duties of the police) and about dealing with offenders; to amend the law relating to jury service; to amend Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 25th November and to be printed [Bill 8–EN].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Criminal Justice Bill be printed [Bill 8–EN].

8 Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Union documents No. COM (02) 181, Commission Communication on the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (*Roadmap*), No. COM (02) 185, draft Council Regulation on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy, No.
COM (02) 187, draft Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 2792/1999 laying down the detailed rules and arrangements regarding Community structural assistance in the fisheries sector, No. COM (02) 190, draft Council Regulation establishing an emergency Community measure for scrapping fishing vessels, No. COM (02) 186, Commission Communication, a Community Action Plan to integrate environmental protection requirements into the Common Fisheries Policy, and No. COM (02) 180, Commission Communication, a Community Action Plan for the eradication of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing; and supports the Government’s objectives, which are to work for a Common Fisheries Policy that is environmentally and economically sustainable, to strengthen the Common Fisheries Policy’s regional dimension, to increase industry involvement in decisions on fisheries management and conservation and improve the dialogue between fishermen and scientists, to increase the integration of environmental concerns into fisheries management, to introduce clearer procedures for responding quickly to conservation emergencies, to confirm the 6 and 12-mile access restrictions on a permanent basis, to continue relative stability (including the Hague Preference) and retain the Shetland Box, to ensure greater effectiveness and consistency in control and enforcement of European Union requirements, while attempting to simplify the burden of control on fishermen, to improve the value for money of third country agreements and their coherence with development and environmental objectives and to promote the effective operation of Regional Fisheries Organizations—(Mr Elliot Morley).

An Amendment (a) was proposed to the Question, in line 13, to leave out from the word ‘fishing’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘calls on the Government to resist any proposal for inappropriate and excessive cuts in fishing effort and Total Allowable Catches for 2003, to confirm the 6 and 12-mile access restrictions on a permanent basis, to continue relative stability (including the Hague Preference) and retain the Shetland Box, and to seek the early review of third country agreements; believes that future policies must be based on Regional Management Committees through which fishermen would work with scientists and governments to agree sustainable and fairly enforced zonal management for their local fisheries; and calls on the Government to work with the devolved administrations and the fishing industry to produce its promised strategy for the long-term sustainable future of the UK fishing industry and to seek backing for this strategy at meetings of the EU Fisheries Council’; instead thereof.—(Andrew George.)

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

And it being four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [18th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Reid, Sir Robert Smith: 32.

Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Mr John Heppell: 232.

So the Question was negatived.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question required to be put at that hour.

The Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Union documents No. COM (02) 181, Commission Communication on the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (‘Roadmap’), No. COM (02) 185, draft Council Regulation on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy, No. COM (02) 187, draft Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 2792/1999 laying down the detailed rules and arrangements regarding Community structural assistance in the fisheries sector, No. COM (02) 190, draft Council Regulation establishing an emergency Community measure for scrapping fishing vessels, No. COM (02) 186, Commission Communication, a Community Action Plan to integrate environmental protection requirements into the Common Fisheries Policy, and No. COM (02) 180, Commission Communication, a Community Action Plan for the eradication of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing; and supports the Government’s objectives, which are to work for a Common Fisheries Policy that is environmentally and economically sustainable, to strengthen the Common Fisheries Policy’s regional dimension, to increase industry involvement in decisions on fisheries management and conservation and improve the dialogue between fishermen and scientists, to increase the integration of environmental concerns into fisheries management, to introduce clearer procedures for responding quickly to conservation emergencies, to confirm the 6 and 12-mile access restrictions on a permanent basis, to continue relative stability (including the Hague Preference) and retain the Shetland Box, to ensure greater effectiveness and consistency in control and enforcement of European Union requirements, while attempting to simplify the burden of control on fishermen, to improve the value for money of third country agreements and their coherence with development and environmental objectives and to promote the effective operation of Regional Fisheries Organizations.
Selection,—A Motion was made, pursuant to Order [18th November], 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—(Keith Hill);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out the words ‘Mr Peter Luff’ and insert the words ‘Pete Wishart’, instead thereof.—(Pete Wishart.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made:—The Amendment was, with leave of the House, withdrawn.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr John Hayes be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Peter Luff be added to the Committee.

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.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eight minutes past Eight o’clock, adjourned till Monday 25th November.

[Adjourned at 8.08 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Companies,—Companies (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2894), dated 21st November 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Competition,—Draft Supply of Beer (Tied Estate) (Revocation) Order 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Fur Farming (Prohibition) (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, and (2) draft Harbours (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

4 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft Flexible Working (Procedural Requirements) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Animals,—Poultry Breeding Flocks, Hatcheries and Animal By-Products (Fees) (England) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2875), dated 19th November 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Disabled Persons,—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Summerlee Tramcar No. 392) Exemption Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2873), dated 20th November 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Partnership,—Limited Liability Partnerships (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2895), dated 21st November 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

8 Pesticides,—Plant Protection Products (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2874), dated 21st November 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


Other Papers:


11 Defence,—Consolidated Departmental Resource Accounts for 2001–02 for the Ministry of Defence, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 47] [Ruth Kelly].
12 Health Service Commissioner,—First Report of the Health Service Ombudsman, Session 2002–03: Investigations Completed—April–July 2002 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 51-I and -II] [Clerk of the House].

13 Public Petitions,—(1) Observations by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Performance and Quality, Department of Health, on the Petition [6th November, in the last Session of Parliament] of residents of Taunton and others for the making available of all drugs to all patients on the basis of clinical need alone; and

(2) Observations by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Petition [15th October, in the last Session of Parliament] of current and former employees of ASW Sheerness and their partners for the restoration of the ASW Sheerness pension fund [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

14 Royal Armouries,—Report by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport of Contingent Liabilities under the Government Indemnity Scheme relating to a Loan from Trustees of the Royal Armouries for armour on display at the Tower of London [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

15 Sea Fisheries,—Shrimp Fishing Nets Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2870), dated 18th November 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

16 Severn Bridges,—Financial Statement of Severn River Crossing Plc for 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

17 Standards in Public Life,—Eighth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life, Standards of Conduct in the House of Commons [by Command] [Cm. 5663] [The Prime Minister].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) First Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 110]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Government Response to the Foot and Mouth Inquiry Reports and other matters arising]; to be printed [No. 111] [Mr David Curry].

2 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Service Targets]; to be printed [No. 62-ii] [Tony Wright].

3 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Bank of England November 2002 Inflation Report]; to be printed [No. 108-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 7; WH, No. 1.]
Thursday 21st November 2002.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (Further education).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Jim Murphy);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 26th November.

[Adjourned at 5.51 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Butterfill reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Potato Industry Development Council (Amendment) Order 2002.

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

2 Local Government Bill,—Mr Secretary Prescott, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Milburn, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Mr Paul Boateng, Secretary Peter Hain, Mr Nick Raynsford and Mr Christopher Leslie, presented a Bill to make provision about finance, and other provision, in connection with local and certain other authorities; to provide for changing the dates of local elections in 2004; to amend the Audit Commission Act 1998; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 9].

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

3 UN Security Council Resolution 1441,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House supports UNSCR 1441 as unanimously adopted by the UN Security Council, agrees that the Government of Iraq must comply fully with all provisions of the Resolution; and agrees that, if it fails to do so, the Security Council should meet in order to consider the situation and the need for full compliance—(Mr Secretary Straw);

An Amendment ((e)) was proposed to the Question, in line 5, at the end, to add the words ‘and believes that any decision that Iraq is in material breach of Resolution 1441 is for the UN Security Council as a whole to determine and that no military action to enforce Resolution 1441 should be taken against Iraq without a mandate from the UN Security Council; and further believes that no British forces should be committed to any such military action against Iraq without a debate in this House and a substantive motion in favour’.—(Mr Michael Moore.)

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

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, That the Amendment be made;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Annette Brooke, Mr David Heath: 85.

Tellers for the Noes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Fraser Kemp: 452.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Resolved, That this House supports UNSCR 1441 as unanimously adopted by the UN Security Council; agrees that the Government of Iraq must comply fully with all provisions of the Resolution; and agrees that, if it fails to do so, the Security Council should meet in order to consider the situation and the need for full compliance.

4 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Northern Ireland Act 1998 (Designation of Public Authorities) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 24th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Derek Twigg):—It was agreed to.

5 Customs and Excise,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Excise Duties (Personal Reliefs) (Revocation) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2691), dated 28th October, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Derek Twigg):—It was agreed to.
6 Prisons.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), that the draft Release of Short-Term Prisoners on Licence (Amendment of Requisite Period) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 29th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

7 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 (Removal of 20 Member Limit in Partnerships etc) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 24th October, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved.—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

8 Enlargement and Reports on Progress by Applicant Countries.—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. 12839/02, the Commission Strategy Paper and Report on progress towards accession by each of the candidate countries with Addenda 1 to 13, the 2002 Regular Reports on progress by individual candidate countries; welcomes the Government’s continuing commitment to European Union enlargement; and supports the Government’s aim that the European Union complete negotiations with 10 candidates by the end of this year, so that they can participate in the European Parliament elections in 2004 as Member States.—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

9 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Derek Twigg.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.46 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 22nd November 2002 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Performance Report for 2001–02 [Cm. 5661] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 22nd November 2002 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 25th November 2002:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

3 Northern Ireland.—(1) Draft Company Directors Disqualifications (Northern Ireland) Order 2002,

(2) draft Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, and

(3) draft Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 2002

[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command][Mr Secretary Murphy].

4 Proceeds of Crime.—Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Cash Searches: Code of Practice) Order 2002 [by Act], with Explanatory Memorandum thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Building and Buildings,—(1) Building (Approved Inspectors etc.) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2872), and

(2) Building (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2871),

dated 16th November 2002 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 Education,—Education (Student Loans) (Repayment) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2859), dated 19th November 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].
Other Papers:

7 Proceeds of Crime,—Draft Code of Practice for Constables and Customs Officers under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth on the Petition [23rd July, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of York and surrounding areas for representations to the Government of India for the release of Ian Stillman [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

9 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Community Legal Service [by Act], to be printed [No. 89] [Clerk of the House].

10 Science and Technology,—Government Response to the Fourth Report of the Science and Technology Committee, Session 2001–02, on Developments in Human Genetics and Embryology [by Command] [Cm. 5693] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Order 2002:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr George Stevenson Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mr Jimmy Hood; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Helen Clark from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Mr Kevin Barron.

Draft Potato Industry Development Council (Amendment) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Clapham and Andrew George from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Huw Irranca-Davies and Mr Roger Williams.

Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 107) (House of Commons Paper No. 60) on Special Grant for Activities Undertaken by Beacon Councils,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report), and nominated in substitution Mr Eric Pickles.

Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Additional Designations) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2614),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andy Reed from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations), and nominated in substitution Peter Bradley.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Individual Learning Accounts (follow-up) and National Skills Strategy]; to be printed [No. 117-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

International Development,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Afghanistan: the transition from humanitarian relief to reconstruction and development assistance]; to be printed [No. 84-n]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The humanitarian crisis in southern Africa]; to be printed [No. 116-i] [Tony Baldry].

Public Accounts,—(1) First Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Collecting the Television Licence Fee]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 113];

(2) Second Report from the Committee [Dealing with pollution from ships]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 119]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Tackling pensioner poverty: encouraging the take-up of entitlement]; to be printed [No. 120-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
Tuesday 26th November 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolutions:

That a draft Order in the same terms as the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Sugar Beet Research and Education) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 16th October, in the last Session of Parliament, should be laid before the House.

That the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Credit Unions) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 18th October, in the last Session of Parliament, should be amended before a draft Order is laid before the House.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr George Stevenson reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Order 2002.

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

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—David Taylor reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Solicitors’ Practising Certificates) Order 2002.

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

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.

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

5 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Amess reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Applications for Patents) Order 2002.

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


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7 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) 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 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill because it is a centralising measure that will have the effect of undermining local democracy, it places too much power in the hands of the Secretary of State to determine the timing of each referendum in each region, it fails to protect the right of individual communities to determine the local government structure that suits them best, the arrangements for referenda are inadequate and insufficiently defined, it fails to recognise that unitary authorities are not an appropriate solution in all parts of the country, it fails to recognise the needs of rural areas and it is incapable of protecting long-established county councils’, instead thereof.—(David Davis.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 141.

Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr Phil Woolas: 389.

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 Phil Woolas, Dan Norris: 386.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 134.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

8 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That the following provisions shall apply to the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill:

Committal

1. Clauses 1 to 4 of the Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

Programming of proceedings

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

Proceedings

4. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be completed in one day.

5.—(1) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 19th December 2002.

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

6. When the provisions of the Bill considered, respectively, by the Committee of the whole House and by the Standing Committee, have been reported to the House, the Bill shall be proceeded with as if it had been reported as a whole to the House from the Standing Committee.

Consideration and Third Reading

7. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

8. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced.

9. Sessional Order B (programming committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.—(Derek Twigg);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Phil Woolas, Dan Norris: 318.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Laurence Robertson: 178.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Regional Assemblies (Preparations) 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 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill:

(1) there shall be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund any sums required by the Electoral Commission to meet—

(a) the charges payable to counting officers in connection with a referendum held about the establishment of an elected regional assembly; and

(b) sums payable in respect of increases in superannuation contributions required to be paid by local authorities in consequence of fees paid as part of those charges,

(2) there shall be paid out of money provided by Parliament—

(a) any expenditure of a Minister of the Crown—

(i) in connection with a referendum held about the establishment of an elected regional assembly;

(ii) in making payments to the Electoral Commission;
(iii) in paying grant in respect of the expenditure of regional chambers;
(iv) in preparation for elected regional assemblies;
(v) in connection with the transfer of any function to such an assembly;
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums so payable under any other
enactment—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

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
[21st November] of the Liaison Committee—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

11 House of Lords Reform (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That the Lords Message [14th
November] relating to House of Lords Reform be now considered.
That this House concurs with the Lords in the said Resolution.
That, in accordance with the Resolution of the House of 19th June in the last Session
of Parliament, a Select Committee of twelve Members be appointed to join with a
Committee to be appointed by the Lords, as the Joint Committee on House of Lords
Reform, with the same terms of reference, powers and membership as in the last session
and that the proceedings of the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform in the last
session of Parliament be referred to the Committee.—(Derek Twigg)
Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

12 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 Potato Industry Development Council (Amendment) Order
2002, which was laid before this House on 23rd October, in the last Session of Parliament,
be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

13 Greenhouse Gas Emissions,—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. 14394/01, draft Directive of the European
Parliament and of the Council establishing a scheme for greenhouse gas emission
allowance trading within the Community and amending Council Directive 96/61/EC;
and supports the Government’s objective of establishing a flexible, market-based
instrument across the European Union in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
towards meeting the United Kingdom’s international obligations and domestic targets
on climate change—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

14 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) residents of East Hertfordshire, North and West Essex and the surrounding
communities against the construction of further runways at Stansted Airport, 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.

15 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.

16 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Derek Twigg)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes past Eleven
o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 11.13 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Financing of Maintained Schools (England) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations
2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2868), dated 15th November 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

2 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Discretionary Expenditure Limits) (England) Order
2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2878), dated 19th November 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Social Security,—Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2002 (S.I.,
2002, No. 2924), dated 26th November 2002 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

5 Tax Credits.—Tax Credits (Appeals) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2926), dated 26th November 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

6 Immigration.—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 104] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

7 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petitions [17th October, 21st October, 22nd October [three Petitions], 23rd October, 24th October, 26th October [two Petitions], 30th October [two Petitions], 31st October [two Petitions], 4th November [three Petitions], 5th November [two Petitions] and 6th November, in the last Session of Parliament] from ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

8 Terrorism.—Report on the operation in 2001 of the Terrorism Act 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Solicitors’ Practising Certificates) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order in place of Mr Peter Atkinson.

2 Draft Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alistair Carmichael from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Lembit Opik.

3 Draft Contracting Out (Functions in Relation to Applications for Patents) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Frank Dobson from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr James Plaskitt.

4 Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Additional Designations) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2614),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Pound, Joyce Quin and Christine Russell from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Ian Lucas and Chris Ruane.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Tourism]; to be printed [No. 65-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Criminal Justice Bill]; to be printed [No. 83-ii] [Mr Chris Mullin].

3 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Afghanistan: the transition from humanitarian relief to reconstruction and development assistance]; to be printed [No. 84-ii] [Tony Baldry].

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. 76-ii] [Mr Clive Bettis].

5 Statutory Instruments.—Second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-ii]; and (2) First Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments; to be printed [No. 126-i] [Mr David Tredinnick].
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6 Trade and Industry,—(1) Second Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [The Use of Retentions in the UK Construction Industry], 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. 127]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Trade with China and Taiwan, Radio spectrum management]; to be printed [Nos. 129-i and 128-i]
[Mr Martin O’Neill].

7 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [The Work of the Strategic Rail Authority]; to be printed [No. 125-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

8 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Bank of England November 2002 Inflation Report]; to be printed [No. 108-ii] [Mr John McFall]

[No. 9; WH, No. 2.]

Tuesday 26th November 2002.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr David Lammy.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.59 p.m.

[No. 10.]

Wednesday 27th November 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Housing Support Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.

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

2 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Cran reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the 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.

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

3 Sir William McKay, KCB, Clerk of the House of Commons,—The Speaker informed the House that he had received a letter from Sir William McKay, KCB, Clerk of the House of Commons, which he read to the House, as follows:

I am writing to let you know formally of my desire to resign as Clerk of the House at the end of the year.

I entered the service of the House in September 1961, and I first sat at the table of the House in 1977. By the time I resign, I shall have been Clerk of the House for exactly five years. Two years ago, I had the further privilege of being appointed the first Chief Executive of the House Service.

It has been an honour and a unique privilege to serve the House of Commons over those 41 years, and especially to do so as its principal adviser on privilege and procedure. I shall always be grateful to the occupants of the Chair and Members in all parts of the House, past and present, for their courtesy and friendship over that long period.

For at least the past decade, the House’s procedures and services have adapted to meet new demands and challenges at a pace which would have startled my colleagues in 1961. I hope we have been generally successful in coping with change while maintaining the traditional high standard of service. If so, the credit must go to all those men and women in the six departments of the House on whose loyal service so much depends. It has been a privilege for me to be associated with them.
I shall leave the service of the House with regret, but I shall do so in the knowledge that no other career could possibly have provided as much satisfaction and opportunity for service.

4 Health (Wales) Bill,—The Health (Wales) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

5 Health (Wales) Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Health (Wales) Bill—

Committal
(1) The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.

(2) The proviso in paragraph (2)(ii) of Standing Order No. 86 (Nomination of Standing Committees) shall not apply to the Bill.

Proceedings in Standing Committee
(3) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 12th December.

(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 one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

(6) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced.

(7) Sessional Order B (programming committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and third reading.

Other proceedings
(8) Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords amendments or any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—(Mr Jim Murphy).

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jim Murphy, Charlotte Atkins: 340.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 72.
So the Question was agreed to.

6 Health (Wales) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Health (Wales) 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 Health (Wales) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable by virtue of any other Act out of money so provided—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

7 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 Applications for Patents) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 5th November, in the last Session of Parliament, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

8 Legal Services,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Access to Justice Act 1999 (Solicitors’ Practising Certificates) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 13th November, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

9 Health Care and Associated 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 Medical Act 1983 (Amendment) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 14th November, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

10 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.
11 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Monday 2nd December,
(1) proceedings on the Motion in the name of the Reverend Ian Paisley shall lapse, if
not previously concluded, at Seven o’clock or three hours after they have been entered
upon, whichever is the later, and paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on
amendments) shall apply to them as if the day were an Opposition Day; and
(2) the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the
Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to the Convention on the Future of
Europe not later than three hours after they have been entered upon, and the proceedings
may continue after the moment of interruption.—(Derek Twigg.)

12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) the residents of Slough and others for Government action to prevent war crimes
against Palestinians,
(2) ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability
of natural health products [three Petitions], and
(3) the residents of West Oxfordshire for an infrastructure upgrade on the Cotswold
Railway Line,
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.—(Derek Twigg.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes to Eleven o’clock,
adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.51 p.m.

APPENDIX I
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Justice,—Draft Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (Amendment of section 46(1)) Order
2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary
Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Fees and Charges,—European Economic Interest Grouping (Fees) (Amendment No. 2)
Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2928), dated 25th November 2002 [Ms Secretary
Hewitt].

3 Local Government,—Borough of Blackburn with Darwen and the City of Peterborough
(Changes to Years of Elections) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2876), dated 20th November
2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 National Health Service,—National Health Service Act 1977 and National Health Service
and Community Care Act 1990 (Amendment) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002,
No. 2932), dated 27th November 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Social Security,—Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2002 (S.I.,
2002, No. 2929), dated 27th November 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

6 Taxes,—Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, Section 349B(3) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002,
No. 2931), dated 27th November 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

7 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Employment Rights (Increase of Limits) (No. 2)
Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2927), dated 25th November 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary
Hewitt].

8 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002,
No. 2918), dated 25th November 2002 [by Act] [John Healey].

Other Papers:

9 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Autumn Performance Report for the Department
for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5498]
[Secretary Margaret Beckett].

10 Finance,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Audit of Assumptions for the
2002 Pre-Budget Report [by Act]; to be printed [No. 109] [Clerk of the House].
11 Government Resources and Accounts,—Treasury Minute, dated 27th November 2002, directing the application of certain amounts as Appropriations in Aid of the Estimates for 2002–03 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

12 Pre-Budget Report,—Paper, entitled Pre-Budget Report, November 2002: Steering a steady course: Delivering stability, enterprise and fairness in an uncertain world [by Command] [Cm. 5664] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

13 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Forty-third, the Forty-fifth to the Forty-sixth, the Fifty-third, the Fifty-fifth, the Fifty-eighth and the Sixtieth to the Sixty-third Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5676] [Ruth Kelly].

   (1) Department for International Development,
   (2) National Investment and Loans Office,
   (3) Office of HM Chief Inspector of Schools in England, and
   (4) Office of Telecommunications
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 48, 70, 35 and 46] [Ruth Kelly].

15 Supply Estimates, 2001–02,—Non-operating Appropriations in Aid [by Command]; to be printed [No.121] [Mr Paul Boateng].

16 Supply Estimates, 2002–03,—Winter Supplementary Estimates and New Estimates for Supply for 2002–03 for Central Government [by Command]; to be printed [No. 43] [Ruth Kelly].

   (1) Central Government [by Command]; to be printed [No. 42] [Ruth Kelly],
   (2) the Electoral Commission [by Command]; to be printed [No. 41] [The Speaker],
   (3) the House of Commons [by Act]; to be printed [No. 39] [The Speaker], and
   (4) National Audit Office [by Command]; to be printed [No. 40] [Mr Alan Williams].

18 Transport, Local Government and the Regions,—Government Response to the Twelfth Report of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2001–02, on The Need for a New European Regeneration Framework [by Command] [Cm. 5688] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

19 Treaty Series (No. 50, 2002),—Exchange of Notes, done at Yaoundé on 13th August 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Cameroon concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Cameroon Debt Agreement No. 6 (2001)) [by Command] [Cm. 5695] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1 to 4):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Borrow, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Adrian Flook, Linda Gilroy, Matthew Green, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Kevan Jones, Jim Knight, Mr Christopher Leslie, Lawrie Quinn, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Desmond Swayne, Brian White and Mr Phil Woolas.

2 Draft Fur Farming (Prohibition) (Northern Ireland) 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, David Burnside, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr David Curry, Denzil Davies, Mr Frank Dobson, Gillian Merron, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr John Taylor, Dr Alan Whitehead, Mr Roger Williams, Mr David Wilshire and David Wright.

3 Draft International Development Association (Thirteenth Replenishment) 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 Iain Coleman, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Roger Godsiff, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Robert Key, Mr Peter Luft, Mr Tony McWalter, Dan Norris, Mr Richard Page, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Rachel Squire, Dr Jenny Tonge, Mr Dennis Turner and Dr Desmond Turner.

4 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Statutory Powers to Stop and Search) Order 2002:
(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: Annette Brooke, Mr David Cameron, Ann Clwyd, Mr John Denham, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Heath, Mr John Heppell, Alan Howarth, John McDonnell, Ann McKechnie, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Mr James Paice, Bridget Prentice, Alan Simpson, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr Andrew Tyrie.

5 Draft Harbours (Northern Ireland) 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: Hugh Bayley, Peter Bottomley, Mr Alistair Carmichael, John Cryer, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Jeffrey Donaldson, Shona McCallion, Alice Mahon, Gillian Merron, Jonathan Shaw, Angela Smith, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr John Taylor, Mr Robert N. Wareing, Mr David Wilshire and Derek Wyatt.

6 Draft Housing Support Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Martin Salter from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mrs Liz Blackman.

7 Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Cash Searches: Code of Practice) 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 Bob Ainsworth, John Austin, Annette Brooke, Mr Colin Challen, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Mark Field, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr David Heath, Mr John Heppell, Dr Brian Iddon, Peter Kilfoyle, Mr George Mudie, Llew Smith and Dr Howard Stoate.

8 Draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Amendment) 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: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Julian Brazier, Ross Cranston, Mr Frank Field, Mr George Galloway, Mr Paul Goodman, Paul Holmes, Mr Gerald Howarth, Fiona MacTaggart, Judy Mallaber, Mr Kerry Pollard, Angela Watkinson, Steve Webb and Malcolm Wicks.

9 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 109) (House of Commons Paper No. 15) on Special Grant for addressing the costs of EC Regulation 2037/00 on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment) 2002:
(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: Mr Nick Anger, Mr Tony Banks, Mr David Borrow, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Sue Doughty, Mr David Drew, Mr David Kidney, Andy King, Mr Peter Mandelson, Mr Michael Meacher, Hugh Robertson, Mr David Ruffley, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Andrew Stunell and Sir Teddy Taylor.

10 Draft Flexible Working (Procedural Requirements) Regulations 2002:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Mr John Battle, Mr Henry Bellingham, Dr Vincent Cable, Brian Cotter, Mrs Louise Ellman, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr John Horam, Alan Johnson, Mr Andrew Lansley, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Jim Murphy, Hugh Robertson, Mr Dennis Skinner and Jon Trickett.
11 Companies (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2894): 
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Tenth Standing Committee on 
       Delegated Legislation; and 
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the 
       Committee: Vera Baird, Richard Burden, Dr Vincent Cable, Brian Cotter, Mr Dai 
       Havard, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Julie Morgan, 
       Ms Meg Munn, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Andrew Robathan, Hugh Robertson, Mr Richard 
       Shepherd, Mr John Smith and Mr David Stewart.

12 Draft Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002: 
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eleventh Standing Committee on 
       Delegated Legislation; and 
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the 
       Committee: Mrs Helen Clark, Mr Tony Clarke, Mr David Clelland, Mr Jeffrey M. 
       Donaldson, Sue Doughty, Mr George Howarth, Shona McIsaac, Gillian Merron, 
       Richard Ottaway, Mr John Redwood, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Martin Salter, Angela Smith, 
       Mark Tami, Mr John Taylor and Mr David Wilshire.

Grand Committees

13 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mike 
   Gapes, Mr Phil Hope, Ms Margaret Moran, Ms Sandra Osborne, Mr Martin Salter and 
   Mr Gareth Thomas (Harrow West) from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee and 
   nominated in substitution Kevin Brennan, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Eric Joyce, Mr Stephen 
   McCabe, Gillian Merron and Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West).

European Standing Committees

14 European Union documents Nos. 5129/02 and 13312/02, relating to denied boarding 
   compensation for air passengers, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [NATO Prague 
   Summit]; to be printed [No. 123-i] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills 
   Committee [Secondary Education: Diversity of Provision]; to be printed [No. 94-ii] [Mr 
   Barry Sheerman].

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. 130-i] [Mr David Curry].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Second Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be 
   printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 
   63-ii]; and 
   (2) Third Report from the Committee [Scrutiny Reserve Breaches]; together with 
       Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 6th November, in the last Session 
       of Parliament, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating 
       to the Report [No. 63-iii] 
       [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Northern Ireland,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Committee 
   [Control of Firearms in Northern Ireland and the Draft Firearms (Northern Ireland) 
   Order 2002]; to be printed [No. 67-iii] [Mr Michael Mates].

6 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts 
   [Facing the Challenge: NHS Emergency Planning in England]; to be printed [No. 135-i] 
   [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee 
   [Trade with China and Taiwan]; to be printed [No. 129-ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

8 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Multi Modal 
   Studies]; to be printed [No. 38-ii] [Mrs Gwynth Dunwoody].

9 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee 
   [The Future of UK Pensions]; to be printed [No. 92-ii] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 1.59 p.m.]

The HousesittinginWestminsterHall

[No. 10; WH, No. 3.]

Wednesday 27th November 2002.

PRAYERS.

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

SCHEDULE

Standing Order 4A, line 4, after ‘London’ insert—
‘and, if it affects Wales, at an office in Cardiff’.

Standing Order 4A, line 15, leave out ‘or community’ and insert—
‘; or (in Wales) in the county or county borough in which the community.’.

Standing Order 4A, line 37, after ‘district’ insert—
‘; or (in Wales) in the county or county borough’.

Standing Order 24, line 1, after ‘notice’ insert ‘under the preceding orders’.
Standing Order 26, line 4, at end insert—
‘(see also Standing Order 209 (Time for delivering notices, etc.))’.

Standing Order 27, line 72, leave out ‘Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions’ and insert ‘Office of the Deputy Prime Minister’.


Standing Order 29, line 8, leave out ‘; Local Government and the Regions’.
Standing Order 34, line 11, leave out ‘; Local Government and the Regions’.


Standing Order 39, line 5, leave out ‘; the Home Office and the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions’, and insert ‘; the Home Office’.

Standing Order 39, line 7, after ‘Industry’ insert ‘; the Department for Transport and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister’.


Standing Order 45, line 21, leave out ‘; Local Government and the Regions’.


Standing Order 80 is hereby repealed.

Standing Order 81, line 1, leave out from ‘Means’ to the end and insert—
‘or the Counsel to the Speaker shall, on or before 8th January each year, hold a conference with the Chairman of Committees of the House of Lords or with his Counsel for the purpose of determining in which House of Parliament the respective private bills should first be considered.’
Standing Order 144, line 1, leave out from ‘or’ to the end and insert—
‘its objects, which are—

(a) made by a minister of the Crown, and

(b) presented to the House by being deposited in the Private Bill Office, shall
stand referred to the committee on the bill.

(2) Where a recommendation is made in any such report, the committee—

(a) may, if it thinks fit, hear a person nominated by the minister in explanation
of the recommendation, and

(b) shall note the recommendation in its report and, if it does not agree to such
a recommendation, shall state its reasons for dissenting.’

Standing Order 147, line 8, leave out ‘; Local Government and the Regions’.

Standing Order 147, line 11, leave out ‘; Local Government and the Regions’.

Standing Order 154, line 13, leave out ‘; Local Government and the Regions’.

Standing Order 154, line 28, leave out ‘; Local Government and the Regions’.—(The
Chairman of Ways and Means.)

2 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Chidgey reported from
the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Double Taxation Relief
(Taxes on Income) (South Africa) Order 2002 and the draft Double Taxation Relief
(Taxes on Income) (Taiwan) 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:

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;

They have ordered 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 the 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;

That the proceedings of the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform in the last
Session of Parliament be referred to the Committee;

And they propose that the Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the
Commons on Tuesday 3rd December at Ten o’clock in Committee Room 4.

4 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.

5 Welsh Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith,
pursuant to Standing Orders No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating
exclusively to Wales)) and No. 108 (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings)), That—

(1) the matter of the Government’s Pre-Budget Report as it relates to Wales be
referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration;

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Thursday 5th December at five
minutes to Nine o’clock and at Two o’clock to consider the Government’s Pre-Budget
Report as it relates to Wales under Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee
(matters relating exclusively to Wales)); and
(3) at the meeting—
(a) the Chairman shall interrupt proceedings at Four o’clock; and
(b) at the conclusion of those proceedings a motion for the adjournment of the Committee may be made by a Minister of the Crown pursuant to Standing Order No. 108(5) (Welsh Grand Committee (sittings))—(Mr Ivor Caplin)—It was agreed to.

6 Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill because it would be divisive and undermine successful working partnerships between the NHS and Social Services Departments; imposes a negative fining system on local authorities rather than promoting positive policies to tackle the problems facing community care; fails to redress the loss of capacity due to over 60,000 beds being closed down in residential care since 1997 and the closure of over 2,000 care homes; fails to recognise that the number of households receiving domiciliary care has fallen by almost 100,000 households; and unfairly penalises local authorities without improving the system of discharging patients from hospital’, instead thereof.—(Dr Liam Fox.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Hoban, Angela Watkinson: 136.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Ivor Caplin: 238.

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 Nick Ainger, Mr Ivor Caplin: 237.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Angela Watkinson: 135.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

7 Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill:

Committal

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

Standing Committee

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 12th December.

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

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced.

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

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—(Charlotte Atkins),
The House divided.

 Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Ivor Caplin: 228.

 Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Angela Watkinson: 119.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) 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 Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State 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 enactment—(Charlotte Atkins).—It was agreed to.

9 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Housing Support Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 15th November, be approved—(Charlotte Atkins).—It was agreed to.

10 Scottish Grand Committee.—Ordered, That—

(1) the Scottish Grand Committee shall meet at Westminster on Tuesday 10th December 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 ‘five’ for the word ‘ten’.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

11 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 Government’s assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2002 shall be treated as if it were an instrument subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation).—(Charlotte Atkins.)

12 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of South East Essex and surrounding areas against proposals for an airport at Cliffe in Kent,

(2) electors of Blaby, South Leicestershire, and others against proposals for an airport between Coventry and Rugby, and

(3) Councillor Riaz Chaudhri, the remaining Redlands Ward councillors, Northcourt Avenue Residents’ Association, local shopkeepers, students and staff of Reading University and local residents against the closure of Christchurch Road Post Office, Reading,

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

13 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit eight minutes past Eight o’clock, adjourned till Monday 2nd December.

[Adjourned at 8.08 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Social Security.—Draft Social Security Commissioners (Procedure) (Tax Credits Appeals) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Rosie Winterton], and

(2) draft Tax Credits (Appeals) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].
Other Papers:

2 Defence Executive Agencies.—Report and Accounts of the Defence Procurement Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 13] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

3 Food Standards.—Food Standards Agency: Autumn Performance Report 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5694] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 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. 6] [Yvette Cooper].

5 National Lottery.—Report and Accounts of the Heritage Lottery Fund and National Heritage Memorial Fund for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 5] [Clerk of the House].

6 National Savings and Investments.—National Savings and Investments: Autumn Performance Report 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5691] [Ruth Kelly].

7 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums.—First Report from the Speaker’s Committee on the Electoral Commission, Session 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 56] [The Speaker].

8 Postal Services.—Report of the Postal Services Commission for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 72] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

9 Social Security Administration.—Report by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council reviewing the prescription of occupational deafness in accordance with section 171 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 [by Command] [Cm. 5672] [Mr Secretary Smith].

10 Transport, Local Government and the Regions.—Government Response to the Fourteenth Report of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2001–02, on How the Local Government Act 2000 is Working [by Command] [Cm. 5687] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

11 Work and Pensions.—Department for Works and Pensions: Autumn Performance Report 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5660] [Mr Secretary Smith].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Fur Farming (Prohibition) (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

2 Draft International Development Association (Thirteenth Replenishment) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

3 Draft Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Statutory Powers of Stop and Search) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

4 Draft Harbours (Northern Ireland) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Gillian Merron from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Mr Fraser Kemp.

5 Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Cash Searches: Code of Practice) Order 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

6 Draft Jobseekers Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

7 Draft Flexible Working (Procedural Requirements) Regulations 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.
8 Companies (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2002,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Derek Conway Chairman of the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

9 Draft Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

European Standing Committees

10 European Union document No. 15275/01, originally referred to European Standing Committee A on 26th June, and European Union document No. 12530/02, originally referred on 20th November, both relating to major accident hazards involving dangerous substances, have been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Sexual Health]; to be printed [No. 69-ii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Home Affairs,—(1) First Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Extradition Bill], with Appendices, together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, together with Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 138]; and

(2) Second Report from the Committee [Criminal Justice 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. 83]
[Mr Chris Mullin].

3 Public Administration,—(1) First Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [Ministerial Accountability and Parliamentary Questions: The Government Response to the Committee's Ninth Report of Session 2001–02], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 136];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Public Service Targets]; to be printed [No. 62-iii]
[Tony Wright].

Thursday 28th November 2002.

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

Adjournment (10 Year Plan for Transport—Eighth 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.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

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

[Adjourned at 5.23 p.m.]
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 Fur Farming (Prohibition) (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.

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

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill O'Brien reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 107) (House of Commons Paper No. 60) on Special Grant for Activities Undertaken by Beacon Councils.

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

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

Human Rights (Joint Committee),—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Select 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 74 (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;

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.

4 Policing in Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the continuing terrorist activities of the IRA; does not consider its representatives fit to participate in the government of part of the United Kingdom; deprecates attempts to undermine further the integrity of policing in Northern Ireland by granting more concessions to Sinn Fein/IRA; and opposes offering non-elected convicted terrorists places on district policing partnerships—(The Reverend Ian Paisley);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the enormous strides towards a more peaceful society in Northern Ireland and the significant developments in policing that have been achieved in recent years, further welcomes the changes to policing
proposed in the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill, in particular endorses the Government’s view that the time is not yet right to allow unelected ex-prisoners to serve on district policing partnerships; and further welcomes the Government’s openness in sharing with this House and the people of Northern Ireland its thinking on how this might be achieved in the future, in the context of acts of completion on the part of paramilitaries’, instead thereof. —(Jane Kennedy.)

And the Question being put, pursuant to Order [27th November], That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Iris Robinson, Mr Gregory Campbell: 6.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Jim Murphy, 298.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments) and Order [27th November]—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House welcomes the enormous strides towards a more peaceful society in Northern Ireland and the significant developments in policing that have been achieved in recent years; further welcomes the changes to policing proposed in the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill; in particular endorses the Government’s view that the time is not yet right to allow unelected ex-prisoners to serve on district policing partnerships; and further welcomes the Government’s openness in sharing with this House and the people of Northern Ireland its thinking on how this might be achieved in the future, in the context of acts of completion on the part of paramilitaries.

5 Convention on the Future of Europe,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House endorses the strategy of Her Majesty’s Government in the Convention on the Future of Europe to establish structures for a Union of sovereign member states; rejects the alternative of a federal superstate; and resolves that the Order of 12th June 2002 relating to the Standing Committee on the Convention be renewed for the current Session of Parliament—(Secretary Peter Hain);

And the Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 4th December, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002].

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) (Agreement on Trade, Development and Co-operation Between the European Community and its Member States and the Republic of South Africa) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 7th November, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe).—It was agreed to.

7 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) (South Africa) Order 2002 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 30th October, in the last Session of Parliament—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—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.

8 Income Tax,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That an humble Address be presented to Her Majesty, praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Taiwan) Order 2002 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 30th October, in the last Session of Parliament—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe).—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.

9 Sittings in Westminster Hall,—Ordered, That, on Thursday 19th December, there shall be no sitting in Westminster Hall.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

10 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 Thursday 19th December, do adjourn till Tuesday 7th January 2003—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe).—It was agreed to.
11 Tax Law Rewrite Bills (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That Mr Kenneth Clarke, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Michael Jack, Mr David Laws, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo and Mr Anthony D. Wright be members of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Tax Law Rewrite Bills. —(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

   Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

12 Administration.—Ordered, That Mr John Hayes be discharged from the Administration Committee and Mr Peter Luff be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Keith Simpson be discharged from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Mr Bill Wiggin be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Henry Bellingham be discharged from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Mr Hugo Swire be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

15 Scottish Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Peter Atkinson be discharged from the Scottish Affairs Committee and Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

16 Trade and Industry.—Ordered, That Mr Philip Hammond be discharged from the Trade and Industry Committee and Mr Henry Bellingham be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

17 Transport.—Ordered, That Chris Grayling be discharged from the Transport Committee and Mr George Osborne be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

18 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Yasser Dirki, Fernando Bauza, Eileen Blake, John Enefer, Savas Kilic, residents of Hastings and others for representation to be made to the Government of Turkey for the release of Abdullah Ocalan was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

19 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Derek Twigg.)

   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 delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 29th November 2002 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Education and Skills.—Department for Education and Skills: Autumn Performance Report 2002 [Cm. 5689] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

2 Export Credits Guarantee Department.—Export Credits Guarantee Department: Autumn Performance Report 2002 [Cm. 5678] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 International Development.—Department for International Development: Autumn Performance Report 2002 [Cm. 5705] [Secretary Clare Short].

4 Immigration.—Paper, entitled Control of Immigration: Statistics United Kingdom 2001 [Cm. 5684] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.—Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Autumn Performance Report 2002 [Cm. 5692] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 Trade and Industry.—Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 29th November 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability in respect of an indemnity to be granted to British Energy [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Treaty Series (No. 51, 2002).—Exchange of Notes, done at Abidjan on 6th February and 5th June 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Côte d’Ivoire Debt Agreement No. 8 (1998)) [Cm. 5697] [Mr Secretary Straw].
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 29th November 2002 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

8 Fees and Charges,—Community Design (Fees) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2942), dated 27th November 2002 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

9 Road Traffic,—M11 Motorway (Junction 8) (Speed Limit) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2936), dated 27th November 2002 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 2nd December 2002:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

10 Architects,—Architects’ Qualifications (EC Recognition) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2842), dated 20th November 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

(2) Criminal Justice (International Co-operation) Act 1990 (Enforcement of Overseas Forfeiture Orders) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2845), and
(3) Drug Trafficking Act 1994 (Designated Countries and Territories) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2846),
dated 20th November 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

(8) Education (School Information) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2897), and
dated 18th November 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

13 Electronic Communications,—Office of Communications (Membership) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2956), dated 29th November 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

14 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 4) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2840), dated 20th November 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].


Other Papers:

16 Churches Conservation,—(1) Review, Report and Financial Statements, and
(2) Report and Accounts
of the Churches Conservation Trust for 2001–02 [by Measure] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

17 Museums and Galleries,—Report and Financial Statements of the Greater Manchester Museum of Science and Industry Trust for 2001–02 [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

18 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Ministry of Defence: Major Project Reports 2002 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 91] [Clerk of the House].
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19 National Statistics.—Report of National Statistics for 2001–02 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 107] [Ruth Kelly].

20 Northern Ireland.—Proposal for a draft Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulations) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].


22 Pollution Prevention and Control.—Local Authority Permits for Part B Installations and Mobile Plant (England and Wales) Fees and Charges Scheme 2002 [by Statutory Instrument] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

23 Statutory Instruments.—Report to the Speaker from the Statutory Instruments Reference Committee—

That it has been notified in accordance with Regulation 11(3) of the Statutory Instruments Regulations 1947 that the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has certified, under Regulation 6 of the said Regulations, that the printing and sale of the Nitrate Vulnerable Zones (Additional Designations) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002, No. 2525) in accordance with the requirements of section 2(1) of the Statutory Instruments Act 1946, is unnecessary, having regard to the fact that they were in force for only eleven days before being revoked, and were available during that time in various media to representatives of those affected by them; and that the replacement Regulations are of precisely the same effect.

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

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Butterfill and Mr Joe Benton Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward Davey, Linda Gilroy, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Christopher Leslie, Lawrie Quinn, Mr Desmond Swayne and Mr Phil Woolas members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft Fur Farming (Prohibition) (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Clapham, Gillian Merron and Mr Roger Williams from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Mr David Heath, Joan Ryan and Mr Malcolm Savidge.

4 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 107) (HC 60) on Special Grant for Activities Undertaken by Beacon Councils.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Kevan Jones and Mr Austin Mitchell from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report) and nominated in substitution Mr Tom Levitt, John Robertson and Phil Sawford.

5 Draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gerald Howarth from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Andrew Selous.

6 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 109) (HC 15) on Special Grant for addressing the costs of EC Regulation 2037/00 on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment) 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Sir Teddy Taylor from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report) and nominated in substitution Mr David Curry.

7 Draft Flexible Working (Procedural Requirements) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bob Laxton from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations) and nominated in substitution Ian Stewart.

8 Companies (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002, No. 2894).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Andrew Miller from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Todd.
Draft Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Gillian Merron from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Derek Twigg.

Grand Committees

10 The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its sittings on Thursday 5th December.

European Standing Committees

11 The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Documents 15275/01 and 12530/02 concerning major accident hazards involving dangerous substances.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Sure Start, Early Years and Childcare]; to be printed [No. 140-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Human Rights,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights on 28th November and 2nd December [The Work of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission]; to be printed [Nos. 142-i and -ii] [Jean Corston].

3 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. 76-ii] [Mr Clive Betts].

4 Public Accounts,—(1) Third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Tobacco Smuggling]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 143]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Ministry of Defence: Progress in Reducing Stocks]; to be printed [No. 144-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

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Tuesday 3rd December 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft International Development Association (Thirteenth Replenishment) Order 2002.

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

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—David Taylor reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Statutory Powers to Stop and Search) Order 2002.

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

3 Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.

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

4 Hunting Bill,—Secretary Margaret Beckett, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Secretary Peter Hain and Alun Michael, presented a Bill to make provision about hunting wild mammals with dogs; to prohibit hare coursing; 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 10].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Hunting Bill be printed [Bill 10–EN].
5 Communications Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Communications Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give a Second Reading to the Communications Bill because it fails to ensure the representation of Wales and Scotland on the Office of Communications (OFCOM); does not address the needs of people with disabilities adequately; does not regulate sufficiently cross-media ownership; does not protect against a monopoly of ownership; fails to ensure access for all to digital broadcasting and broadband communications; and further weakens democratic scrutiny and regulation of industries which are vital to citizenship’, instead thereof.—(Mr Simon Thomas.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Pete Wishart, Hywel Williams: 14.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Dan Norris: 329.

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.

6 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That at this day’s sitting the Motion relating to Estimates, 2001–02, in the name of Ruth Kelly may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe):—It was agreed to.

7 Communications Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Communications Bill—

Committal

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

Proceedings in Standing Committee

(2) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on 6th February 2003.

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

Consideration and Third Reading

(4) Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced.

(6) Sessional Order B (programming committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Dan Norris: 287.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 102.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Communications Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Communications 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 Communications Bill (“the Act”), it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(1) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State—
(a) for or in connection with the carrying out of any of his functions under the Act; or
(b) in the making of payments to OFCOM in respect of the establishment, installation or use by the Crown of stations or apparatus for wireless telegraphy; and
(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which are payable out of money so provided under any other Act—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.

9 Communications 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 Communications Bill ("the Act"), it is expedient to authorise—
(1) provisions by virtue of which persons are or may be required to pay sums to the Office of Communications in respect of allocations of telephone numbers;
(2) provisions by virtue of which holders of licences granted under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949 or of grants of recognised spectrum access are or may be required to pay sums to the Office of Communications in connection with such licences or grants;
(3) provisions by virtue of which holders of licences granted under the Broadcasting Act 1990 or the Broadcasting Act 1996 are or may be required to pay sums to the Office of Communications in connection with such licences;
(4) provisions by virtue of which holders of television licences granted under the Act are or may be required to pay sums to the British Broadcasting Corporation;
(5) provisions by virtue of which fees are chargeable under the Enterprise Act 2002;
(6) any incidental charges to tax which may arise from amendments made by the Act to references to public telecommunication systems or telecommunication apparatus in enactments relating to income tax; and
(7) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe)—It was agreed to.

10 Estimates, 2001–02.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the limits on non-operating appropriations in aid set for the purposes of section 2 of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 for the year that ended on 31st March 2002 be modified in accordance with House of Commons Paper No. 121—(Ruth Kelly);
And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002].

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. 107) (House of Commons Paper No. 60) on Special Grant for Activities Undertaken by Beacon Councils, which was laid before this House on 14th November, be approved—(Derek Twigg).—It was agreed to.

12 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Fur Farming (Prohibition) (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 21st November, be approved—(Derek Twigg).—It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) the citizens in and around Sutton Coldfield against the closure of the court house in Sutton Coldfield,
(2) ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products, and
(3) residents of Dumfries and Galloway against the closure of West Freugh Airfield, were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Derek Twigg.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes to Twelve o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.51 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1. Employment Tribunals (Scotland).—Employment Tribunals (Enforcement of Orders in Other Jurisdictions) (Scotland) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2972), dated 2nd December 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


3. Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—Statute, dated 19th August 2002, made by the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

Other Papers:

4. National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Ministry of Defence: The construction of nuclear submarine facilities at Devonport [by Act]; to be printed [No. 90] [Clerk of the House].

5. Police.—Report of the Chief Surveillance Commissioner for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 68] [The Prime Minister].

6. Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [19th November] from the British Pensioners and Trade Union Action Association, Coventry Branch, for a free national travel pass scheme for pensioners in England [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

7. Northern Ireland.—Proposal for a draft Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Draft Air Quality (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.—The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order in place of Mr George Stevenson.

2. Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Statutory Powers to Stop and Search) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Alan Howarth and Alan Simpson from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order) and nominated in substitution Mr Colin Pickthall and Sandra Osborne.

3. Draft Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tony Clarke and Mr Martin Salter from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order) and nominated in substitution Tony Cunningham and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

Grand Committees

4. Scottish Grand Committee.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Tuesday 10th December.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Culture, Media and Sport.—First Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [National Museums and Galleries: Funding and Free Admission], together with the Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee in the last Session, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 85] [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. 151-i] [Mr David Curry].

3. Foreign Affairs.—First Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [The Biological Weapons Green Paper], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 150] [Donald Anderson].
Tuesday 3rd December 2002.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 1.57 p.m.]

Wednesday 4th December 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Harbours (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.

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

2 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Jobseeker’s Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 2002.

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

3 Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Derek Conway reported from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Companies (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2894).

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

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 Documents No. 15275/01, draft Directive, and No. 12530/02, amended draft Directive, amending Council Directive 96/82/EC on the control of major accident hazards involving dangerous substances; considers that the proposed amendments would achieve the objectives of the Directive; takes account of studies carried out by the Commission on carcinogens and substances dangerous to the environment, recent major incidents involving dangerous substances; and welcomes the strengthening of protection standards for human health and the environment.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill.—Mr Secretary Prescott, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Blankett, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Milburn, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Mr Secretary Clarke, Secretary Peter Hain, Mrs Barbara Roche and Mr Tony McNulty, presented a Bill to make provision relating to spatial development and town and country planning, compulsory acquisition for development, and loss payments in respect of certain interests in property compulsorily acquired: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 12].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill be printed [Bill 12-EN].

Criminal Justice Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill,

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

Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of Divisions which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Orders of the House [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]:

Convention on the Future of Europe,—That this House endorses the strategy of Her Majesty’s Government in the Convention on the Future of Europe to establish structures for a Union of sovereign member states; rejects the alternative of a federal superstate; and resolves that the Order of 12th June 2002 relating to the Standing Committee on the Convention be renewed for the current Session of Parliament.

Ayes: 282.
Noes: 12.
So the Question was agreed to.

Estimates, 2001–02,—That the limits on non-operating appropriations in aid set for the purposes of section 2 of the Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 for the year that ended on 31st March 2002 be modified in accordance with House of Commons Paper No. 121.

Ayes: 412.
Noes: 39.
So the Question was agreed to.

Criminal Justice Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Criminal Justice Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Mr Phil Woolas: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Sir Robert Smith: 67.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Criminal Justice Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Criminal Justice Bill—

Committal

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

Proceedings in Standing Committee

(2) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on 27th February 2003.

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

Consideration and Third Reading

(4) Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.
(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced.

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

Other proceedings

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—(Keith Hill)

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Mr Phil Woolas: 345.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Angela Watkinson: 58.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

1. any expenditure incurred by a Minister of the Crown by virtue of the Act, and
2. 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 Gerry Sutcliffe).—It was agreed to.

11 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation).—Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the Resolution [this day] relating to Estimates, 2001-02. And that the Chairman of Ways and Means, Mr Paul Boateng, Dawn Primarolo, Ruth Kelly and John Healey do prepare and bring it in.

12 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.—Ruth Kelly accordingly presented a Bill to modify limits on non-operating appropriations in aid set for the year that ended on 31st March 2002: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 11].

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 Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 25th November, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe).—It was agreed to.

14 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) (Statutory Powers of Stop and Search) Order 2002, dated 11th November, a copy of which was laid before this House on 13th November, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe).—It was agreed to.

15 International 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 International Development Association (Thirteenth Replenishment) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 20th November, be approved—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe).—It was agreed to.

16 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—Ordered, That Mr John Taylor be discharged from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons and Mr Andrew Mitchell be added.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

17 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.

18 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Albert Withey and others for reintroduction of the birch as a legal form of corporal punishment was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

19 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 Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Disabled Persons,—Public Service Vehicles Accessibility (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2981), dated 3rd December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 Environmental Protection,—Waste Incineration (England and Wales) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2980), dated 3rd December 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Road Traffic,—Vehicles Crime (Registration of Registration Plate Suppliers) (England and Wales) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2977), dated 2nd December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

5 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Defence Housing Executive for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 54] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

6 Members’ Interests,—Register of Members’ Interests as at 26th November 2002 [pursuant to the Resolutions of 22nd May 1974, 28th June 1993, 6th November 1995 and 14th May 2002]; to be printed [No. 131] [Clerk of the House].

7 Transport,—Department of Transport Minute, dated 4th December 2002, concerning a proposed non-statutory contingent liability in respect of London Underground Public Private Partnerships [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Health (Wales) Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Huw Edwards, Mr Nigel Evans, Dr Hywel Francis, Chris Grayling, Mr Dai Havard, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Julie Morgan, Hugh Robertson, Chris Ruane, Ms Dari Taylor, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Bill Wiggin, Hywel Williams and Mr Roger Williams.

2 Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D, and has appointed Derek Conway and Mr John McWilliam Chairmen; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Baron, Mrs Liz Blackman, Andy Burnham, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Paul Burstow, Mrs Patsy Calton, Mr Hilton Dawson, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Alan Keen, Martin Linton, Mr Andrew Love, Laura Moffatt, Ms Meg Munn, Jacqui Smith, Dr Phyllis Starkey, Mr Nigel Waterson and Sir George Young.

3 Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Baron, Mr Paul Burstow, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Andrew Love, Jacqui Smith and Dr Phyllis Starkey members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

4 Communications Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E, and has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson and Mr Roger Gale Chairmen; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-five Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Allan, Mr Chris Bryant, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Michael Fabricant, Mr John Greenway, Nick Harvey, Mr Mark Hoban, Dr Kim Howells, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Eric Joyce, Mr Andrew Lansley, Mr Calum MacDonald, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Jim Murphy, Dr Nick Palmer, Anne Picking, Mr Andrew Robathan, John Robertson, Mr Simon Thomas, Mr Stephen Timms, Mr Tom Watson, Brian White and Mr John Whittingdale.
5 Criminal Justice Bill,—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee F, and has appointed Mr Eric Illesley and Mr James Cran Chairman.

6 Draft Tax Credits (Appeals) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 and the draft Social Security Commissioners (Procedure) (Tax Credits Appeals) Regulations 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Eric Illesley Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Paul Holmes, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Ms Debra Shipley, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Matthew Taylor and Mr David Wilshire.

7 Draft Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 and the draft Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders 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: Ms Candy Atherton, Mr David Atkinson, Mr Clive Betts, Mrs Helen Clark, Mr Parmjit Dhandha, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mr Roger Godsiff, Helen Jones, Shona McIsaac, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Gillian Merron, Lembt Opik, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr John Taylor, Sir Teddy Taylor and Mr David Wilshire.

8 The Government’s assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2002 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Eric Illesley Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Butterfill, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mrs Joan Humble, Ruth Kelly, Norman Lamb, Mr David Laws, Rob Marris, Mr Alan Meale, Dr Doug Naysmith, Albert Owen, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Andrew Rosindell, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr David Wilshire and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

9 Draft Supply of Beer (Tied Estate) (Revocation) Order 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth 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: Hugh Bayley, Virginia Bottomley, Kevin Brennan, Dr Vincent Cable, Brian Cotter, Jeff Enne, Mr Kevin Hughes, Miss Melanie Johnson, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Andrew Miller, Chris Mole, Julie Morgan, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Andrew Robathan and Hugh Robertson.

10 Draft Harbours (Northern Ireland) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Hugh Bayley and Mr Robert N. Wareing from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Dr Ashok Kumar and Mr Terry Lewis.

11 Draft Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (Amendment of section 46 (1)) 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: Vera Baird, Mr John Battle, Mr Desmond Browne, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Bill Etherington, Lady Hermon, Stephen Hesford, Shona McIsaac, Alice Mahon, Gillian Merron, Mr Martin Salter, Mr Chris Smith, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr John Taylor, Mr John Wilkinson and Mr David Wilshire.

12 Draft Air Quality (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Vera Baird, Mr Clive Betts and Mr Tam Dalyell from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations), and nominated in substitution Janet Anderson, Mr David Clelland and Ian Stewart.

13 Companies (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2894),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Vera Baird and Richard Burden from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations) and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Lazarowicz and Alan Simpson.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [SDR New Chapter]; to be printed [No. 93-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. 153-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

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. 130-ii] [Mr David Curry].

4 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The PFI Contract for the redevelopment of West Middlesex University Hospital]; to be printed [No. 155-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Work of the Medical Research Council]; to be printed [No. 132-i] [Dr Ian Gibson].

6 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Radio spectrum management]; to be printed [No. 128-ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

7 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [The DTLR Annual Report and the new Estimate for the DfT]; to be printed [No. 133-i] [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. 154-i] [Mr John McFall].

9 Work and Pensions,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [The Future of UK Pensions]; to be printed [No. 92-iii]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Future of UK Pensions]; to be printed [No. 92] [Mr Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 14; WH, No. 6.]

Wednesday 4th December 2002.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 2 p.m.]
Thursday 5th December 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Cran reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Air Quality (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002.

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

2 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Flexible Working (Procedural Requirements) Regulations 2002.

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

3 Welsh Grand Committee,—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, that it had considered the matter of the Pre-Budget Report and its implications for Wales, referred to it on 28th November.

4 Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Bill,—Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, supported by Mr Secretary Smith, Mr Paul Boateng, Dawn Primarolo, Ruth Kelly and John Healey, presented a Bill to restate, with minor changes, certain enactments relating to income tax on employment income, pension income and social security income, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 9th December and to be printed [Bill 13].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Bill be printed [Bill 13—EN].

5 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 2003-04 (Home Office).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That resources, not exceeding £4,651,171,000, be authorised, on account, for use during the year ending on 31st March 2004, and that a sum, not exceeding £4,597,261,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund, on account, for the year ending on 31st March 2004, for expenditure by the Home Office—(Jim Fitzpatrick).

And it being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of Estimates), put the Question:—It was agreed to.

6 Estimates,—The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions required to be put, pursuant to paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 55 (Questions on voting of estimates, &c.)

Resolved, That further resources, not exceeding £7,400,007,000, be authorised for use for defence and civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2003, and that a further sum, not exceeding £8,995,029,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs of defence and civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2003, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 43.

Resolved, That resources, not exceeding £151,331,461,000, be authorised, on account, for use for defence and civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2004, and that a sum, not exceeding £126,882,161,000, 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 2004, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 39, 40, 41 and 42.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions relating to Supplementary Estimates, 2002-03 and Estimates, 2003-04 (Vote on Account): 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.

7 Consolidated Fund Bill,—Ruth Kelly accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the service of the years ending on 31st March 2003 and 2004 and to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the years ending on 31st March 2003 and 2004: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 9th December and to be printed [Bill 14].
8 Companies.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Companies (Fees) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2094), dated 21st November, a copy of which was laid before this House on 21st November, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.

9 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Harbours (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 21st November, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy)—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 Jobseeker’s Allowance (Amendment) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 20th November, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.

11 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.

12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till Monday 9th December.

[Adjourned at 7.33 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Consumer Protection.—Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Safety) (Consolidation) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3010), dated 4th December 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


4 Local Government.—City of Plymouth (Scheme for Elections) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2954), dated 28th November 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 National Health Service.—Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health (Functions) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3007), dated 5th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


7 Professional Qualifications.—European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) (Second General System) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2934), dated 26th November 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

8 Video Recordings.—Proposal by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport for the designation of Sir Quentin Thomas as an authority to determine the suitability of video works for classification [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Other Papers:

9 Air Force (Constitution).—Amendment List 6 to Air Publication 1269—The Royal Air Force Manual of Medical Management and Administration [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

10 Reserve Forces.—Regulations of the Defence Council amending the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
Public Petitions.—(1) Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petitions [19th November, 20th November, 21st November, 26th November [two Petitions], 27th November [four Petitions], 3rd December and 4th December] from ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products; and
(2) Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petitions [5th November] from—
(1) residents of Gloucester and others for further controls on public fireworks displays and on the sale of fireworks;
(2) residents of Hayes and others for further controls on the use and sale of fireworks; and
(3) residents of Lowestoft restricting the period during which fireworks can be sold for private use;
(by Standing Order), to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees
1 Health (Wales) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Huw Evans, Mr Hugh Robertson, Mr Chris Ruane, Mr Don Touhig and Mr Roger Williams members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.
2 Communications Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Nick Harvey, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Kim Howells, Mr Eric Joyce, Mr Jim Murphy and Mr John Whittingdale members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.
3 Draft Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (Amendment of Section 46(1)) Order 2002,—The Speaker has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.
4 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 9) on Special Grant for addressing the costs of EC Regulation 2037/00 on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment) 2002,—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees
1 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee on 4th December [The World Summit on Sustainable Development: From Rhetoric to Reality], to be printed [No. 98-ii] [Mr John Horam].
2 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Service Targets], to be printed [No. 62-iv] [Tony Wright].
3 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Work of Citizens Advice Scotland], to be printed [No. 158-1] [Mrs Irene Adams].
4 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Pre-Budget Report 2002], to be printed [No. 159-1] [Mr John McFall].

Thursday 5th December 2002.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting commenced at half past two o’clock.
Adjourment (Global Climate Change and Sustainable Development—Third Report from the International Development Committee, Session 2001–02, and the Government’s response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 10th December.
[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]
[No. 16.]

Monday 9th December 2002.

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 Tax Credits (Appeals) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 and the draft Social Security Commissioners (Procedure) (Tax Credits Appeals) 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:

Tax Law Rewrite Bills (Joint Committee),—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Select Committee of six Lords to join with the Committee appointed by the Commons to consider Tax Law Rewrite Bills, and in particular to consider whether each Bill committed to it preserves the effect of the existing law, subject to any minor changes which may be desirable:

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

that the quorum of the Committee shall be two;

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

that the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;

that the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee from time to time shall, if the Committee think fit, be printed;

and that the procedure of the Joint Committee shall follow the procedure of Select Committees of the House of Commons where such procedure differs from that of Select Committees of this House, and shall include the power of the Chairman to select Amendments.

3 Extradition Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Extradition 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, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Jim Murphy: 325.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Hugh Robertson: 146.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

4 Extradition Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Extradition Bill—

Committal

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

Proceedings in Standing Committee

(2) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on 21st January 2003.

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

Consideration and Third Reading

(4) Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced.

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

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—
(Dan Norris).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dan Norris: 321.
Tellers for the Noes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Mark Hoban: 149.

So the Question was agreed to.

5 Extradition Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Extradition 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 Extradition Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(a) any expenditure incurred by the Lord Chancellor under the Act;
(b) amounts ordered to be paid in respect of expenses incurred in connection with extradition proceedings;
(c) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.

6 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.

7 Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) 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.

8 Major Accident Hazards Involving Dangerous Substances.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Directive, and No. 12530/02, amended draft Directive, amending Council Directive 96/82/EC on the control of major accident hazards involving dangerous substances; considers that the proposed amendments would achieve the objectives of the Directive; takes account of studies carried out by the Commission on carcinogens and substances dangerous to the environment and recent major incidents involving dangerous substances; and welcomes the strengthening of protection standards for human health and the environment—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.

9 Environmental Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Air Quality (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 14th November, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.

10 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 Flexible Working (Procedural Requirements) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 21st November, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.
11 Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Bill.—Ordered, That the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Bill be proceeded with as a Tax Law Rewrite Bill.—(Mr. Jim Murphy.)

The Bill stood referred to a Second Reading Committee, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60 (Tax law rewrite bills).

12 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 one minute to Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.59 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 6th December 2002 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Northern Ireland,—Northern Ireland Office: Autumn Performance Report 2002 [Cm. 5702] [Mr Secretary Murphy].


3 Treaty Series (No. 52, 2002),—Agreement, done at St George’s on 16th April 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Grenada concerning Air Services [Cm. 5701] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 6th December 2002 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 Medicines,—Medicines (Pharmacies) (Applications for Registration and Fees) Amendment Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3024), dated 5th December 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 9th December 2002:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

7 Health and Safety,—Notification of Installations Handling Hazardous Substances (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2979), dated 2nd December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

8 Immigration,—Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (Part V Exemption: Relevant Employers) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3025), dated 5th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

9 Legal Aid and Advice,—Civil Legal Aid (General) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3033), dated 5th December 2002 [by Act] [Yvette Cooper].


12 Seeds,—Forest Reproductive Material (Great Britain) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3026), dated 4th December 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

13 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Crown Court (Amendment) (No. 2) Rules 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2997), dated 2nd December 2002 [by Act] [Yvette Cooper].

15 Value Added Tax.—Value Added Tax (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3627), dated 6th December 2002 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

Other Papers:

16 Culture, Media and Sport.—Department for Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 9th December 2002, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon a proposed Government guarantee to back a borrowing facility for Historic Royal Palaces [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

17 Immigration.—Immigration (Designation of Travel Bans) (Amendment No. 3) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3018), dated 5th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

18 Industrial Organisation and Development.—Report and Accounts of the Milk Development Council for 2001–02 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

19 Inland Revenue.—Consolidated Resource Accounts, Trust Statement and Standard Report of the Department of Inland Revenue, 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 71] [Ruth Kelly].


21 Police.—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Constabulary for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 59] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

22 Prisons.—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Prisons for England and Wales for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 4] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

23 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [6th November, in the last Session of Parliament] from residents of Somerton and Frome and others against a pre-emptive war against Iraq [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

25 Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation.—Report and Accounts of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation for 2001 [by Command] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Communications Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Greenway as a member of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill in place of Mr John Whittingdale.

2 Health (Wales) Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Huw Irranca-Davies from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Wayne David.

3 Draft Tax Credits (Appeals) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 and the draft Social Security Commissioners (Procedure) (Tax Credits Appeals) Regulations 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Mohammad Sarwar and Ms Debra Shipley from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Ross Cranston, Alice Mahon, Dr Nick Palmer and Mr Malcolm Savidge.

4 Draft Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 and the draft Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Shona McIsaac from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Gareth Thomas (Chwyd West).

5 The Government’s Assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2002 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Butterfill from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Mr Peter Duncan.
6 Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Cash Searches: Code of Practice) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Heath from the Fifth 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 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Work of the Learning and Skills Councils]; to be printed [No. 166-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 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 on 6th December [Local Government Finance: Formula Grant Distribution]; to be printed [No. 164-i] [Clerk of the House];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Committee [The Effectiveness of Government Regeneration Initiatives]; to be printed [No. 76-1ii] [Mr Clive Betts]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Planning, Competitiveness and Productivity]; to be printed [No. 114-ii] [Andrew Bennett].

3 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The Invest to Save Budget]; to be printed [No. 170-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Appointments and Patronage]; to be printed [No. 165-i] [Tony Wright].

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the Consolidated Fund Bill and the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill are Money Bills within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.

[No. 17]

Tuesday 10th December 2002.

PRAYERS.

1 Queen’s Speech (Answer to Address),—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That Her Majesty, having been attended with its Address of 20th November, 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 Income Tax,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That its Addresses of 2nd December 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) (South Africa) Order 2002, and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Taiwan) Order 2002, be made in the form of drafts laid before your House on 30th October 2002, in the last session of Parliament.

I will comply with your request.

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002 and the draft Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 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 Government’s assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2002 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
5 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Amess reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Cash Searches: Code of Practice) Order 2002.

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

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

7 European Parliament (Representation) Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That the following provisions shall apply to the European Parliament (Representation) Bill:

Committal

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

Standing Committee

(2) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 16th January 2003.

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

Consideration and Third Reading

(4) Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced.

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

Other proceedings

(7) Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—(Joan Ryan):—It was agreed to.

8 European Parliament (Representation) Bill [Money].—European Parliament (Representation) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to European Parliament (Representation) 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 Parliament (Representation) 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 consequence of the Act; or
   (b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided by virtue of any other Act;
(2) any provision made under the Act requiring sums to be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund;
(3) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums to be charged on and paid out of the Consolidated Fund under any other Act;
(4) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Joan Ryan).—It was agreed to.

9 Social Security.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Tax Credits (Appeals) (No. 2) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 28th November, be approved—(Joan Ryan).—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 Commissioners (Procedure) (Tax Credits Appeals) Regulations 2002, which were laid before this House on 28th November, be approved—(Joan Ryan).—It was agreed to.

11 Environmental Audit.—Ordered, That Mr Neil Gerrard be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Mr David Chaytor be added to the Committee.—(Joan Ryan.)
12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
   (1) citizens of the United Kingdom for legislation to prohibit euthanasia by the withdrawal of food and fluid, and
   (2) residents of the Chorley area for legislation to ensure ongoing funding for hospices,
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Joan Ryan.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Consumer Protection,—Tobacco Products (Manufacture, Presentation and Sale) (Safety) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3041), dated 10th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


3 Education,—North Derbyshire Tertiary College (Designated Staff) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2996), dated 2nd December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

4 National Health Service,—(1) Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health (Membership and Procedure) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3038), dated 9th December 2002, and
   (2) Counter Fraud and Security Management Service (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3039), and
dated 10th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Pilotage,—Port of Larne (Pilotage Functions) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3037), dated 9th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


7 Social Security,—State Pension Credit (Consequential, Transitional and Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3019), dated 4th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

8 Tax Credits,—Tax Credits (Administrative Arrangements) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3036), dated 9th December 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:


10 Police (Northern Ireland),—Sixth Report of the Oversight Commissioner [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Department for International Development on the Petition [4th July] from residents of South Swindon for the promotion of access to safe affordable water and adequate sanitation across the world [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

12 Regulatory Reform,—Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Schemes under section 129 of the Housing Act 1988) (England) Order 2003, together with a statement by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Supply of Beer (Tied Estate) (Revocation) Order 2002.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Miller from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Todd.

Grand Committees

2 Scottish Grand Committee.—The Speaker has appointed Sir Alan Haselhurst and David Taylor Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of its sitting on Tuesday 10th December, in place of Mrs Irene Adams.

Programming Committees

3 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill (Programming Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward Davey, Ms Linda Gilroy, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Chris Leslie, Mr Lawrie Quinn, Mr Desmond Swayne and Mr Phil Woolas members of the Programming Committee in respect of the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 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. 151-ii] [Mr David Curry].

2 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Copenhagen European Council]; to be printed [No. 176] [Donald Anderson].

3 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Work of HM Chief Inspector of Prisons], together with Appendices thereto; to be printed [No. 172-i] [Mr Chris Mullin].

4 House of Lords Reform.—First Report from the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform [House of Lords Reform]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating the Report [No. 171] [Dr Jack Cunningham].

5 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Afghanistan: the transition from humanitarian relief to reconstruction and development assistance]; to be printed [No. 84-iv] [Tony Baldry].

6 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 [Planning, Competitiveness and Productivity]; to be printed [No. 114-i]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Planning, Competitiveness and Productivity]; to be printed [No.114-III]

[Andrew Bennett].

7 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Service Targets]; to be printed [No. 62-v] [Tony Wright].

8 Statutory Instruments.—Fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-iv] [Mr David Tredinnick].

9 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [British Energy]; to be printed [174-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

10 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Pre-Budget Report 2002]; to be printed [No. 159-ii] [Mr John McFall].

Tuesday 10th December 2002
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 1.59 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolutions:

That the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Business Tenancies) (England and Wales) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 22nd July, in the last Session of Parliament, should be amended before a draft Order is laid before the House.

That a draft Order in the same terms as the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Assured Periodic Tenancies) (Rent Increases) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 16th October, in the last Session of Parliament, should be laid before the House.

That a draft Order in the same terms as the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licensing) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 24th July, in the last Session of Parliament, should be laid before the House.

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Supply of Beer (Tied Estate) (Revocation) Order 2002.

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

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (Amendment of section 46(1)) Order 2002.

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

4 Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies Bill,—Mr Mark Todd, supported by Mr John McWilliam, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Simon Thomas, Linda Gilroy, Ms Meg Munn, David Taylor, Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Tom Watson, Mr Gareth Thomas (Harrow West) and Mr Dennis Turner, presented a Bill to enable the law relating to co-operatives and community benefit 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 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 Friday 31st January and to be printed [Bill 15].

5 Sunday Working (Scotland) Bill,—David Cairns, supported by Mr Malcolm Savidge, Sir Nicholas Winterton, Mass Anne Begg, Jim Sheridan, Angus Robertson, Anne Picking, Mr Tom Clarke, John Robertson, Sir Robert Smith, Ann McKechin and Mr Edward Leigh, presented a Bill to make provision as to the rights of shop workers and betting workers under the law of Scotland in relation to Sunday working; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th February and to be printed [Bill 16].

6 Fireworks Bill,—Mr Bill Tynan, supported by Mr Edward Davey, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Linda Gilroy, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Shona McIsaac, John Robertson, Mr John Randall, Mr Paul Tyler, Mr Michael Weir and Brian White, presented a Bill to make provision about fireworks and other explosives: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th February and to be printed [Bill 17].

7 Retirement Income Reform Bill,—Mr Edward Garnier, supported by Mr Michael Howard, Mr David Curry, Mr Frank Field, Mr John Butterfill, Steve Webb, Mr Richard Allan, Mr David Willetts and Mr Charles Hendry, presented a Bill to amend the law relating to the provision of retirement income in respect of private and personal pensions, annuities and defined and additional voluntary contribution pension schemes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th March and to be printed [Bill 18].

8 Municipal Waste Recycling Bill,—Joan Ruddock, supported by Norman Baker, Gregory Barker, Peter Bottomley, Malcolm Bruce, Mr Frank Doran, Sue Doughty, Julia Drown, Glenda Jackson, Julie Morgan, Mr Simon Thomas and Joan Walley, presented a Bill to make further provision regarding the collection, composting, minimisation and recycling of municipal waste; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th March and to be printed [Bill 19].
9 Sustainable Energy Bill. —Brian White, supported by Dr Desmond Turner, Ms Debra Shipley, Sir Sydney Chapman, Alan Simpson, Joan Walley, Gregory Barker, Mr Gareth Thomas (Harrow West), Mr Simon Thomas, Mr David Amess, Sue Doughty and Mr Don Foster, presented a Bill to make provision about the development and promotion of a sustainable energy policy; to amend the Utilities Act 2000; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th March and to be printed [Bill 20].

10 Female Genital Mutilation Bill. —Ann Clwyd, supported by Chris McCafferty, Dr Jenny Tonge, Alice Mahon, Mr Frank Dobson, Mrs Marion Roe, Mr Brian Simpson, Diane Abbott, Julie Morgan, Mrs Ann Ceyr, Joan Ruddock and Ms Debra Shipley, presented a Bill to restate and amend the law relating to female genital mutilation; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st March and to be printed [Bill 21].

11 Company Directors’ Performance and Compensation Bill. —Mr Archie Norman, supported by Mr John Bercow, Mr Martin O’Neill and Mr Mark Lazarowicz, presented a Bill to amend the law in relation to payment of a company director by way of compensation for loss of office so as to require boards to take the respective director’s performance into account; to amend the amount of any such payment, notwithstanding anything contained in his service contract; to require the board to disclose the amount of any such payment upon request by any shareholder; to require the insertion into the company’s annual report of an explanation for the amount of any such payment, should it exceed the equivalent of the basic salary payable by contract to the respective employee in the previous 12 months; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 31st January and to be printed [Bill 22].

12 Aviation (Offences) Bill. —Mr Frank Roy, supported by David Taylor, Mr David Marshall, Siobhain McDonagh, Sandra Osborne, Paul Goggins, Sir Robert Smith, Miss Anne Beattie, Patrick Mercer, Syd Rapsby, Rosemary McKenna and Mr David Stewart, presented a Bill to make provision about the enforcement of certain offences connected with aviation; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th February and to be printed [Bill 23].

13 National Lottery (Funding of Endowments) Bill. —Mr Keith Simpson, supported by Dr Ian Gibson, Mrs Gillian Shephard, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Richard Bacon, Norman Lamont and Anthony D. Wright, presented a Bill to make provision about the funding of endowments from distributions of money out of the National Lottery Distribution Fund; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th February and to be printed [Bill 24].

14 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill. —Mr Stephen McCabe, supported by Mr Tony Clarke, Ms Debra Shipley, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mr Ivan Henderson, Peter Bottomley, Sue Doughty, Mr Anthony D. Wright, Dr Jenny Tonge, Mr David Amess, Miss Julie Kirkbride and Mr Stephen Hepburn, presented a Bill to make provision about the circumstances in which, and the extent to which, a man is to be treated in law as the father of a child where the child has resulted from certain fertility treatment undertaken after the man’s death; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th March and to be printed [Bill 25].

15 Legal Deposit Libraries Bill. —Chris Mole, supported by David Wright, Ms Meg Munn, Jim Knight, Mr Stephen Pound, John Robertson, Mr Chris Bryant, Dr Ian Gibson, Brian White and Mr Clove Bells, presented a Bill to make provision in place of section 15 of the Copyright Act 1911 relating to the deposit of printed and similar publications, including on- and off-line publications; to make provision about the use and preservation of material deposited; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th March and to be printed [Bill 26].

16 Equine Welfare (Ragwort Control) Bill. —Mr John Greenway, supported by Mr Peter Atkinson, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Revd Dr James Gray, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Richard Page, Mr James Paine, Mr Owen Paterson and Mr Richard Spring, presented a Bill to make provision for the protection of horses from ragwort poisoning; to amend the Weeds Act 1959; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st March and to be printed [Bill 27].

17 High Hedges (No. 2) Bill. —Mr Stephen Pound, supported by Mr Martin Salter, Mr Tony Clarke, Paul Clark, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr John Randall, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Richard Younger-Ross, Matthew Green, James Purnell and Ms Meg Munn, presented a Bill to make provision for dealing with complaints about high hedges; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th March and to be printed [Bill 28].
18 Government Powers (Limitations) Bill.—Mr John Bercow presented a Bill to amend the law in relation to the permitted number of Ministers of the Crown; to limit the powers of Ministers to make certain appointments; to make provision with respect to the parliamentary scrutiny of European Union proposals and other subordinate legislation; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th March and to be printed [Bill 29].

19 Dealing in Cultural Objects (Offences) Bill.—Mr Richard Allan, supported by Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Edward Garnier, Shona McIsaac, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Ross Cranston and Mr Robert Key, presented a Bill to provide for an offence of acquiring, disposing of, importing or exporting tainted cultural objects, or agreeing or arranging to do so; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th February and to be printed [Bill 30].

20 Marine Safety Bill.—Dr Brian Iddon, supported by Mr Edward O’Hara, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Graham Brady, Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Andrew George, Mr Ivan Henderson, Syd Rapson, Dr Ian Gibson, Dr Desmond Turner and Mr Joe Benton, presented a Bill to make provision about the giving of directions in respect of ships for purposes relating to safety or pollution and about the taking of action to enforce, in connection with, or in lieu of, directions; to make provision about fire-fighting in connection with marine incidents; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th February and to be printed [Bill 31].

21 Disabled People (Duties of Public Authorities) Bill.—Bridget Prentice, supported by Mr Roger Berry, Angela Eagle, Helen Jones, Mr Greg Pope and Mr Tom Watson, presented a Bill to make provision in relation to public authorities for the elimination of discrimination against disabled persons and for the promotion of equality of opportunity for such persons: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th March and to be printed [Bill 32].

22 Food Labelling Bill.—Mr Stephen O’Brien, supported by Mr Eric Pickles, Mr David Curry, Mr Owen Paterson, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Alistair Burt, Mr Robert Syms, Ann Winterton, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Henry Bellingham and Mr Bill Wiggin, 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 7th March and to be printed [Bill 33].

23 Endangered Species (Illegal Trade) Bill.—Hugh Robertson, supported by Mr David Amess and Mr John Randall, presented a Bill to increase the 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 21st March and to be printed [Bill 34].

24 Sir William McKay KCB.—Resolved, nonine contradicente, That Mr Speaker be requested to convey to Sir William Robert McKay KCB, on his retirement from the office of Clerk of this House, the House’s gratitude for his long and distinguished career, for his wise contribution to the development of the procedure of the House, for his scholarly research into the history of the House, and for the courteous and helpful advice always given to individual honourable Members.—(Mr Robin Cook.)

25 Adjournment (European Affairs).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Derek Twigg).

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

26 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.

27 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

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 National Lottery,—Draft National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (Increase of Endowment) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Customs and Excise,—Hydrocarbon Oil (Registered Dealers in Controlled Oil) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3057), dated 11th December 2002 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

5 Education,—Education (Funding for Teacher Training) Designation (No. 3) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3003), dated 2nd December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

6 Food,—Plastic Materials and Articles in Contact with Food (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3000), dated 4th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

7 National Health Service.—(1) Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3048), dated 11th December 2002, and
   (2) Road Traffic (NHS Charges) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2995), dated 3rd December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

8 Police,—Police (Retention and Disposal of Motor Vehicles) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3049), dated 11th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


10 Professional Qualifications,—European Communities (Recognition of Professional Qualifications) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3051), dated 11th December 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


12 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—(1) Statute, dated 26th July 2002, made by the Governing Body of Magdalen College, Oxford, amending the Statutes of the College, and
   (2) Statute, dated 12th August 2002, made by the Governing Body of St. Hugh's College, Oxford, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

Other Papers:

13 Covent Garden Market,—Report and Accounts of the Covent Garden Market Authority for 2001–02 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

14 Customs and Excise,—Report and Financial Statements of the Commissioners of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5671] [John Healey].

15 Intelligence and Security,—Paper, entitled Intelligence and Security Committee Inquiry into Intelligence, Assessments and Advice prior to the Terrorist Bombings on Bali, 12th October 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5724] [The Prime Minister].

16 Trade and Industry,—Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 11th December 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability in respect of personal liability indemnity to be granted to Chairman and Members of the Office of Fair Trading [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
17 Treaty Series (No. 53, 2002),—Agreement, done at London 13th June 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia on Co-operation in the Fields of Education, Science and Culture [by Command] [Cm. 5704] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 European Parliament (Representation) Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Bacon, Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr William Cash, Yvette Cooper, Tony Cunningham, Paul Farrelly, Mr David Heath, Mr Mark Hendrick, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Fraser Kemp, Dr Ashok Kumar, Mr Gordon Marsden, Laura Moffatt, Mr Andrew Rosindell, Bob Russell and Angela Watkinson.

2 Criminal Justice Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Hilary Benn, Mr Paul Clark, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr John Heppell, Mr David Heath and Mr David Kidney members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

3 Criminal Justice Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B (transferred from Standing Committee F), and has appointed Mr Eric Illsley and Mr James Cran Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-five Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Vera Baird, Hilary Benn, Mr David Cameron, Mr James Clappison, Paul Clark, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Dominic Grieve, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr David Heath, Mr John Heppell, Lady Hermon, Stephen Hesford, Simon Hughes, Mrs Joan Humble, Mr David Kidney, Ian Lucas, Mr Humfrey Malins, John Mann, Mr Mark Simmonds, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Ms Dari Taylor, Dr Desmond Turner and Mr Michael Wills.

4 Extradition Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D, and has appointed Miss Anne Begg and Mr Edward O’Hara Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Ainsworth, Mr John Burnett, Mr Alan Campbell, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr David Crausby, Jim Dobbin, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr George Howarth, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Boris Johnson, Patrick Mercer, Dr Howard Stoate, Derek Twigg, Angela Watkinson and Mr Michael Wills.

5 Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman of the Second Reading Committee on the Bill; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has appointed sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Alistair Carmichael, Harry Cohen, Jim Dobbin, Paul Farrelly, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Robert Jackson, Shona McIsaac, Gillian Merron, Mr Ian Pearson, Ms Debra Shipley, Mr Siôn Simon, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr John Taylor, Sir Teddy Taylor, Keith Vaz and Mr David Wilshire.

6 Draft Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order 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 Alistair Carmichael, Harry Cohen, Jim Dobbin, Paul Farrelly, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Robert Jackson, Shona McIsaac, Gillian Merron, Mr Ian Pearson, Ms Debra Shipley, Mr Siôn Simon, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr John Taylor, Sir Teddy Taylor, Keith Vaz and Mr David Wilshire.

7 Draft Supply of Beer (Tied Estate) (Revocation) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Vincent Cable from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Richard Younger-Ross.

8 Draft Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (Amendment of section 46(1)) Order 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Martin Salter from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Barbara Follett.
Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 109) (House of Commons Paper No. 15) on Special Grant for addressing the costs of EC Regulation 2037/00 on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment) 2002,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Ainger from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report), and nominated in substitution Charlotte Atkins.

European Standing Committees

The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Documents Nos. 5129/02 and 13312/02 on denied boarding compensation for air passengers.

The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 9739/02 on staffing needs of the Commission.

European Union Document No. 14664/02, relating to mutual recognition of financial penalties, has been referred to European Standing Committee B together with European Union Document No. 11079/02, already referred to the Committee on 20th November.

European Union Document No. 12846/02, relating to takeover bids, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Manchester Commonwealth Games]; to be printed [No. 173-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Army Training and Recruiting Agency]; to be printed [No. 124-i] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Work of the Department for Education and Skills]; to be printed [No. 177-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Environmental Audit,—(1) Second Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Johannesburg and Back: The world summit on sustainable development—the Committee delegation report on proceedings]; to be printed [No. 169]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Pre-Budget Report 2002]; to be printed [No. 167-i]

[Mr John Horam].

5 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. 130-iii] [Mr David Curry].

6 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. 63-iv]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Mid-term review of the Common Agricultural Policy]; to be printed [No. 102-i]

[Mr Jimmy Hood].

7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Community Legal Service: the introduction of contracting]; to be printed [No. 185-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Regulatory Reform,—(1) Second Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Business Tenancies) (England and Wales) Order 2003], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 182]; and

(2) Third Report from the Committee [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Assured Periodic Tenancies) (Rent Increases) Order 2003], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 183]

[Mr Peter Pike].
9 Science and Technology.—(1) First Report from the Science and Technology Committee [The Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council], together with Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 26th June, in the last Session of Parliament, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 161];

(2) First Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee in Session 2001–02, on Government funding of the scientific learned societies] to be printed [No. 53]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Science Budget Allocations]; to be printed [No. 160-i]

[Dr Ian Gibson].

10 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [The Handling of the Joint STEPS PFI Project], to be printed [No. 184-i] [Mr John McFall].
12th December 2002
[No. 19.]

Thursday 12th December 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill.—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Programming Committee, That it had come to a Resolution in respect of the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill (Clauses 1 to 4), which it had directed him to report to the House:

That, pursuant to the Programme Order of 26th November 2002 relating to the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill (Clauses 1 to 4), proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) by the times specified in the Table—

| Clause 1 | Two and a half hours after the commencement of any proceedings on a motion relating to this Resolution |
| Clause 2 | Five hours after the commencement of such proceedings |
| Clause 3 | Five and a half hours after the commencement of such proceedings |
| Clause 4 | Six hours after the commencement of such proceedings |

Report to lie upon the Table.

2 Health (Wales) Bill.—Mr Win Griffiths reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Health (Wales) Bill and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 16th December.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 186].

3 Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill.—Derek Conway reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill, and made Amendments thereto:

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 16th December; and to be printed [Bill 35].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 179].

4 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 Company Directors Disqualification (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 25th November, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—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 Insolvency (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 25th November, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

6 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the Government’s commitment to sustainable development, balancing environmental, economic and social aims both domestically and globally; commends its drive to promote thriving rural economies and communities, including a vibrant food and farming sector, that protects and ensures the sustainable use of the environment, as well as contributing to productivity; applauds the launch on 12th December of the Government’s Sustainable Farming and Food Strategy; further welcomes the Government’s commitment in its response to the Foot and Mouth Disease Inquiry reports to a massive programme of work and reform; recognises the substantial strides the Government is making in tackling climate change, and the leading role it played at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in securing global commitments to tackle poverty through sustainable development, such as halving the number of people without access to adequate sanitation; further welcomes its focus on the sustainable and efficient use of the urban and rural environment and the need to work with business to promote the country’s competitive advantage by embracing and leading internationally on green technologies, landscapes and the countryside for all to enjoy and benefit from, its commitment to animal welfare and its focus on evidence-based policy-making and science; and urges the Government to make continuing progress in advancing global environmental priorities, including radical reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, not least as part of the UK’s commitment to reducing poverty and hunger in developing countries, to the World Trade Organisation, and to further cuts in carbon emissions worldwide—(Secretary Margaret Beckett),
An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘notes with concern the continuing recession in British agriculture; believes that a profitable farming and growing industry should be at the heart of a thriving rural economy; deplores the Government’s mishandling of the foot and mouth epidemic and its failure to take effective action against illegal meat imports; calls upon the Government to reduce rather than increase the costs imposed on farmers and growers by unnecessary regulations; regrets the Government’s failure to deliver on its promises to rural-proof its policies and to place sustainable development at the heart of policymaking and its failure to deliver on its own targets for recycling and carbon emissions; notes the repeated and trenchant criticisms made of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs by the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and Environmental Audit Committees and believes that the time is now long overdue for the Government to turn fine words into effective action’, instead thereof. — (Mr David Lidington.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Mark Francois: 145.
Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Charlotte Atkins: 238.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Charlotte Atkins: 232.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Francois, Angela Watkinson: 141.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Government’s commitment to sustainable development, balancing environmental, economic and social aims both domestically and globally; commends its drive to promote thriving rural economies and communities, including a vibrant food and farming sector, that protects and ensures the sustainable use of the environment, as well as contributing to productivity; applauds the launch on 12th December of the Government’s Sustainable Farming and Food Strategy, further welcomes the Government’s commitment in its response to the Foot and Mouth Disease Inquiry reports to a massive programme of work and reform; recognises the substantial strides the Government is making in tackling climate change, and the leading role it played at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in securing global commitments to tackle poverty through sustainable development, such as halving the number of people without access to adequate sanitation; further welcomes its focus on the sustainable and efficient use of the urban and rural environment and the need to work with business to promote the country’s competitive advantage by embracing and leading internationally on green technologies, landscapes and the countryside for all to enjoy and benefit from, its commitment to animal welfare and its focus on evidence-based policy-making and science; and urges the Government to make continuing progress in advancing global environmental priorities, including radical reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, not least as part of the UK’s commitment to reducing poverty and hunger in developing countries, to the World Trade Organisation, and to further cuts in carbon emissions worldwide.

7 Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [28th November] and Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That this House takes with approval of the Government’s assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2002 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993—(Mr Jim Murphy);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 18th December, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002].

8 Proceeds of Crime.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Cash Searches: Code of Practice) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 25th November, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.

9 Justice.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Justice (Northern Ireland) Act 2002 (Amendment of section 46(1)) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 27th November, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.
10 Competition,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Supply of Beer (Tied Estate) (Revocation) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 21st November, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.

11 Animal Health,—Ordered, That the Pet Travel Scheme (Pilot Arrangements) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2850), be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) residents of the Epsom and Ewell area and others against the closure of Woodside Child, Adolescent and Family Psychiatry Unit, and
(2) ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products [three Petitions], were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till Monday 16th December.

[Adjourned at 7.55 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.) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
2 Education,—(1) Education (Bursaries for School Teacher Training) (England) (Revocation) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3005), dated 2nd December, and
(2) School Companies Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2978), dated 26th November 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

3 Road Traffic,—European Communities (Rights against Insurers) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3061), dated 10th December [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

Other Papers:
4 Animals (Scientific Procedures),—Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals for Northern Ireland 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].
5 Criminal Statistics,—Criminal Statistics for England and Wales for 2001 [by Command][Cm. 5696] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
6 Culture, Media and Sport,—Department for Culture, Media and Sport: Autumn Performance Report for 2002 [by Command][Cm. 5699] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
7 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Paper, entitled Response to the Report of the Policy Commission on the Future of Farming and Food by HM Government [by Command] [Cm. 5709] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
8 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Report and Accounts of the Human Fertilisation Embryology Authority for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [27th November] from residents of West Oxfordshire for an infrastructure upgrade on the Cotswold Railway Line [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 European Parliament (Representation) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Cash, Ms Yvette Cooper, Mr Tony Cunningham, Mr David Heath, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Gordon Marsden and Ms Angela Watkinson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 European Parliament (Representation) Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Frank Cook and David Taylor Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Richard Bacon from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr David Ruffley.

3 Extradition Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bob Ainsworth, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr David Crausby, Mr Nick Hawkins, Dr Howard Stoate, Mr Derek Twigg and Ms Angela Watkinson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Second 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 Nick Ainger, Mr Graham Allen, Norman Baker, Kevin Brennan, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr James Gray, Mr David Kidney, Mr Elliot Morley, Hugh Robertson, Mr Martin Salter, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Geraldine Smith, Mr Andrew Turner, Mr Peter Viggers and Mr Roger Williams.

Programming Committees

5 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill (Programming Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Kevan Jones as an additional member of the Programming Committee in respect of the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Sexual Health]; to be printed [No. 69-iii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Appointments and Patronage]; to be printed [No. 165-ii] [Tony Wright].

3 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The UK and the Euro]; to be printed [No. 187-1] [Mr John McFall].

Thursday 12th December 2002.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Powering Future Vehicles Strategy).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Gillian Merron.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 17th December.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Bill.—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Second Reading Committee on the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Bill, That it had come to the following Resolution, which it had directed him to report to the House: That the Committee recommends that the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Bill ought to be read a second time.

Report to lie upon the Table.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 190].

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bill O'Brien reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.

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

3 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Eric Illesly reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 109) (House of Commons Paper No. 15) on Special Grant for addressing the costs of EC Regulation 2037/00 on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment) 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 Bill, without Amendment.

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

5 Pensions (Winding-up) Bill.—Mr Frank Field, supported by Derek Wyatt, Kevin Brennan, Mr Vernon Coaker, David Wright and Mr Andrew Miller, presented a Bill to provide for the distribution of the assets of pension schemes on winding-up and the duties of trustees in relation thereto, to make provision relating to the fees chargeable in relation to the process of winding-up a pension scheme; to establish arrangements for a compensation scheme for certain members of occupational schemes, including for the establishment of a levy on pension schemes; and to establish a review of the status of pensions-related liabilities in insolvency; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th March and to be printed [Bill 36].

6 Hunting Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Hunting Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being 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 Hunting Bill because it seeks to impose unjustifiable restrictions on individual freedom, would increase the suffering of foxes and other animals that will be culled by less humane means, threatens the future of dogs and horses used in hunting and would rob British citizens of their livelihood; because it is intolerant of individuals who should be free to participate in hunting, which is not morally different from all other country sports and should not be singled out for discriminatory treatment; and because the Bill fails to uphold the duty of Parliament to defend the rights and legitimate interests of minorities’, instead thereof.—(Mr David Lidington.)

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 Gerry Sutcliffe, Dan Norris: 371.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Douglas Hogg, Mr David Wilshire: 155.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Paul Goodman, Gregory Barker: 164.
Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 365.
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, Dan Norris, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 368.
Tellers for the Noes, Gregory Barker, Mr Paul Goodman: 155.
So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

7 Hunting Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith,
pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following
provisions shall apply to the Hunting Bill:

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

Proceedings in Standing Committee
2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded)
be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 13th February 2003.
3. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it
meets.

Consideration and Third Reading
4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought
to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those
proceedings are commenced.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought
to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.
6. Sessioinal Order B (programming committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not
apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings
7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of
Lords Amendments or any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—
(Charlotte Atkins);

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 331.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Hugh Robertson: 165.
So the Question was agreed to.

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

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing
Order No. 52 (Money and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), That,
for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Hunting Bill, it is expedient to authorise—
(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(a) 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 payable out of money so
provided under any other enactment, and
(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Charlotte Atkins);

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Mr Nick Ainger: 338.
Tellers for the Noes, Gregory Barker, Mr Bill Wiggin: 98.
So the Question was agreed to.
9 Education and Skills,—Ordered, That Mr John Baron be discharged from the Education and Skills Committee and Mr Robert Jackson be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Eric Martlew and Mr Mark Todd be discharged from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Ms Candy Atherton and Mr Mark Lazarowicz be added to the 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 Alistair Burt be discharged from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee and Mr John Bercow be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That Chris Ruane be discharged from the Welsh Affairs Committee and Mr Huw Edwards be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Pudsey constituency and others for legislation to ban hunting with dogs 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 Jim Murphy.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 13th December 2002 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Treaty Series (No. 54, 2002),—Exchange of Notes, done at Dublin on 19th November 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Ireland concerning Certain Decisions of the North/South Ministerial Council established by the Agreement between the two Governments signed at Dublin on 8th March 1999 and related matters [Cm. 5708] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 13th December 2002 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—(1) Education (Mandatory Awards) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3060),
(2) Education (Student Support) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3059), and
dated 11th December 2002 [Mr Secretary Clarke].

3 Registration of Births, Deaths, Marriages, etc.,—Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3076), dated 11th December 2002 [Ruth Kelly].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 16th December 2002:
Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

4 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Regulatory Reform (Credit Unions) Order 2003, together with a statement by HM Treasury [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Companies,—Companies (Principal Business Activities) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3081), dated 13th December 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged The Reverend Martin Smyth from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Lady Hermon.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 109) (HC 15) on Special Grant for addressing the costs of EC Regulation 2037/00 on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment) 2002:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report in place of Mrs Irene Adams; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Drew from the Committee (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Rob Marris.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights,—First Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Scrutiny of Bills: Progress Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 191] [Jean Corston].

2 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. 76-iv] [Mr Clive Betts].

3 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Tackling the risks to pension scheme members]; to be printed [No. 189-iii] [Mr Edward Leigh].
Tuesday 17th December 2002.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform.—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the draft Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licencing) Order 2002, which was laid before this House this day should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

2 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. 9759/02, Commission Communication on the activities and human resources of the Commission in the enlarged European Union; supports the Government’s position that the details of the Communication are timely and that the Commission’s commitment to reconsider reassessment prior to each preliminary draft budget is welcome; welcomes the Government’s emphasis on the importance of keeping to the Berlin financial agreement; and supports the Government’s aim of working to ensure the necessary resources are made available within the agreed ceilings.

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

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

Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Act 2002
Appropriation (No. 2) Act 2002.

4 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase 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 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill because it fails to set out a planning framework; it introduces the concept of regional spatial strategies, taking power away from local authorities, particularly county councils; it creates an unclear mechanism of local development documents, principles, frameworks and strategies; it fails adequately to specify how the public will be involved in the consultation on these documents; it provides for the concept of the correction of errors, which would encourage poor decision-making; it abolishes outline planning permission, thus failing to provide applicants for planning permission with certainty; it fails to clarify the position on planning gains and obligations; and it does not adequately deal with the public expenditure implications of the revised compensation payments’, instead thereof.—(Mr Eric Pickles.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 184.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Jim Murphy: 321.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 62 (Amendment on second or third reading);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Jim Murphy: 320.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 182.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.
5 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That the following provisions shall apply to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill:

**Committal**

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

**Proceedings in Standing Committee**

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 28th January 2003.

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

**Consideration and Third Reading**

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced.

6. Sessional Order B (programming committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

**Other proceedings**

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—

(Gillian Merron);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Nick Ainger: 353.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 142.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Planning and Compulsory Purchase 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 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) any expenses of the Secretary of State in making grants in connection with the provision of advice in relation to the planning Acts; and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment;

(2) the payment into the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment—(Gillian Merron);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Jim Murphy: 329.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 130.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 109) (House of Commons Paper No. 15) on Special Grant for addressing the costs of EC Regulation 2037/00 on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Disposal of Refrigeration Equipment) 2002, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th November, be approved—(Gillian Merron).—It was agreed to.

8 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 Marriage (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 4th December, be approved—(Gillian Merron).—It was agreed to.
Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) Angela Norman and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products, and
(2) Brighton and Hove Palestine Solidarity Campaign for an embargo on British arms exports to Israel
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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 ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Gillian Merron.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.24 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licensing) 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 Environmental Protection,—(1) Air Quality Limit Values (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3117), and
(2) National Emission Ceilings Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3118), dated 16th December 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


4 Immigration,—Withholding and Withdrawal of Support (Travel Assistance and Temporary Accommodation) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3078), dated 13th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Libraries,—Public Lending Right Scheme 1982 (Commencement of Variations) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3123), dated 14th December 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

6 National Lottery,—National Lottery (Licence Fees) (Amendment) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3124), dated 16th December 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 Race Relations,—Race Relations Act 1976 (General Statutory Duty: Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3111), dated 16th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


9 Tax Credits,—Tax Credits (Notice of Appeal) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3119), dated 17th December 2002 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

10 2002 Spending Review,—Paper, entitled Departmental Investment Strategies: A Summary [by Command] [Cm. 5674] [Mr Paul Boateng].

11 Coroners,—Hertfordshire (Coroners’ Districts) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3084), dated 16th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

12 Defence,—Departmental Minute, dated 17th December 2002, concerning a Contingent Liability following the sale of a minority stake in QuinetiQ to the Carlyle Group [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
13 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [26th November] of residents of East Hertfordshire, North and West Essex and the surrounding communities against the construction of further runways at Stansted Airport [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

14 Registration Service,—Mortality Statistics: Review of the Registrar General on deaths by cause, sex and age in England and Wales for 2001 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

15 Scotland Office,—Resource Accounts of the Scotland Office for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 52] [Ruth Kelly].

16 Work and Pensions,—Paper, entitled Simplicity, security and choice: Working and saving for retirement [by Command] [Cm. 5677] [Mr Secretary Smith].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Communications Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Communications Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Tourism]; to be printed [No. 65-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Second Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [The 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. 196] [Donald Anderson].

3 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [CDC Capital Partners]; to be printed [No. 194-ii] [Tony Baldry].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 11th December [Control of Firearms in Northern Ireland and the Draft Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2002; Forensic Science Northern Ireland]; to be printed [Nos. 67-iv and 204-i] [Mr Michael Mates].

5 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) First Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Local Government Finance: Formula Grant Distribution]; 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. 164-I]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Planning, Competitiveness and Productivity]; to be printed [No. 114-ii] [Andrew Bennett].

6 Regulatory Reform,—Fourth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [Draft Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licensing) Order 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 193] [Mr Peter Pike].

7 Scottish Affairs Committee,—(1) First Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Work of the Scottish Affairs Committee in 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 197];

   (2) First Special Report from the Committee [Scotland Office Expenditure]; to be printed [No. 198]; and

   (3) Second Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2001–02, on Employment in Shipbuilding on the Clyde]; to be printed [No. 199] [Mrs Irene Adams].

8 Standards and Privileges,—First Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaint against Mr Nigel Griffiths], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 195] [Sir George Young].
9 Statutory Instruments.—Fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-v] [Mr David Tredinnick].

10 Trade and Industry.—(1) Third Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Radio Spectrum Management], 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. 128]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Biotechnology]; to be printed [No. 87-ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

11 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Pre-Budget Report 2002]; to be printed [No. 159-iii] [Mr John McFall].

12 Welsh Affairs.—Second Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Transport 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. 205] [Mr Martyn Jones].

Tuesday 17th December 2002.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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.

Wednesday 18th December 2002.

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:
   Hereford Markets
   Nottingham City Council
   Transas Group.

2 European Standing Committee A.—Mr Bill Olner reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:
   That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 5129/02, draft Regulation establishing common rules on compensation and assistance to air passengers in the event of denied boarding and of cancellation or long delays of flights, and No. 13312/02, European Parliament Amendments to the draft Regulation; and supports the Government’s objective to achieve enhanced passenger protection but without imposing significant new burdens on the airline industry.
   Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

3 Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Bill,
   And a Motion being made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 90 (Second reading committees), That the Bill be now read a second time.—It was agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read a second time and stood committed to the Joint Committee on Tax Law Rewrite Bills, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60 (Tax law rewrite bills).
4 Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) 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 Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Bill, it is expedient to authorise any incidental or consequential charges to tax which may arise from provisions restating, with minor changes, certain enactments relating to income tax on employment income, pension income and social security income—(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 regulatory reform orders), That the draft Regulatory Reform (Special Occasions Licensing) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 17th December, be approved—(Dan Norris).—It was agreed to.

6 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—Ordered, That, in accordance with the Resolution of the Programming Committee of 12th December 2002 and pursuant to the Programme Order of 26th November 2002 relating to the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill (Clauses Nos. 1 to 4), proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be brought to a conclusion (so far as not previously concluded) by the times specified in the Table—

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—(Mr Nick Raynsford.)

7 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill (Clauses Nos. 1 to 4).—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill (Clauses Nos. 1 to 4).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Referendums).

Amendment (No. 45) proposed, in page 1, line 5, at the beginning, to insert the words ‘Subject to subsection (3)’.—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

8 Deferred Divisions.—The Chairman announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Orders of the House [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]:

Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993,—That this House takes note with approval of the Government’s assessment as set out in the Pre-Budget Report 2002 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.

Ayes: 275.
Noes: 153.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill.—Question again proposed, That the Amendment (No. 45) be made.

And it being two and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to the Resolution of the Programming Committee on the Bill, the Chairman put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day].

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 135.

Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Derek Twigg: 352.

The Chairman then put forthwith the Question on an Amendment which had been selected for separate Division.
Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed, in page 1, line 13, to leave out subsection (5).—(Mr Edward Davey.)

Question put, that the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tom Brake, Mr David Chidgey: 47.

Tellers for the Noes, Derek Twigg, Joan Ryan: 310.

The Chairman then put the remaining Question which he was required to put at that hour.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Referendum question).

Amendment (No. 39) proposed, in page 2, line 20, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 22 and insert the words ‘Any order made pursuant to section 1 shall direct the Electoral Commission to determine the question or questions to be put in the referendum.’.—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being five hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to the Resolution of the Programming Committee on the Bill, the Chairman put the Question.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 172.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Gillian Merron: 296.

The Chairman then put the remaining Question which she was required to put at that hour.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Entitlement to vote).

Amendment (No. 48) proposed, in page 2, line 36, to leave out from the word ‘at’ to the second word ‘the’ in line 37 and insert the words ‘a parliamentary election in any parliamentary constituency, any part of which falls within the region and his address on the electoral register falls within.’.—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

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

It being five and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to the Resolution of the Programming Committee on the Bill, the Chairman proceeded to put the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings on Clause No. 3.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Referendum period).

Amendment (No. 47) proposed, in page 3, line 7, at the end, to add the words ‘after taking account of the advice of the Electoral Commission as to the period required for the proper conduct of the referendum having regard to all relevant circumstances’.—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Bill (Clauses Nos. 1 to 4) to be reported.

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

Bill (Clauses Nos. 1 to 4) to lie upon the Table.

10 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products [six Petitions], and

(2) residents of South West Bedfordshire for provision of affordable credit were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
11 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 the Rugby area against the construction of an airport at Rugby
       were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

12 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do
   now adjourn—(Mr 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 nineteen minutes to Twelve o’clock, till
   to-morrow.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Commissioner for Children and Young People (Northern Ireland)
   Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command][Mr Secretary
   Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Education (Information About Individual Pupils) (England) (Amendment)
   Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3112), dated 10th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr
   Secretary Clarke].

   3110), dated 16th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

4 Income Tax,—Individual Savings Account (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I.,
   2002, No. 3158), dated 18th December 2002 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

5 Northern Ireland,—Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Prescribed Documents) Order 2002 (S.I.,
   2002, No. 3126), dated 17th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

6 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Working Time (Amendment) Regulations 2002
   (S.I., 2002, No. 3128), dated 16th December 2002 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

7 Culture, Media and Sport,—Report and Accounts of The Royal Parks for 2001–02, with the
   Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 232]
   [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

8 Defence Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts for 2001–02 of—
   (1) the Medical Supplies Agency, and
   (2) the Naval Recruiting and Training Agency
       with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
       [Nos. 206 and 58] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

9 Export of Works of Art,—Report of the Reviewing Committee on Export of Works of Art
   for 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5662] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

    (1) the Crown Estate, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon
        [by Act]; to be printed [No. 181] [Ruth Kelly], and
    (2) the Department for Agriculture and Rural Development (Northern Ireland), with
        the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by
        Command]; to be printed [No. 16] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

11 Treasury Executive Agencies,—National Savings and Investments Product Accounts for
   2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to
   be printed [No. 141] [Ruth Kelly].
12 Treaty Series (No. 55, 2002),—Amendments to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, adopted by the Ninth meeting of the Parties at Montreal on 17th September 1997 and at the Eleventh meeting of the Parties at Beijing on 3rd December 1999 [by Command] [Cm. 5725] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Hunting Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee F, and has appointed Mrs Marion Roe and Mr George Stevenson Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated thirty-two Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Tony Banks, Gregory Barker, Peter Bradley, Mr Russell Brown, Mr Ian Cañey, Mr Adrian Flook, Mr Michael Foster, Mr Edward Garnier, Andrew George, Mr James Gray, Mr John Gummer, Mr Mike Hall, Paul Holmes, Mr Peter Luff, Judy Mallaber, Rob Morris, Mr Eric Martlew, Alun Michael, Mr Elliot Morley, Lembit Öpik, Diana Organ, Albert Owen, Mr Colin Pickthall, Mr Andy Reed, Mr Nicholas Soames, Mr Hugo Swire, Mark Tami, Paddy Tipping, Dr Alan Whitehead and Hywel Williams.

2 Hunting Bill (Programme Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nick Ainger, Peter Bradley, Mr James Gray, Mr Peter Luff, Alun Michael, Lembit Öpik and Mr Colin Pickthall members of the Programme Sub-Committee of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill.

3 Hunting Bill (Programme Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Andrew George a member of the Programme Sub-Committee of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill in place of Lembit Öpik.

4 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee G, and has appointed Mr David Amess and Mr Peter Pike Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Sir Paul Beresford, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr Huw Edwards, Barbara Follett, Dr Hywel Francis, Matthew Green, Mr Ivan Henderson, Mr Tom Levitt, Mr Ellyn Llywyd, Mr Tony McNulty, Dan Norris, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Don Touhig, Mr David Wilshire and David Wright.

5 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill (Programme Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Matthew Green, Mr Tom Levitt, Mr Tony McNulty, Dan Norris, Mr David Wilshire and David Wright members of the Programme Sub-Committee of Standing Committee G in respect of the Bill.

6 Draft National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (Increase of Endowment) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First 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: Virginia Bottomley, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Ben Chapman, Tom Cox, Mr David Drew, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Mark Hoban, Kate Hoey, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Malcolm Moss, Dr Andrew Murrison, Mr David Rendel, Bob Russell, Jim Sheridan, Geraldine Smith and Keith Vaz.

European Standing Committees

7 European Union Document No. 13789/02, relating to quality of bathing water, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

8 European Union Document No. 14205/02, relating to allocation of slots at Community airports, has been referred to European Standing Committee A, together with European Union Document No. 10288/01, already referred to the Committee on 3rd July.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Legacy Pension and Compensation Issues], to be printed [No. 188-i] [Mr Bruce George].
2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Work of the Department for Education and Skills]; to be printed [No. 177-ii] [Valerie Davey].

3 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Winning the War on Waste]; to be printed [No. 99-i] [Mr John Hora].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Fifth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63-v]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Copenhagen European Council]; to be printed [No. 231-i] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 International Development,—Memoranda laid before the International Development Committee [CD Capital Partners] [Tony Baldry].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 12th December [The Policing (Northern Ireland) Bill and related proposals]; to be printed [No. 233-i]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Forensic Science Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 204-ii] [Mr Michael Mates].

7 Public Accounts,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [PFI refinancing update]; to be printed [No. 203-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [London Underground PPP: New Developments]; to be printed [No. 200-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Regional Spending]; to be printed [No. 234-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 22; WH, No. 12.]

Wednesday 18th December 2002.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 Tuesday 7th January 2003. [Adjourned at 1.57 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Private Bills.—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported, That, in accordance with Standing Order 81 relating to Private Business (Division of bills between this House and the House of Lords), the Counsel to the Speaker had conferred with the Counsel to 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:

Hereford Markets
Nottingham City Council

and that the following Bill should originate in the House of Commons:

Transas Group.

2 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill.—Mr John Butterfill reported from Standing Committee A, That it had agreed to the following Resolution in respect of the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill:

That the Standing Committee recommends that the Programme Order of 26th November 2002 in relation to the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill be amended as follows—

In paragraph 7 of the order, for ‘one hour’ there is substituted ‘two hours’.

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

3 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1 to 4),—Mr John Butterfill reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1 to 4), and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Committee and not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Tuesday 7th January.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 235].

4 Contingencies Fund Accounts 2001–02,—Ordered, That there be laid before this House Accounts of the Contingencies Fund, 2001–02, showing—

(1) the Receipts and Payments in connection with the Fund in the year ended 31st March 2002; 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 Nick Ainger.)

5 Public Accounts (Northern Ireland).—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 Memorandum of Reply from the Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel on the First Report from the Northern Ireland Public Accounts Committee, Session 2002–03.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

6 Adjournment (Matters to be considered before the forthcoming adjournment),—A Motion was made and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Nick Ainger).

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

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

And the Motion having been made at Seven o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Tuesday 7th January 2003, pursuant to Resolution [2nd December].

[Adjourned at 7.30 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon [by Command] [Ms Rosie Winterton], and
   (2) draft Audit and Accountability (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—(1) Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Maintained Schools) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3178), dated 17th December,
   (2) Education (Pupil Exclusions and Appeals) (Pupil Referral Units) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3179), dated 17th December,
   (3) Schools Companies (Private Finance Initiative Companies) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3177), dated 17th December, and
   (4) Teachers’ Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3058), dated 5th December
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

3 Police,—(1) Police (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3162), dated 18th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett],
   (2) Police (Recruitment) (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.R. (N.I.), 2002, No. 385), dated 12th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy], and
   (3) Special Constables (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3180), dated 18th December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

4 Cabinet Office,—Cabinet Office: Autumn Performance Report for 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5732] [Mr Douglas Alexander].

5 Contingencies Fund, 2001–02,—Accounts of the Contingencies Fund for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 202] [Ruth Kelly].

6 Crime and Disorder,—Accounts of the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 207] [Clerk of the House].

7 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 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 209] [Clerk of the House].

8 Inland Revenue,—Report and Consolidated Resource Accounts of the Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Inland Revenue for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5706] [Dawn Primarolo].

9 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 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor general thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 213] [Clerk of the House].

10 Marshall Aid Commemoration,—Account of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 210] [Clerk of the House].

11 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of—
   (1) the National Museum of Science and Industry,
   (2) the National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside, and
   (3) the Natural History Museum
   for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 214, 212 and 208] [Clerk of the House].
12 National Loans,—(1) Accounts of the Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 112] [Clerk of the House],

(2) Supplementary Statements of Accounts of the Consolidated Fund and National Loans Fund for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 113] [Ruth Kelly], and

(3) Report and Accounts of the Debt Management Account for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 139] [Ruth Kelly].

13 National Lottery,—(1) Accounts of the Film Council Lottery Distribution for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 211] [Clerk of the House], and

(2) Accounts of the Scottish Screen National Lottery Distribution Fund for 2001–02; to be printed [No. 57] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

14 Northern Ireland,—Proposal for a draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, with an Explanatory Document [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

15 Police,—(1) National Crime Squad Grant Report 2003–04, and

(2) National Criminal Intelligence Service Grant Report 2003–04 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

16 Public Accounts (Northern Ireland),—Return to an Address to Her Majesty for a Return of the Memorandum of Reply from the Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel on the First Report from the Northern Ireland Public Accounts Committee, Session 2002–03 [pursuant to Resolution this day]; to be printed [No. 192] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

17 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [28th November] from residents from South East Essex and surrounding areas against proposals for an airport at Cliffe in Kent [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

18 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the:

(1) Bridgewater Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(2) Bristol Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(3) Derby North East Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
(4) Dingle Granby Toxteth Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
(5) East Brighton Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(6) East Cleveland Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
(7) Ellesmere Port Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(8) Kent and Somerset Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(9) New Addington Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(10) North Southwark Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(11) Preston Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(12) Speke Garston Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
(13) Wakefield Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(14) Withersea Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
(15) Withersea Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(16) Wythenshawe Education Action Zone for 2001–02,

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 229, 228 and 230] [Clerk of the House].
Tuesday 7th January 2003.

PRAYERS.

1 Standing Orders (Public Business).—Ordered, That the Standing Orders relating to Public Business be printed [No. 175].

2 Health and Safety at Work (Amendment).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 to provide for increased penalties for offences under that Act and under the Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Act 1969. And that Lawrie Quinn, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Roy Beggs, Mr Frank Doran, Mr Richard Allan, Mr Bob Laxton, Ian Stewart, Mr Malcolm Savidge and Rob Marris do prepare and bring it in.

3 Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill. — Lawrie Quinn accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 to provide for increased penalties for offences under that Act and under the Employers' Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Act 1969. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 31st January and to be printed [Bill 37].

4 Local Government Bill. — The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Government 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 Local Government Bill because it is a centralising measure that will have the effect of undermining local democracy by imposing new duties and responsibilities on local authorities; it places in the hands of the Secretary of State too much power to determine the management of individual local authorities; it deprives local authorities of control over housing and capital receipts; and it gives unnecessary powers to the Secretary of State on financial administration, particularly the powers to specify the level of local authorities' reserves and to monitor budgets', instead thereof. — (Mr Eric Pickles.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Mark Hoban: 141.

Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr John Heppell: 370.

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, Dan Norris, Mr John Heppell: 368.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Mark Hoban: 142.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

5 Local Government Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Local Government Bill—

Committal

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

Proceedings in Standing Committee

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 6th February 2003.

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

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced.

6. Sessional Order B (programming committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

**Other proceedings**

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—

(Joan Ryan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Mr John Heppell: 318.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Mark Hoban: 183.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Local Government Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Local Government 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 Local Government Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure under the Act of a Minister of the Crown or government department;
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other enactment are payable out of money so provided; and
(c) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other enactment are payable out of that Fund—(Joan Ryan):—It was agreed to.

7 Local Government 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 Local Government Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment into the Consolidated Fund of—

(a) any sums received under the Act by a Minister of the Crown;
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable into that Fund under any other enactment; and
(c) any sums received by a valuation officer by way of penalty—(Joan Ryan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Mr John Heppell: 264.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Douglas Hogg: 22.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Staffing Needs of Commission in Enlarged European Union,—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. 9759/02, Commission Communication on the activities and human resources of the Commission in the enlarged European Union, supports the Government's position that the details of the Communication are timely and that the Commission's commitment to reconsider reassessment prior to each preliminary draft budget is welcome; welcomes the Government's emphasis on the importance of keeping to the Berlin financial agreement; and supports the Government's aim of working to ensure the necessary resources are made available within the agreed ceilings—(Joan Ryan):—It was agreed to.

9 Denied Boarding Compensation for Air Passengers,—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. 5129/02, draft Regulation establishing common rules on compensation and assistance to air passengers in the event of denied boarding and of cancellation or long delays of flights, and No. 13312/02, European Parliament Amendments to the draft Regulation; and supports the Government's objective to achieve enhanced passenger protection but without imposing significant new burdens on the airline industry—(Joan Ryan):—It was agreed to.

10 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 14th January,

(1) the Motion in the name of Mr David Trimble may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Four o'clock or three hours after it has been entered upon, whichever is the later, and if proceedings have not previously been concluded they shall lapse at that
time; and paragraph (2) of Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments) shall apply to the proceedings as if the day were an Opposition Day; and

(2) the Motion for the adjournment of the House relating to the 2012 Olympics may be proceeded with, though opposed, for three hours after it has been entered upon, and the Motion shall then lapse.—(Joan Ryan.)

11 Accommodation and Works,—Ordered, That Tom Brake be discharged from the Accommodation and Works Committee and Sir Robert Smith be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Treasury,—Ordered, That Mr David Laws be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Norman Lamb be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Joan Ryan.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.26 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers presented by Her Majesty’s Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

Friday 20th December 2002

1 European Communities (No. 4, 2002).—Euro-Mediterranean Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 25th June 2001, establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States, of the one part, and the Arab Republic of Egypt, of the other part with Final Act, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5726] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Trade and Industry.—Department for Trade and Industry: Autumn Performance Report 2002 [Cm. 5731] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 Treaty Series (No. 56, 2002).—Amendments, done at London on 4th November 1993, to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization [Cm. 5727] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Tuesday 31st December 2002

4 Health,—Departmental Minute, dated 31st December 2002, concerning a proposed contingent liability in relation to any legal action against the Chairman and members of the investigation panel into matters against Dr David Jefferys [Mr Secretary Milburn].

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 20th December 2002


6 Education.—(1) Action for Learning Partnership, Bedford Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3104), dated 16th December 2002,

(2) Ashington Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3095), dated 16th December 2002,

(3) Bolton Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3098), dated 16th December 2002,

(4) Breaking the Cycle Bridgewater Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3096), dated 16th December 2002,

(5) Camborne, Pool and Redruth Success Zone Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3085), dated 16th December 2002,
(6) Challenge for Corby Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3103), dated 16th December 2002,

(7) Clacton and Harwich Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3102), dated 16th December 2002,

(8) Community Learning Partnership Barrow-in-Furness Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3093), dated 16th December 2002,

(9) Coventry Millennium Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3099), dated 16th December 2002,

(10) Dingle Granby Toxteth Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3088), dated 16th December 2002,

(11) Downham and Bellingham Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3100), dated 16th December 2002,

(12) Easington and Seaham Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3097), dated 16th December 2002,

(13) Education (Student Support) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3200), dated 19th December 2002,

(14) Epicentre LEAP Ellesmere Port Cheshire Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3101), dated 16th December 2002,

(15) Gloucester Education Achievement Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3108), dated 16th December 2002,

(16) Learning Together East Cleveland Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3090), dated 16th December 2002,

(17) LEA Budget, Schools Budget and Individual Schools Budget (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3199), dated 20th December 2002,

(18) Leigh Park Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3094), dated 16th December 2002,

(19) North Gillingham Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3092), dated 16th December 2002,

(20) Peterlee Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3086), dated 16th December 2002,

(21) Rainbow Education Action Zone in Stoke on Trent (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3097), dated 16th December 2002,

(22) South Bradford Community Learning Partnership Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3107), dated 16th December 2002,

(23) Speke Garston Excellent Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3106), dated 16th December 2002,

(24) Sunderland Building Our Future Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3089), dated 16th December 2002,


(26) Withernsea and Southern Holderness Rural Achievement Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3105), dated 16th December 2002, and


[Mr Secretary Clarke].


(4) Oil and Fibre Plant Seed (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3174),


(6) Seed (Registration, Licensing and Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3176), and

(7) Vegetable Seed (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3175), dated 18th December 2002 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Monday 23rd December 2002

8 Animals,—Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Amendment Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3215), dated 22nd December 2002 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
9 Children and Young Persons,—Residential Family Centres Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3213), dated 21st December 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].


11 Medicines,—Medicines for Human Use (Kava-kava) (Prohibition) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3170), dated 18th December 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

12 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Nurses Agencies Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3212), dated 21st December 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

13 Social Care,—(1) Domiciliary Care Agencies Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3214), and (2) National Care Standards Commission (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3211), dated 21st December 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Tuesday 24th December 2002


Monday 30th December 2002

18 Food,—Animal By-Products (Identification) (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3231), dated 22nd December 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Tuesday 31st December 2002

19 Electricity,—Electricity (Connection Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3232), dated 20th December 2002 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Friday 3rd January 2003


Monday 6th January 2003

21 Dentists,—General Dental Council (Constitution) Amendment Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3134), dated 17th December 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

22 Health Care and Associated Professions,—General Medical Council (Constitution) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3136), dated 17th December 2002 [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Other Papers:


25 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Confirmation of Legislation) (Bermuda) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3132), dated 17th December 2002 [Mr Secretary Straw].
Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 7th January 2003:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

26 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, (2) draft Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, and (3) draft Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command][Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

28 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Eleventh Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2001–02, on Gibraltar [by Command] [Cm. 5714] [Mr Secretary Straw].

29 Marshall Aid Commemoration,—Report of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for 1st October 2001 to 30th September 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5667] [Mr Secretary Straw].

30 National Lottery,—Report and Summary Financial Statement of the Arts Council of Wales for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hain].

31 Public Petitions,—(1) Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [28th November] from electors of Blaby, South Leicestershire, and others against proposals for an airport between Coventry and Rugby, (2) Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [18th December] from residents of the Rugby area against the construction of an airport at Rugby, and (3) Observations by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Petition [19th November] from the British Pensioners and Trade Union Action Association, Coventry Branch, for increased State retirement pensions; [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

32 Reserve Forces,—Report under section 54(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 on the making of a call-out order under section 54(1) of that Act [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon]

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Extradition Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Patrick Mercer from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill), and nominated in substitution Mr John Maples.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Human Rights Annual Report]; to be printed [No. 257-i] [Donald Anderson].

2 International Development,—(1) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee on 5th November 2002 in the last Session of Parliament [The Autumn Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank], to be printed [No. 256]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Autumn Meetings of the IMF and the World Bank] [Tony Baldry].
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7th—8th January 2003.

[No. 24; WH, No. 13.]

Tuesday 7th January 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting commenced at seventeen minutes to Ten 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 to-morrow. [Adjourned at 2 p.m.]

[No. 25.]

Wednesday 8th January 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill,—The Order for reading the Health and Safety at Work (Amendment) Bill a second time on Friday 31st January was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nigel Beard reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Pet Travel Scheme (Pilot Arrangements) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2850). Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill,—Lawrie Quinn, supported by Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Roy Beggs, Mr Frank Doran, Mr Richard Allan, Mr Bob Laxton, Ian Stewart, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Rob Marris, Mr Andrew Dismore and Judy Mallaber, presented a Bill to make provision about the prosecution and punishment of offences which are, or are treated as being, offences under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 or the Employers’ Liability (Compulsory Insurance) Act 1969: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 31st January and to be printed [Bill 38].

4 Opposition Day [1st allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Foundation Hospitals,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the principle of Foundation Hospitals as a means of improving and enhancing patient care and giving hospitals the opportunity to operate free from political and ministerial interference; regrets the timidity of the Government, which is restricting applications for Foundation status solely to those hospitals enjoying 3-star status; fears that this restriction will create a two-tier health service, to the detriment of patients and staff, and therefore urges the Government to allow all hospitals to bid for Foundation status; calls for clarification of contradictions between ministerial statements and guidance contained in the Department of Health’s ‘A Guide to NHS Foundation Trusts, December 2002’ about how Foundation Hospitals are intended to operate; and further calls on the Government to resolve widely publicised ministerial differences, which are likely to deter hospitals from seeking Foundation status—(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 principle of NHS Foundation Trusts as part of the Government’s wider programme to improve services for NHS patients; believes that NHS Foundation Trusts must be part of the National Health Service providing care to NHS patients according to NHS principles and subject to NHS standards and inspection; further believes that there should be no arbitrary cap on the numbers of NHS Foundation Trusts and that all NHS hospitals should get the help, support or intervention they need to improve; recognises that extra resources for the health service are delivering improved services for NHS patients and have to be matched with reforms so that standards in the NHS are national but control is local; supports the Government’s efforts to devolve power to frontline services and to strengthen accountability to local communities; and rejects any proposal to introduce top-up vouchers for private treatment, tax subsidies for private medical insurance or cuts in public spending of 20 per cent. in view of the inevitable impact that such policies would have on NHS patients including those treated in NHS Foundation Trusts’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Milburn.)
And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question.
Mr 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 Mark Francois, Mr David Wilshire: 144.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jim Murphy, Charlotte Atkins: 381.

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 Jim Murphy, Charlotte Atkins: 282.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 150.

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 principle of NHS Foundation Trusts as part of the Government’s wider programme to improve services for NHS patients; believes that NHS Foundation Trusts must be part of the National Health Service providing care to NHS patients according to NHS principles and subject to NHS standards and inspection; further believes that there should be no arbitrary cap on the numbers of NHS Foundation Trusts and that all NHS hospitals should get the help, support or intervention they need to improve; recognises that extra resources for the health service are delivering improved services for NHS patients and have to be matched with reforms so that standards in the NHS are national but control is local; supports the Government’s efforts to devolve power to frontline services and to strengthen accountability to local communities; and rejects any proposal to introduce top-up vouchers for private treatment, tax subsidies for private medical insurance or cuts in public spending of 20 per cent. in view of the inevitable impact that such policies would have on NHS patients including those treated in NHS Foundation Trusts.

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

6 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Joan Ryan);
And the Motion having been made after Seven 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 two minutes to Eight o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 180] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


3 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Sunderland) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3266), and
(2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Worcestershire) (City of Worcester) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3265), dated 21st December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

4 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [27th November] from residents of Slough and others for Government action to prevent war crimes against Palestinians [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Local Government Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A and has appointed Mr Win Griffiths and Derek Conway Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-nine Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Borrow, Mr Martin Caton, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Jon Cruddas, Mr David Curry, Mr Edward Davey, Valerie Davey, Mrs Janet Dean, Jim Dobbin, Linda Gilroy, Mr Paul Goodman, Matthew Green, Patrick Hall, Mr Philip Hammond, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr David Lepper, Mr Christopher Leslie, Kali Mountford, Dr John Pugh, L Dawie Quinn, Mr Nick Raynsford, Phil Sawford, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Robert Symms, Mr Simon Thomas, Mr Mark Todd, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Andrew Turner and Mr Phil Woolas.

2 Draft Commissioner for Children and Young People (Northern Ireland) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the First 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, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Terry Davies, Mr Mark Field, Mr Roger Godsiff, Alan Howarth, Shona McIsaac, Mr Jim Marshall, Lembt Opik, Joyce Quin, Joan Ryan, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr John Taylor and Mr David Wilshire.

3 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Cameron, Mr Peter Duncan, Mr George Foulkes, David Hamilton, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Iain Luke, Mr John MacDougall, Mrs Anne McGuire, Mr Jim Murphy, Sandra Osborne, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Frank Roy, Dr Gavin Strang, John Thurso, Pete Wishart and Mr James Wray.

4 Draft Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003:
   (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: Ms Diane Abbott, Richard Burden, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Frank Field, Lady Hermon, Mr Fraser Kemp, Jim Knight, Chris McCafferty, Mr Andrew Mackay, Mr Gordon Marsden, Mr Austin Mitchell, Lembt Opik, Mr John Taylor, Mr Andrew Turner, Mr David Wilshire and Mrs Rosie Winterton.

5 Pet Travel Scheme (Pilot Arrangements) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2850),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Geraldine Smith from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Huw Irranca-Davies.

European Standing Committees

6 The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 13438/01 on Community Strategy for Dioxins, Furans and Polychlorinated Biphenyls.

7 The Speaker has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 8395/02 and an Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from the Lord Chancellor’s Department and the Scottish Executive on jurisdiction and judgements relating to matrimonial matters and parental responsibility.

8 European Union Document No. 13501/02, relating to safety at sea, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit.—Third Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Annual Report 2002]; to be printed [No. 262] [Mr John Horam].
2 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. 63-vi] [Mr Jim Marshall].

3 Regulatory Reform and Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (Planning, Housing, Local Government and the Regions),—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Regulatory Reform Committee and Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (Planning, Housing, Local Government and the Regions) Committee (meeting concurrently pursuant to Standing Order No. 137A) [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Housing Management Agreements) Order 2002]; to be printed [No. 259] [Mr Peter Pike].

4 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Overcrowding on Public Transport]; to be printed [No. 201-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

5 Welsh Affairs,—Third Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Work of the Committee in 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 263] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 25; WH, No. 14.]

Wednesday 8th January 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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—[Charlotte Atkins];

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]

[No. 26.]

Thursday 9th January 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (Increase of Endowment) Order 2003.

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

2 Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—Ms Secretary Hewitt, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Mr Secretary Smith, Mrs Secretary Liddell and Mr Brian Wilson, 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 in connection with the provision of financial assistance to, or the acquisition of any securities of or any part of the undertaking or assets of, British Energy p.l.c. or any of its subsidiaries, to provide for the repeal of Part 2 of the Electricity Act 1989; to amend Schedule 12 to that Act and to make provision for undertakings to make grants under that Schedule to be disregarded for tax purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 13th January and to be printed [Bill 39].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill be printed [Bill 39–EN].

3 Health (Wales) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Health (Wales) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Reciprocity for Patients’ Forums)—[Mr Nigel Evans]—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 13, at the end, to insert the words—

'( ) The Special Health Authority for England and Wales responsible for the functions of the Health Protection Agency shall have a place on the Board of the Wales Centre for Health.'.—(Chris Grayling.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 78.

Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 305.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 21, at the end, to insert the words 'provided that it shall not use media channels widely accessible in any area outside Wales for the communication of such information unless that information is communicated jointly with those public information bodies responsible for the communication of health information in that area.'.—(Mr Nigel Evans.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 78.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 326.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

4 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 16th January, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents), the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motion relating to Fisheries at Six o'clock, or three hours after their commencement, whichever is the later, and the Orders of the House of 28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002 relating to deferred Divisions shall not apply.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

5 Bills, &c., brought from the Lords.—Ordered, That—

(1) Standing Order No. 57 (Presentation and first reading) be amended, by leaving out paragraph (3);

(2) The following Standing Order (Bills brought from the Lords) be made:

‘57A.—(1) If a Member informs the Clerks at the Table of his intention to take charge of a bill which has been brought from the Lords, the bill shall be deemed to have been read the first time on the day on which the Member so informs the Clerks, and to have been ordered to be read a second time on such day as he shall appoint, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having been read the first time and ordered to be read a second time on the day so appointed, and shall be ordered to be printed.

(2) If a public bill is passed by the Lords and carried to the office of the Clerk of the House at a time when this House is not sitting, then, provided that a Member shall have notified the Clerks at the Table, in writing, of his intention to take charge of the bill—

(a) the Clerk of the House shall arrange for the printing and circulation of copies of the bill, and

(b) the bill shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having been read the first time on the next sitting day and as having been ordered to be printed pursuant to this standing order and to be read a second time on such day as the Member shall have appointed.'; and

(3) Standing Order No. 78 (Lords amendments) be amended as follows:

Line 1, after ‘bills’, insert ‘and Lords reasons’;

Line 3, at end insert ‘and the provisions of S.O. No. 57A (Bills brought from the Lords) shall apply to the appointment of consideration and the printing of Lords amendments and reasons as they apply to the appointment of second reading and the printing of bills brought from the House of Lords’; and

Line 5, after ‘bill’, insert ‘or Lords reasons’.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

6 Environmental Audit.—Ordered, That Mr Mark Simmonds be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Mr Peter Ainsworth be added.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

7 European Scrutiny.—Ordered, That Angela Watkinson be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Mr Richard Bacon be added.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)
8 Regulatory Reform,—Ordered, That Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas be discharged from the Regulatory Reform Committee and Mr John MacDougall be added.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

9 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.

10 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products were presented [two Petitions]; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till fourteen minutes to Five o’clock, adjourned till Monday 13th January.

[Adjourned at 4.46 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions),—(1) Draft Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Livestock: Cattle, and
   (2) draft Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Livestock: Pigs
   [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Animals,—Draft Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Family Law,—Draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 River,—Prohibition of Keeping or Release of Live Fish (Specified Species) (Amendment) (England) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 25), dated 9th January 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


Other Papers:

7 Local Government,—Proposal for a draft Community Care Plans (Disapplication) (England) Order 2003, with a statement by the Secretary of State for Health [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

8 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Suppression of Terrorism Act 1978 (Designation of Countries) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 6), dated 7th January 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

9 Public Petitions,—(1) Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [10th December] from citizens of the United Kingdom for legislation to prohibit euthanasia by the withdrawal of food and fluid, and
   (2) Observations by the Secretary of State for Defence on the Petition [3rd December] from residents of Dumfries and Galloway against the closure of West Freugh Airfield;
   [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (Increase of Endowment) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fraser Kemp from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Phil Woolas.
2 Communications Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien as a Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Communications Bill, in place of Mr Jimmy Hood.

3 Draft Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Second Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Annual Report of the Committee], together with an Appendix, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 269] [Mr David Curry].

2 Health,—(1) First Report from the Health Committee [The Work of the Health Committee, 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 261], and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Sexual Health]; to be printed [No. 69-iv]
   [Mr David Hinchliffe].

3 Northern Ireland Affairs.—Second Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Annual Report 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 271] [Mr Michael Mates].

4 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Service Targets]; to be printed [No. 62-vi] [Tony Wright].

5 Treasury,—(1) First Report from the Treasury Committee [National Statistics: The Classification of Network Rail], together with the Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee; to be printed together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee and of the Sub-Committee relating to the Report [No. 154];
   (2) Second Report from the Committee [The 2002 Pre-Budget Report], together with the Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 159]
   [Mr John McFall].

[No. 26; WH, No. 15.]

Thursday 9th January 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

The sitting commenced at twenty-five minutes to Three o’clock.

Adjournment (Housing Benefit reform).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—[Joan Ryan];

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 14th January.

[Adjourned at 5.50 p.m.]
13th January 2003

MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 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.

The Home Secretary's Responsibility for the Criminal Justice System,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House views with great concern the rise in gun crime and domestic burglary, the growing demoralisation of the police, the increasing sense of helplessness of the honest citizen and the apparent inability of the Government to provide a coherent, long-term strategy to resolve these problems; and deprecates the Home Secretary's resort to short-term, irrelevant and illiberal measures to conceal this failure—[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 'welcomes the steps the Government has taken and continues to take to reform all aspects of law enforcement including increasing police numbers to record levels and the 6.1 per cent. increase in police funding for 2003-04; further welcomes the steps the Government is taking to modernise the criminal justice system through the coherent long-term strategies and the introduction of the Criminal Justice Bill; notes that for the last five years crime rates have fallen by 27 per cent. according to the British Crime Survey, that burglary has reduced by 39 per cent. since 1997 and that the chances of becoming a victim of crime are as low as at any time in the last 20 years; and particularly supports the decisive action being taken by the Government to tackle street crime and the rise in gun-related crime', 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, Hugh Robertson, Angela Watkinson: 152.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Derek Twigg: 365.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments)—It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the steps the Government has taken and continues to take to reform all aspects of law enforcement including increasing police numbers to record levels and the 6.1 per cent. increase in police funding for 2003-04; further welcomes the steps the Government is taking to modernise the criminal justice system through the coherent long-term strategies and the introduction of the Criminal Justice Bill; notes that for the last five years crime rates have fallen by 27 per cent. according to the British Crime Survey, that burglary has reduced by 39 per cent. since 1997 and that the chances of becoming a victim of crime are as low as at any time in the last 20 years; and particularly supports the decisive action being taken by the Government to tackle street crime and the rise in gun-related crime.

Drugs Policy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recognises the fundamental importance of the link between hard drugs and crime; and believes that the only means by which an effective onslaught on the hard drugs culture can be made is through mandatory intensive treatment and rehabilitation for young heroin and cocaine addicts—[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 'recognises that focusing on Class A drugs, educating young people about the dangers of all drugs, preventing drug misuse, combating the dealers, reducing availability and treating addicts are all essential in tackling drugs, and welcomes the Government's updated Drug Strategy and the 44 per cent. increase in planned expenditure on combating drugs, from £1.026 billion in the current financial year to nearly £1.5 billion in the year starting April 2005', instead thereof.—[Mr Bob Ainsworth].

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, Hugh Robertson, Angela Watkinson: 143.
  Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr John Heppell: 375.

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 Nick Ainger: 368.
  Tellers for the Noes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 142.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House recognises that focusing on Class A drugs, educating young people about the dangers of all drugs, preventing drug misuse, combating the dealers, reducing availability and treating addicts are all essential in tackling drugs, and welcomes the Government’s updated Drug Strategy and the 44 per cent. increase in planned expenditure on combating drugs, from £1.026 billion in the current financial year to nearly £1.5 billion in the year starting April 2005.

2 National Lottery.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (Increase of Endowment) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 11th December, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp).—It was agreed to.

3 Transport.—Ordered, That Helen Jackson be discharged from the Transport Committee and Ian Lucas be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

4 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

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 10th January 2003 (Non-sitting Friday; S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Electronic Communications,—Electronic Communications (Universal Service) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 33), dated 9th January 2003 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Housing,—Allocation of Housing (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3264), dated 18th December 2002 [Mr Secretary Prescott].


5 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Out of Hours Provision of Personal Medical Services and Miscellaneous Amendments) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 26), dated 9th January 2003 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 Road Traffic,—Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3113), dated 16th December 2002 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 13th January 2003:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

7 Landlord and Tenant,—Draft 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].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

8 Countryside,—Access to the Countryside (Provisional and Conclusive Maps) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 32), dated 9th January 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

9 Police,—Police Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 27), dated 7th January 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

10 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Compulsory Insurance) (Information Centre and Compensation Body) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 37), dated 10th January 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

11 Chelsea Hospital,—Accounts of the Royal Hospital Chelsea for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 265] [Clerk of the House].

12 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Safety, quality, efficacy: regulating medicines in the UK [by Act]; to be printed [No. 255] [Clerk of the House].

13 National Health Service,—Accounts of the Public Health Laboratory Service Board for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 267] [Clerk of the House].

14 National Lottery,—Accounts of the Sports Council for Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 265] [Clerk of the House].

15 Race Relations,—Accounts of the Commission for Racial Equality for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 266] [Clerk of the House].

16 Regulatory Reform,—Proposal for a Regulatory Reform (British Waterways Board) Order 2003, together with a statement by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

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

(1) Barrow Education Action Zone for 2000–01
(2) Birmingham (Aston and Nechells) Education Action Zone for 1999–2000,
(3) Birmingham (Aston and Nechells) Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
(4) Bolton (Ex Breightmet & Tonge) Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(5) Corby Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(6) Dudley Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
(7) Easington and Seaham Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(8) East Basildon Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(9) East Cleveland Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(10) Halifax Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(11) Lambeth Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(12) Leigh Park Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(13) Peterlee Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(14) Plymouth Education Action Zone for 2001–02, and
(15) Thetford Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 254, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250 and 251] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

Tuesday 14th January 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions Bill),—Mr Kenneth Clarke reported from the Joint Committee on Tax Law Rewrite Bills, to which the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Bill was committed, That it had gone through the Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill, as amended in the Joint Committee, be printed [Bill 42].

Bill, as amended in the Joint Committee, re-committed to a Committee of the whole House, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60 (Tax law rewrite bills).

Committee to-morrow.

2 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. 13438/01, Commission Communication on a Community strategy for dioxins, furans and polychlorinated biphenyls; and supports the Government’s objective that effective and proportionate measures are taken across the European Union in order to reduce emissions of, and exposure to, these substances, and to meet national, other regional and global commitments.

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

3 Railways and Transport Safety Bill,—Mr Secretary Darling, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Mr Secretary Blankett, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Secretary Smith, Mrs Secretary Liddell, Mr John Spellar and Mr David Jamieson, presented a Bill to make provision about railways, including tramways; to make provision about transport safety; 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 40].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Railways and Transport Safety Bill be printed [Bill 40–EN].

4 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, Andy Burnham, Michael Fabricant, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr David Lepper, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Alan Meale, Lawrie Quinn, Jonathan Shaw and Mr Neil Turner do prepare and bring it in.

5 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 4th April and to be printed [Bill 41].

6 Future of Education in Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House urges the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland to honour the clearly expressed preference of a majority of the people of Northern Ireland to retain a selection procedure for transfer to post-primary schools, thus limiting the damage flowing from the administrative vandalism of the former Education Minister in the Northern Ireland Assembly; congratulates governors, principals, staff and pupils in Northern Ireland schools on achieving higher qualification levels at post-primary level than their counterparts in England and Wales; calls on the Government to maintain the levels of excellence achieved at so many schools while striving to enhance the performance and status of schools with a lesser level of achievement; regrets that too many able students from local grammar and secondary schools cannot obtain university places in Northern Ireland; calls for a change in household income thresholds to encourage higher uptake of discretionary awards; and urges the Government to honour its pledges to ensure a fair allocation of resources to education in Northern Ireland, including adequate research funding for Queen’s University, Belfast and the University of Ulster—(Mr Roy Beggs).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘congratulates governors, principals, teachers and other school staff on the contribution they make to educating young people in Northern Ireland; welcomes the high qualifications achieved by many pupils but acknowledges that there are also large numbers of young people, particularly
from disadvantaged backgrounds, leaving school with low qualifications; urges the Secretary of State to continue to take forward the review of post-primary education with the objective of putting in place new post-primary arrangements that will maintain those high standards of achievement and build a modern and fair education system that enables all children in Northern Ireland to achieve their full potential; and further welcomes the additional higher education places and the Secretary of State’s decision to increase Government funding for research and knowledge transfer at Queen’s University Belfast and the University of Ulster', instead thereof.—(Jane Kennedy.)

And the Question being proposed, pursuant to Order [7th January], That the original words stand part of the Question;

Mr Roy Beggs 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, Mr Mark Hoban: 144.

Tellers for the Noes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 377.

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) and Order [7th January]:—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House congratulates governors, principals, teachers and other school staff on the contribution they make to educating young people in Northern Ireland; welcomes the high qualifications achieved by many pupils but acknowledges that there are also large numbers of young people, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds, leaving school with low qualifications; urges the Secretary of State to continue to take forward the review of post-primary education with the objective of putting in place new post-primary arrangements that will maintain those high standards of achievement and build a modern and fair education system that enables all children in Northern Ireland to achieve their full potential; and further welcomes the additional higher education places and the Secretary of State’s decision to increase Government funding for research and knowledge transfer at Queen’s University Belfast and the University of Ulster.

7 Adjournment (The 2012 Olympics bid)—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to Order [7th January].—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House congratulates governors, principals, teachers and other school staff on the contribution they make to educating young people in Northern Ireland; welcomes the high qualifications achieved by many pupils but acknowledges that there are also large numbers of young people, particularly from disadvantaged backgrounds, leaving school with low qualifications; urges the Secretary of State to continue to take forward the review of post-primary education with the objective of putting in place new post-primary arrangements that will maintain those high standards of achievement and build a modern and fair education system that enables all children in Northern Ireland to achieve their full potential; and further welcomes the additional higher education places and the Secretary of State’s decision to increase Government funding for research and knowledge transfer at Queen’s University Belfast and the University of Ulster.

8 Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—Ordered, That, in respect of the Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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 Fraser Kemp.)

9 Human Rights.—Ordered, That Mr Norman Baker be discharged from the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Human Rights and Mr David Chidwy be added.—(Mr Fraser Kemp.)

10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from St Columba’s High School, Dunfermline, Amnesty International Group for the strengthening of controls on arms exports was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 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.

12 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 Seven 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 ten minutes to Eight o’clock, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 7.50 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Animals,—Draft Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Public Procurement,—Public Contracts (Works, Services and Supply) and Utilities Contracts (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 46), dated 14th January 2003 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

5 Social Security,—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 45), dated 14th January 2003 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

6 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 44), dated 14th January 2003 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

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:

Protection of Animals (Anaesthetics) Amendment Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3215) [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Local Government Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward Davey, Ms Linda Gilroy, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Christopher Leslie, Mr Lawrie Quinn, Mr Desmond Swayne and Mr Phil Woolas members 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,—(1) Second Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Annual Report of the Committee]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 148]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [London Olympic Bid 2012]; to be printed [268-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 International Development,—(1) First Report from the International Development Committee [Afghanistan: the transition from humanitarian relief to reconstruction and development assistance], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 84]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The humanitarian crisis in southern Africa]; to be printed [No. 116-iii] [Tony Baldry].

3 Joint Committee (Choice of Chairmen),—Mr Kenneth Clarke reported from the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on Tax Law Rewrite Bills, That he had been chosen Chairman of the Joint Committee.
Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Second Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Committee’s Annual Report to the Liaison Committee]; to be printed [No. 288]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Planning for Sustainable Housing and Communities]; to be printed [No. 77-II] [Mr Andrew Bennett].

Statutory Instruments,—Sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-vi] [Mr David Tredinnick].

Tax Law Rewrite Bills (Joint Committee),—(1) First Report from the Joint Committee on Tax Law Rewrite Bills [Income Tax (Earning and Pensions) Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 287]; (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Income Tax (Earning and Pensions) Bill]; to be printed [Nos. 287-i and -ii]; and (3) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Income Tax (Earning and Pensions) Bill] [Mr Kenneth Clarke].

Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The UK and the Euro]; to be printed [No. 187-ii] [Mr John McFall].

PRAYERS.

1 Confiscation of Alcohol (Young Persons),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001; to make further provision relating to the confiscation of intoxicating liquor held by or for use by young persons in public and certain other places; and for connected purposes: And that Bob Spink, Mr David Amess, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Frank Field, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mrs Angela Browning, Dr Ian Gibson, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Sir Nicholas Winterton and Miss Ann Widdecombe do prepare and bring it in.

2 Confiscation of Alcohol (Young Persons) Bill,—Bob Spink accordingly presented a Bill to amend the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001; to make further provision relating to the confiscation of intoxicating liquor held by or for use by young persons in public and certain other places; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 43].

3 Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee. A Clause (Free provision of services in Wales)—(Jacqui Smith)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill. Another Clause (Meaning of ‘carer’ and ‘carers’ assessment’)—(Mr Paul Burstow)—brought up and read the first time.
Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Richard Younger-Ross, Mr Andrew Stunell: 195.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Fraser Kemp: 334.

Another Clause (Action plans and joint local protocols)—(Mrs Patsy Calton)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 26 to 34) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(10) The amount prescribed under subsection (4) shall not exceed—

(a) £120, in the case of a social services authority in, or adjacent to, Greater London, or

(b) £100, in any other area.’.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 30, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(10) The amount prescribed under subsection (4) shall not exceed—

(a) £12, in the case of a social services authority in, or adjacent to, Greater London, or

(b) £10, in any other area.’.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 188.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Phil Woolas: 317.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 42, to leave out Clause No. 6.—(Mr Simon Burns.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Laurence Robertson: 198.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Phil Woolas, Mr Nick Ainger: 318.

It being after Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Question on an Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate Division, pursuant to Order [29th October and 28th November 2002].

Another Amendment (No. 37) proposed to the Bill, in page 7, line 32, to leave out from the word ‘require’ to the end of line 33 and insert the words ‘any of the following services to be provided free of charge for a period of more than six weeks—

(a) the provision of accommodation under Part 3 of the National Assistance Act 1948;

(b) the provision of personal care to a person in any place where that person is living, other than accommodation provided under that Part of that Act;

(c) a service provided to a carer under section 2 of the Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000 which consists of the provision of personal care delivered to the person cared for (in accordance with subsection (3) of that section).’.—(Jacqui Smith.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Phil Woolas: 464.


The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on any further Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 35, 36 and 38 to 40) made to the Bill.
Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to make provision requiring social
services authorities to make payments in cases where the discharge of patients is delayed
for reasons relating to the provision of community care services or services for carers, and
to enable the Secretary of State and the National Assembly for Wales to require certain
community care services and services for carers provided by social services authorities to
be free of charge to persons receiving those services.

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, Joan Ryan, Gillian Merron: 323.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 188.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

4 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of the constituency of Hammersmith and Fulham and others for ethical
investment, 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.

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

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 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Capital Finance) (Amendment) (England)
Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 43), dated 13th January 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary
Prescott].

2 Social Security,—Social Security Commissioners (Procedure) (Tax Credits Appeals)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 18), dated 13th January
2003 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

Other Papers:

3 Sessional Returns, 2001–02,—Returns to Orders [20th November] for Returns relating to—

(1) Business of the House;

(2) Closure of Debate, Proposal of Question and Allocation of Time (including
Programme Motions);

(3) Sittings of the House;

(4) Private Bills and Private Business;

(5) Public Bills;

(6) Delegated Legislation and Deregulation and Regulatory Reform Orders;

(7) European Legislation, &c.;

(8) Grand Committees;

(9) Chairmen’s Panel; and

(10) Select Committees

in Session 2001–02 [by Order]; to be printed [No. 1] [Clerk of the House].

4 Social Security Administration,—Account of Securities held for the National Insurance Fund
as at 31st March 2002 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].
5 Treaty Series (No. 1, 2003)—Exchange of Notes, done at Lilongwe on 27th August and 5th September 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Malawi concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Malawi Debt Agreement No. 4 (2001)), which entered into force on 5th September 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5734] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order 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 Roy Beggs, Colin Burgon, Clive Efford, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Neil Gerrard, Jane Kennedy, Shona McIsaac, Mr John Maples, Gillian Merron, Lembit Öpik, Syd Rapson, Mr Mark Simmonds, Mr John Taylor, Joan Walley, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Mr David Wilshire.

2 Draft Audit and Accountability (Northern Ireland) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second 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: Mr Michael Connarty, Mr John Grogan, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Glenda Jackson, Shona McIsaac, Gillian Merron, Lembit Öpik, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Gerry Stemberg, Mr John Taylor, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr David Trimble, Keith Vaz, Mr Peter Viggers, Mr David Wilshire and David Winnick.

3 Draft Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 and the draft Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (Northern Ireland) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order 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: Mr Roger Berry, Mr Desmond Browne, David Cairns, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Robert Jackson, Mr Paara S. Khabra, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Shona McIsaac, Gillian Merron, Mr Gwyn Prosser, James Purnell, The Reverend Martin Smyth, Mr John Taylor, Mr David Wilshire and Mr Shaun Woodward.

European Standing Committees

4 The Speaker has appointed Mr Nigel Beard Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Documents Nos. 11079/02 and 14664/02, relating to financial penalties.

5 European Union Documents Nos. 15245/01 and 15246/02, relating to fisheries: catches, quotas and effort limitation 2003, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

6 European Union Document No. 10879/02, relating to the mid-term review of the Common Agricultural Policy, and European Union Document No. 10896/02, relating to the Commission working document: Report on Milk Quotas, have been referred to European Standing Committee A.

7 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 9th January 2003 submitted by the Lord Chancellor’s Department and the Scottish Executive, relating to jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgements in matrimonial matters and in matters of parental responsibility, has been referred to European Standing Committee B, together with European Union Document No. 8395/02 and the Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 14th November 2002, submitted by the Lord Chancellor’s Department and the Scottish Executive, already referred to the Committee on 20th November.

8 European Union Document No. 13982/02 and Addenda 1–3, relating to a better environment for business in the EU, have been referred to European Standing Committee C.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [London Olympic Bid 2012]; to be printed [Nos. 268-ii and -iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Missile Defence]; to be printed [No. 290-i] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: Diversity of Provision]; to be printed [No. 94-iii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Winning the War on Waste]; to be printed [No. 99-ii] [Mr John Horam].

5 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Third Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Mid-Term Review of the Common Agricultural Policy], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Mid-Term Review of the Common Agricultural Policy Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 151] [Mr David Curry].

6 European Scrutiny,—(1) Seventh Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63-vii];

(2) Eighth Report from the Committee [The Committee’s Work in 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63-viii]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Framework Decision on Racism and Xenophobia, and Europol]; to be printed [No. 291-i] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

7 Public Accounts,—(1) Fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Private Finance Initiative: The Redevelopment of MOD Mam Building]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 298]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Innovation in the National Health Service—The Acquisition of the Heart Hospital]; to be printed [No. 299-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Science and Technology,—(1) Second Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Science and Technology Committee: Annual Report 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 260];

(2) Second Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee in Session 2001–02, on the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts]; to be printed [No. 276]; and

(3) Third Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee in Session 2001–02 on the Office of Science and Technology: Scrutiny Report 2002]; to be printed [No. 293]. [Dr Ian Gibson].

9 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Multi-Modal Studies]; to be printed [No. 38-iii] [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. 92-iv] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].
[No. 29, WH, No. 17.]  
Wednesday 15th January 2003.  
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4.42 p.m.

[No. 30.]  
Thursday 16th January 2003.  

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

PRAYERS.

1 European Parliament (Representation) Bill,—Mr Frank Cook reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the European Parliament (Representation) 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. 302].

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nigel Beard reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Commissioner for Children and Young People (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.  

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

3 Church of England (Pensions) Measure,—Resolved, That the Church of England (Pensions) Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.—(Mr Stuart Bell.)

4 Synodical Government (Amendment) Measure,—Resolved, That the Synodical Government (Amendment) Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.—(Mr Stuart Bell.)

5 Fisheries,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 2341/2002 of 20th December 2002, a Council Regulation fixing for 2003 the fishing opportunities and associated conditions for certain fish stocks, applicable in Community waters and, for Community vessels, in waters where catch limitations are required; European Union Document No. 2369/02 of 20th December 2002, a Council Regulation amending Regulation (EC) No. 2792/1999 laying down the detailed rules and arrangements regarding Community structural assistance in the fisheries sector; European Union Document No. 2370/02, a Council Regulation establishing an emergency Community measure for scrapping fishing vessels; European Union Document No. 2371/02, a Council Regulation on the conservation and sustainable exploitation of fisheries resources under the Common Fisheries Policy; and European Union Document No. 14886/02, a Communication from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on a Community Action Plan to reduce discards of fish—(Mr Elliot Morley);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 14, at the end, to add the words ‘notes the failure of European ministers to address adequately the issue of industrial fishing; believes that the measures agreed by the Fisheries Council will be ineffective in restoring white fish stocks; deplores the devastating and disproportionate impact that the policies embodied in these documents will have on the UK fishing industry; and calls on the Government to set out a clear strategy to conserve fish stocks, offer a sustainable future to the United Kingdom’s fishing communities and to establish national and local control over the United Kingdom’s fisheries.’—(Mr John Hayes.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Mark Francois: 132.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Jim Fitzpatrick: 318.
So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;


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 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—(Keith Hill); And the Motion having been made after Six o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eleven minutes to Seven o’clock, till Monday 20th January.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Planning (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

(2) draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Exemptions from Civil Recovery) Order 2003, and

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Competition,—Supply of Beer (Loan Ties, Licensed Premises and Wholesale Prices) (Revocation) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 52), dated 15th January 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Patricia Hewitt].

Other Papers:

4 Air Force (Constitution),—Amendment List 6 to Regulations for the Royal Air Force Aeromedical Evacuation Service: Air Publication 3394 (Third Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

5 Exchange Equalisation,—Report and Accounts of the Exchange Equalisation Account for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 258] [Clerk of the House].

6 Proceeds of Crime,—Draft Code of Practice issued under section 377 of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

7 Public Petitions,—(1) Observations by the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [17th July] from the SHE (Simply Holistic Edometriosis) Trust for the review of the Care and Treatment of Edometriosis Sufferers, and
(2) Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [2nd December] from Yasser Dirki, Fernando Bauza, Eileen Blake, John Enefer, Savas Kile, residents of Hastings and others for representations to be made to the Government of Turkey for the release of Abdullah Ocalan [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

8 Treasury Solicitor’s Department and Serious Fraud Office.—Treasury Solicitor’s Department and Serious Fraud Office: Autumn Performance Reports for 2002–03 [by Command] [Cm. 5669] [The Solicitor General].

9 Water Industry (Scotland).—Security and Emergency Measures at Milngavie (Scotland) Direction 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

APPENDIX II

Draft Commissioner for Children and Young People (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ian Davidson from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Kali Mountford.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Sexual Health]; to be printed [No. 69-v] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Service Targets]; to be printed [No. 62-vii] [Tony Wright].

3 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The UK and the Euro]; to be printed [No. 187-iii] [Mr John McFall].

Thursday 16th January 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (The E-transformation of public services).—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 21st January.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform.—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolutions:

That the draft Regulatory Reform (Credit Unions) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 16th December, should be approved.

That the draft Regulatory Reform (Assured Periodic Tenancies) (Rent Increases) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 13th January, should be approved.

The Committee came to these Resolutions without a Division.

That the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Housing Management Agreements) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 4th November, in the last Session of Parliament, should be amended before a draft Order is laid before the House.

2 Opposition Day [3rd allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Winding-up Arrangements for Occupational Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses its deep concern at current arrangements for winding-up occupational pension schemes, which leave many people receiving much less than expected for their retirement; deprecates the lack of action by the Government to address this issue; notes that present workers near to retirement after long service with the employer often receive less than those who retired early after less service; recognises the great urgency of the issue because of the large number of schemes now moving towards wind-up; welcomes the proposals in the National Association of Pension Funds document, Pensions—Plain and Simple, for a possible new schedule of priorities on winding-up a final salary scheme with an insolvent employer; further notes that the Government in its Green Paper, Simplicity, Security and Choice, was prepared to consider such a measure; further notes that there is widespread support in Parliament for such changes; and urges the Government to take early action to address the crisis and speedily to introduce new winding-up priorities which take proper account of the age and length of service of non-retired scheme members—(Mr Oliver Heald);

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 crucial contribution of the UK tradition of occupational pension provision; welcomes the range of measures in the recent Green Paper to strengthen that tradition and to renew the pensions partnership between employers, employees, the financial services industry and Government; supports, in particular, the promotion of occupational pensions as a means to recruit and to retain good staff through the employer task force and other measures; notes the proposal to give employees the right to be consulted on changes to an employer’s pension scheme; further notes the Government’s consideration of a range of options to bolster member protection in cases where schemes are wound up, including options for a fairer sharing of assets when schemes close, with more priority for workers closer to retirement or those with more years of contributions; believes that there should be 100 per cent. protection in cases of fraud; supports the appointment of a new proactive regulator to investigate fraud and maladministration; further notes the proposed £150–£200 million administrative savings which will encourage firms to open new schemes and keep existing schemes running; and further welcomes the establishment of the independent Pension Commission to assess how effectively the current voluntarist approach is developing and to make recommendations to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on whether there is a case for moving beyond that approach’, instead thereof.—(Mr Ian McCartney.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question; The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Fraser Kemp: 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):—It was agreed to.
The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House acknowledges the crucial contribution of the UK tradition of occupational pension provision; welcomes the range of measures in the recent Green Paper to strengthen that tradition and to renew the pensions partnership between employers, employees, the financial services industry and Government; supports, in particular, the promotion of occupational pensions as a means to recruit and to retain good staff through the employer task force and other measures; notes the proposal to give employees the right to be consulted on changes to an employer’s pension scheme; further notes the Government’s consideration of a range of options to bolster member protection in cases where schemes are wound up, including options for a fairer sharing of assets when schemes close, with more priority for workers closer to retirement or those with more years of contributions; believes that there should be 100 per cent. protection in cases of fraud; supports the appointment of a new proactive regulator to investigate fraud and maladministration; further notes the proposed £150–£200 million administrative savings which will encourage firms to open new schemes and keep existing schemes running; and further welcomes the establishment of the independent Pension Commission to assess how effectively the current voluntarist approach is developing and to make recommendations to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on whether there is a case for moving beyond that approach.

European Directives on Food Supplements and Herbal Products,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that the Food Supplements Directive includes a list of nutrients and nutrient sources that may be used in supplements and that there are nearly 300 safe nutrient sources on the UK market which are missing from the list; further notes that unless full safety dossiers are submitted for consideration by the European Scientific Committee for Food by July 2005 these nutrients will be illegal; observes that the cost of commissioning research to include within a dossier, and the compilation of such dossiers, makes the task prohibitively expensive and that some 270 safe and popular nutrient sources will be lost to the UK industry and its consumers; and declines to approve the proposed statutory instruments implementing the Directive unless and until the Government secures an amendment to the Directive so as to allow to remain on the national market those products which would otherwise fall outside the Directive’s technical restrictions; further notes that the Traditional Herbal Medicinal Products Directive would require dossiers to be submitted to the Medicines Control Agency and would impose costs of tens of thousands of pounds per product on manufacturers; regrets that it would not allow any overseas product which had not been on the European market for 10 years even if it were demonstrably safe; and urges the Government to renegotiate the main provisions of this flawed Directive—(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 ‘recognises, in relation to the Food Supplements Directive, the Government’s firm commitment to the view that the law should allow safe and properly-labelled food supplements to be freely marketed; welcomes its intention to take advantage of flexibility, secured by the UK, to permit continued use of substances not on the permitted lists where products comply with existing UK food safety legislation; notes that the impact on the long-term availability of products currently on the market will depend upon future developments on maximum limits and lists of permitted nutrients; supports the Government’s efforts to press the case for any maximum limits which may be established at EU level to be based on thorough scientific risk assessments; further recognises that the proposed Directive on Traditional Herbal Medicinal Products would introduce regulatory arrangements to set safety and quality standards for unlicensed herbal remedies, and introduce systematic consumer information about the safe use of products and permit companies to make claims; further notes that the proposed Directive is supported by most interest groups, who believe it will protect public health and boost consumer confidence in herbal medicines; further welcomes the progress of the Government in negotiations for more flexibility to take account of valid evidence of traditional use from outside the European Union and to permit herbal nutrient combination remedies; and further welcomes the stated willingness of the Herbal Forum, representing all UK manufacturers’ trade associations in the sector, to work with the Medicines Control Agency to minimise regulatory impact, consistent with the need to protect public health’, instead thereof.—(Ms Hazel Blears.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Hugh Robertson: 196.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Dan Norris: 309.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Dan Norris: 347.

Tellers for the Noes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 151.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House recognises, in relation to the Food Supplements Directive, the Government’s firm commitment to the view that the law should allow safe and properly-labelled food supplements to be freely marketed; welcomes its intention to take advantage of flexibility, secured by the UK, to permit continued use of substances not on the permitted lists where products comply with existing UK food safety legislation; notes that the impact on the long-term availability of products currently on the market will depend upon future developments on maximum limits and lists of permitted nutrients; supports the Government’s efforts to press the case for any maximum limits which may be established at EU level to be based on thorough scientific risk assessments; further recognises that the proposed Directive on Traditional Herbal Medicinal Products would introduce regulatory arrangements to set safety and quality standards for unlicensed herbal remedies, and introduce systematic consumer information about the safe use of products and permit companies to make claims; further notes that the proposed Directive is supported by most interest groups, who believe it will protect public health and boost consumer confidence in herbal medicines; further welcomes the progress of the Government in negotiations for more flexibility to take account of valid evidence of traditional use from outside the European Union and to permit herbal nutrient combination remedies; and further welcomes the stated willingness of the Herbal Forum, representing all UK manufacturers’ trade associations in the sector, to work with the Medicines Control Agency to minimise regulatory impact, consistent with the need to protect public health.

3 Dioxins, Furans and Polychlorinated Biphenyls,—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. 13438/01, Commission Communication on a Community strategy for dioxins, furans and polychlorinated biphenyls; and supports the Government’s objective that effective and proportionate measures are taken across the European Union in order to reduce emissions of, and exposure to, these substances, and to meet national, other regional and global commitments.—(Gillian Merron).—It was agreed to.

4 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of the city of Sunderland for greater control over the purchase and use of air guns, 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.

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Gillian Merron.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 17th January 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Health Care and Associated Professions,—National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (Isles of Scilly) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 30), dated 14th January 2003 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 20th January 2003:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

3 Employment and Training,—(1) Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2003, and
   (2) draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2003
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

4 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, and
   (2) draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2003
   [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Social Security,—Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 48), dated 12th January 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Other Papers:

6 Animals in Scientific Procedures,—Government Reply to the Report of the House of Lords Select Committee on Animals in Scientific Procedures, Session 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5729] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

7 Chiropractors,—Financial Statements of the General Chiropractic Council for the year ended 31st July 2002 [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Reaping the Rewards of Agricultural Research [by Act]; to be printed [No. 300] [Clerk of the House].

9 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the—
   (1) Bedford Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
   (2) Blackburn with Darwen Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
   (3) Derby North East Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
   (4) Downham & Bellingham Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
   (5) Gloucester Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
   (6) Gloucester Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
   (7) Leicester Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
   (8) Nottingham Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
   (9) Southend Education Action Zone for 2001–02, and
   (10) Telford & Wrekin Education Action Zone for 2001–02,

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Local Government Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Matthew Green and Mr Simon Thomas from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Sue Doughty and Mr Paul Marsden.

2 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Iain Luke from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Jim Knight.

3 Draft Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 and the draft Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alastair Carmichael from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Paul Burstow.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: Diversity of Provision]; to be printed [No. 94-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Inland Revenue Accounts 2001–02 Standard Report]; to be printed [No. 332-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

3 Regulatory Reform,—(1) Fifth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Housing Management Agreements) Order 2003], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 328]; and

(2) Sixth Report from the Committee [The draft Regulatory Reform (Credit Unions) Order 2003; The draft Regulatory Reform (Assured Periodic Tenancies) (Rent Increases) Order 2003], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings to the Committee relating to the Report [No. 329] [Mr Peter Pike].

[No. 32.]

Tuesday 21st January 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Local Government Bill,—Mr Win Griffiths reported from Standing Committee A, that it had agreed the following Resolution in respect of the Local Government Bill:

That the Standing Committee recommends that the programme order of 7th January in relation to the Local Government Bill be amended as follows—

In paragraph 2 of the order, for ‘6th’ there is substituted ‘13th’.

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

2 Extradition Bill,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from Standing Committee D, That it had agreed to the following Resolution in respect of the Extradition Bill:

That the Standing Committee recommends that the programme order of 9th December 2002 in relation to the Extradition Bill be amended as follows—

In paragraph 4 of the order, for ‘one hour’ there is substituted ‘two hours’.

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

3 Extradition Bill,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Extradition Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 45].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 338].

4 Public Sector Pensions for Unmarried Couples,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for persons in receipt of a public sector pension to be able to provide survivor benefits for unmarried, financially interdependent, partners; and for connected purposes: And that James Purnell, Ms Meg Munn, Mr Sion Simon, David Wright, Mr Tom Harris, Kevin Brennan, Mr Chris Bryant, Mr Chris Smith, Steve Webb, Mr John Bercow and Ms Oona King do prepare and bring it in.

5 Public Sector Pensions for Unmarried Couples Bill,—James Purnell accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for persons in receipt of a public sector pension to be able to provide survivor benefits for unmarried, financially interdependent, partners; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th March and to be printed [Bill 44].

6 Adjournment (House of Lords Reform),—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.
7 Food and Medicines,—Ordered, That the Kava-kava in Food (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3169) and Medicines for Human Use (Kava-kava) (Prohibition) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3170) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

8 Social Care,—Ordered, That the National Care Standards Commission (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3211) and Domiciliary Care Agencies Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3214) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

9 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 116 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (sittings)), That—

(1) the Northern Ireland Grand Committee shall meet at Westminster on Thursday 6th February at a quarter-past Two o’clock; and

(2) at that sitting:
   (a) the Committee shall take questions under Standing Order No. 110 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)); and
   (b) at the conclusion of the business appointed for consideration, a motion for the adjournment of the Committee may be made by a Minister of the Crown, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 116 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (sittings))—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

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 Education,—Education (Further Education Institutions Information) (England) (Revocation) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 51), dated 8th January 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

2 Environmental Protection,—Environmental Protection (Duty of Care) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 63), dated 19th January 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Telegraphs,—Wireless Telegraphy (Exemption) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 74), dated 20th January 2003 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

4 Foreign Affairs,—Response of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs to the Twelfth Report of the Foreign and Commonwealth Committee of Session 2001-02: Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5712] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the British Potato Council for 2000-01 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Transport,—Department of Transport Minute, dated 21st January 2003, in respect of a Government gift to a memorial for those who lost their lives in the Hatfield rail crash [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John MacDougall, Dr Gavin Strang and Mr James Wray from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Ian Davidson, Chris McCafferty and Rachel Squire.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Culture, Media and Sport,—Third Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [London Olympics Bid 2012], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 268] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2. Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Developments with QinetiQ]; to be printed [No. 322-i] [Mr Bruce George].

3. Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Zimbabwe], to be printed [No. 339-i] [Donald Anderson].

4. Home Affairs,—Third Report from the Home Affairs Committee [The Work of the Home Affairs Committee in 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 336] [Mr Chris Mullin].

5. Liaison,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Liaison Committee [The Prime Minister]; to be printed [No. 334-i] [Mr Alan Williams].

6. 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 [Planning for Sustainable Housing and Communities]; to be printed [No. 77-i], and (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Local Government Finance: Formula Grant Distribution] [Andrew Bennett].

7. Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Homeworkers in Scotland and the Minimum Wage] [No. 335-i] [Mrs Irene Adams].

8. Statutory Instruments,—Seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-vii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

9. Trade and Industry,—Fourth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [The Work of the Committee in 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 337] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 32; WH, No. 19.]

Tuesday 21st January 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Transas Group Bill.—A Bill to enable the transfer to a company registered in the Republic of Ireland of the incorporations and undertakings of Transas Dataco Limited, Transas Eurasia Limited, Transas Marine Limited, Transas Technology Limited and Transas Telematics Limited, for the cesser of application to those companies of provisions of the Companies Act 1985; and for incidental purposes, was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr John Cummings reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2003.

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

3 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 No. 8395/02, draft Council Regulation concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and in matters of parental responsibility repealing Regulation (EC) No. 1347/2000 and amending Regulation (EC) No. 44/2001 in matters relating to maintenance, and the unnumbered explanatory memoranda of 14 November 2002 and 9 January 2003 from the Lord Chancellor’s Department and Scottish Executive Justice Department on the Presidency proposals for amendment of the draft Regulation, supports the underlying aim of extending the principle of mutual recognition to decisions on parental responsibility by establishing a clear and coherent set of rules for attributing jurisdiction, and putting in place arrangements for co-operation between the courts and central authorities of the Member States; considers that the proposed amendments would achieve the objectives of the United Kingdom in relation to child abduction; and welcomes the reinforcement of support for the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction whilst providing Community measures to supplement its provisions to enable enhanced European co-operation against the wrongful removal and retention of children.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the London Development Agency Bill, without Amendment.

5 Sunday Working (Scotland) Bill.—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Sunday Working (Scotland) Bill be printed [Bill 16–EN].

6 Housing (Overcrowding).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision relating to the definition of household overcrowding standards and the housing needs of those living in overcrowded accommodation: And that Mr Andrew Love, Ms Oona King, Ms Karen Buck, Joan Ruddock, Mr David kidney, Mr David Curry, Peter Bottomley and Mr Adrian Sanders do prepare and bring it in.

7 Housing (Overcrowding) Bill.—Mr Andrew Love accordingly presented a Bill to make provision relating to the definition of household overcrowding standards and the housing needs of those living in overcrowded accommodation: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th February and to be printed [Bill 46].

8 Adjournment (Defence in the world).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Dan Norris);

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, That this House do now adjourn;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Bennett, David Taylor: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Sue Doughty: 53.

So the Question was negatived.
9 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.

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

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

[Adjourned at 7.41 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Proceeds of Crime,—Draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Exemptions from Civil Recovery) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Department of Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 22nd January 2003, reporting contingent liabilities relating to the scheduled Titian exhibition at the National Gallery [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

3 Education and Skills,—Paper, entitled The future of higher education [by Command] [Cm. 5735] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

4 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [30th October, in the last Session of Parliament] from the residents of Tewkesbury concerning doorstep recycling schemes [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House]


Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003:

(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: Charlotte Atkins, Virginia Bottomley, Mr Chris Bryant, Ms Karen Buck, Geraint Davies, Julia Drown, Jane Griffiths, Mr Oliver Heald, Paul Holmes, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Neil Turner, Angela Watkinson, Steve Webb, Malcolm Wicks and Mr John Wilkinson.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Adrian Bailey, Norman Baker, Mr Derek Foster, Mr John Hayes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr David Kidney, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr Elliot Morley, Linda Perham, Mr James Plaskitt, Hugh Robertson, Mr Paul Trussell, Mr Bill Wiggin and Mr Roger Williams.

3 Draft Planning (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003:

(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 Roy Beggs, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Michael Clapham, Jim Dowd, Paul Flynn, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Shona McIsaac, Andrew Mackinlay, Gillian Merron, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr Peter Robinson, Angela Smith, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr John Taylor and Mr David Wilshire.

4 Draft Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 and the draft Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Paul Burstow from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Lembit Öpik.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations and 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 Harold Best, Ms Hazel Blears, Angela Eagle, Mr Mark Field, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Alan Keen, Mr Andrew Love, Rosemary McKenna, Mr Paul Marsden, Joan Ruddock, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Dennis Skinner, Geraldine Smith, Jacqui Smith and Mrs Betty Williams.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mrs Angela Browning, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Paul Burstow, Mr David Crausby, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Alan Keen, Mr Andrew Love, Rosemary McKenna, Mr Paul Marsden, Joan Ruddock, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Dennis Skinner, Geraldine Smith, Jacqui Smith and Mrs Betty Williams.

Grand Committees

7 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ian Taylor from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Michael Mates.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—First Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Government’s Reply to the Tenth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, Session 2001–02, on the Role of Defra]; to be printed [No. 340] [Mr David Curry].

2 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Winning the War on Waste]; to be printed [No. 99-iii] [Mr John Horam].

3 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. 63-ix] [Jim Dobbin].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Third Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Police (Northern Ireland) Bill], together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 233]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Illegal Drugs Trade and Drugs Culture in Northern Ireland], to be printed [No. 353-i] [Mr Michael Mates].

5 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Procedures for Debates and Private Members’ Bills, and the Powers of the Speaker]; to be printed [No. 333-i].

6 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Protecting the Public from Waste]; to be printed [No. 352-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [ESRC: Introductory Session]; to be printed [No. 277-i] [Dr Ian Gibson].
8 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Overcrowding on Public Transport]; to be printed [No. 201-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [National Savings and Investments]; to be printed [No. 342-i] [Mr John McFall].

10 Work and Pensions,—(1) First Report from the Work and Pensions Committee [The Social Security Advisory Committee], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 296];

(2) Second Report from the Committee [The Committee’s Work in 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 297]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Future of UK Pensions]; to be printed [No. 92-v] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 33; WH, No. 20.]

Wednesday 22nd January 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4.29 p.m.]

[No. 34.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.

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

2 Company Directors’ Performance and Compensation Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Company Directors’ Performance and Compensation Bill be printed [Bill 22–EN].

3 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill (Programme) (No. 3),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, having regard to the Resolution of Standing Committee A, reported on 19th December 2002, the Programme Order of 26th November 2002 in relation to the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill be confirmed—(Mr Nick Raynsford),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Derek Twigg: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Laurence Robertson: 153.

So the Question was agreed to.

4 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill, not amended in the Committee and the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Further referendum on petition)—(Mr Philip Hammond)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Laurence Robertson: 121.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Phil Woolas: 342.
Another Clause (Pre-Referendum)—(Mr Philip Hammond)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Five o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [26th November], proceeded to put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Laurence Robertson: 120.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Phil Woolas: 295.

The Deputy Speaker proceeded to put the Question on a new Clause which the Speaker had selected for separate Division.

Another Clause (Regional boundaries)—(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, Angela Watkinson, Mr Laurence Robertson: 159.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Phil Woolas: 331.

The Deputy Speaker proceeded to put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, that Amendments Nos. 4 to 11 be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Phil Woolas: 323.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Angela Watkinson: 118.

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

And it being Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [26th November].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Phil Woolas: 331.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Angela Watkinson: 123.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

5 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 30th January, proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Iain Duncan Smith shall lapse, if not previously concluded, at Six o’clock or three hours after they have been entered upon, whichever is the later; proceedings may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption, and the Orders of the House of 28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002 relating to deferred Divisions shall not apply to them.—(Mr John Heppell.)

6 Sittings in Westminster Hall.—Ordered, That Sir Nicholas Winterton, Mr John McWilliam, Mr Frank Cook and Mr Edward O’Hara be appointed to act as additional Deputy Speakers at sittings in Westminster Hall during this Session.—(Mr John Heppell.)

7 Notices of Questions, Motions and Amendments.—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 22 (Notices of questions, motions and amendments) be amended, by inserting, after ‘Wales’ in line 40, the words ‘and the Advocate General’.—(Mr John Heppell.)

8 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 12th February at half-past Two o’clock to consider a substantive Motion for the adjournment of the Committee, the proceedings to be interrupted at Five o’clock.—(Mr John Heppell.)—It was agreed to.

9 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 115 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (delegated legislation)), That—

(1) the draft Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee.
(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Tuesday 4th February at half-past Two o’clock; and
(3) at that sitting the Committee shall consider the instrument referred to it under paragraph (1) above—(Mr John Heppell);—It was agreed to.

10 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the Romford and others for a review of the sentence imposed on Yannick Etutu for the manslaughter of Scott Young 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 John Heppell.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till sixteen minutes to Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 27th January.

[Adjourned at 6.44 p.m.]

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1 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 110) on 2002–03 Special Grants in connection with Local Public Service Agreements [by Act]; to be printed [No. 320] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [by Act], with Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

3 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—(1) Draft Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (Continuance in force of sections 21 to 23) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett], and
(2) draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, and
(3) draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Continuance of Part VII) Order 2003 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**


5 Public Health,—Tobacco Advertising and Promotion (Sponsorship) Transitional Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 77), dated 21st January 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

**Other Papers:**

6 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of Service Children’s Education for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 273] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 Government Resource and Accounts,—Annual Report and Accounts of the Treasury Solicitor’s Department for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 252] [The Solicitor General].

8 Terrorism,—Report on the Operation in 2002 of the Terrorism Act 2000 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

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1 Draft Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Gillian Merron and Joan Walley from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Charlotte Atkins and Mr Kelvin Hopkins.

2 Draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman of the First Standing Committee (in respect of the draft Regulations).

3 Draft Audit and Accountability (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Kelvin Hopkins from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Joan Walley.

   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Codes); and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Ainger from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Codes); and nominated in substitution Derek Twigg.

5 Draft Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Knight and Mr Austin Mitchell from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Lazarowicz and Mr Gareth Thomas (Harrow West).

6 Draft Planning (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order).

7 Draft Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, and the draft Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Shona McIsaac from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West).


   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and

   (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Crausby from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Lindsay Hoyle.

European Standing Committees

10 The Speaker has appointed Mr David Taylor Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 15301/02 on safety at sea.

Grand Committees

11 The Speaker has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Thursday 6 February.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Sexual Health]; to be printed [No. 69-v3] [Mr David Hinchliffe].
2 International Development,—(1) Second Report from the International Development Committee [International Development Committee: Annual Report 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 331],
   (2) First Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee in Session 2001–02, on the Department for International Development: Departmental Report 2002]; to be printed [No. 357], and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The humanitarian crisis in southern Africa]; to be printed [116-iv] [Tony Baldry].

3 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on public Administration [Public Service Targets]; to be printed [No. 62-viii] [Tony Wright].

4 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The UK and the Euro]; to be printed [No. 187-iv] [Mr John McFall].


The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Pathways into Work: helping people into employment),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 28th January.

[Adjourned at 6.36 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 Aviation (Offences) Bill.—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Aviation (Offences) Bill be printed [Bill 23–EN].

2 Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the second reading of the Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dan Norris: 314.

Tellers for the Noes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 167.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

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 relating to Select Committees in the name of Mr Robin Cook may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr John Heppell):—It was agreed to.

4 Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill:

Committal

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

Proceedings in Committee, on Report and on Third Reading

2.—(1) Proceedings in Committee, any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be completed at one day’s sitting.

(2) Proceedings in Committee, and any proceedings on consideration, shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

(3) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

Other proceedings

3. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords amendments or any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—(Mr John Heppell); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dan Norris: 311.

Tellers for the Noes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 167.

So the Question was agreed to.

5 Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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 Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred with the approval of the Treasury by the Secretary of State with a view to or in connection with—

(a) the provision by the Secretary of State of financial assistance to British Energy plc or any company which either is or immediately before the passing of the Act was a subsidiary of British Energy plc (within the meaning of the Companies Act 1985);
(b) the acquisition by the Secretary of State or his nominee or by a Crown company of—
   (i) any securities of any of those companies;
   (ii) any part of the undertaking or assets of any of those companies;
(c) the carrying on of any undertaking acquired as mentioned in paragraph (b)(ii) or any undertaking using assets so acquired; and
(2) any increase in the sums payable out of money so provided under Schedule 12 to the Electricity Act 1989 which is attributable to the repeal by the Bill of paragraph 4 of that Schedule or to any other amendment of that Schedule—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

6 Select Committees,—Ordered, That—
(1) Standing Order No. 152 (Select Committees related to Government departments) be amended as follows:
   In the Table
   Item 7, column 2, leave out from ‘Office;’ to ‘and administration’ in line 7 of that item,
   After item 8 insert—
   ‘Lord Chancellor’s
   Department
   Lord Chancellor’s Department (including the work of staff 11’, provided for the administrative work of courts and tribunals, but excluding consideration of individual cases and appointments)
   and
(2) the Order of 5th November 2001 relating to Liaison Committee (Membership) be amended as follows. Paragraph (2), after ‘International Development’ insert ‘Lord Chancellor’s Department’.—(Mr John Heppell)

7 Recognition and Enforcement of Judgements in Matrimonial Matters and in Matters of Parental Responsibility,—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. 8395/02, draft Council Regulation concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and in matters of parental responsibility repealing Regulation (EC) No. 1347/2000 and amending Regulation (EC) No. 44/2001 in matters relating to maintenance, and the unnumbered explanatory memoranda of 14 November 2002 and 9 January 2003 from the Lord Chancellor’s Department and Scottish Executive Justice Department on the Presidency proposals for amendment of the draft Regulation, supports the underlying aim of extending the principle of mutual recognition to decisions on parental responsibility by establishing a clear and coherent set of rules for attributing jurisdiction, and putting in place arrangements for co-operation between the courts and central authorities of the Member States, considers that the proposed amendments would achieve the objectives of the United Kingdom in relation to child abduction; and welcomes the reinforcement of support for the 1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction whilst providing Community measures to supplement its provisions to enable enhanced European co-operation against the wrongful removal and retention of children—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

8 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 12th December, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

9 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Commissioner for Children and Young People (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 18th December, be approved—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

10 Science and Technology,—Ordered, That Mr Mark Hoban be discharged from the Science and Technology Committee and Mr Robert Key be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Treasury,—Ordered, That Kali Mountford be discharged from the Treasury Committee and Angela Eagle be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 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.
13 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seventeen minutes to midnight, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 24th January 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Trade and Industry,—Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 24th January 2003, concerning a proposed contingent liability in the event of the administration of a British Energy Company [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Treaty Series (No. 2, 2003), Agreement, done at Seattle on 30th November 1999, establishing the Advisory Centre on WTO Law [Cm. 5736] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 24th January 2003 (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,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (District of Bath and North East Somerset) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 95), dated 23rd January 2003, and


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 27th January 2003:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


8 Police,—(1) Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 116), and


Other Papers:

9 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on New IT systems for Magistrates' Courts: the Libra project [by Act]; to be printed [No. 327] [Clerk of the House].

10 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the—

(1) Birmingham (Kitts End and Sharp End) Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(2) Camborne Pool Redruth Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(3) Hamilton Oxford Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(4) Middlesbrough Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
(5) Newham Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
(6) North Somerset (Weston-Super-Mare) Education Action Zone for 2000–01,
(7) Preston Education Action Zone Account for 1st April to 30th November 2002, and
(8) Stoke Education Action Zone for 2001–02,

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349 and 350] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Charlotte Atkins, Mr Roy Beggs, Colin Burgon, Clive Efford, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Jane Kennedy, Shona McIsaac, Mr John Maples, Lembit Öpik, Syd Rapson, Mr Mark Simmonds, Mr John Taylor, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Mr David Wilshire from the First Standing Committee on Delegated legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order).

2 Draft Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, and the draft Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Jackie Lawrence from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Ms Debra Shiplay.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—(1) First Report from the Education and Skills Committee [The Work of the Committee in 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 359]; and
(2) First Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Education and Skills Committee, Session 2001–02]; to be printed [No. 362] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Human Rights,—(1) Second Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Criminal Justice Bill]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 374]; and
(2) Third 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. 373] [Jean Corston].

3 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Third Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Affordable Housing], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 75-I];
(2) Fourth Report from the Committee [Planning, Competitiveness and Productivity], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 114-I]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Departmental Annual Report and Estimates 2002]; to be printed [No. 78-ii] [Andrew Bennett].

4 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Using call centres to deliver public services]; to be printed [No. 373-ii] [Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Transport,—Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee on 18th December 2002 [London Underground PPP: New Developments]; to be printed [No. 200-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill,—Mr Peter Pike reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 47].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 383].

2 Dealing in Cultural Objects (Offences) Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Dealing in Cultural Objects (Offences) Bill be printed [Bill 30–EN].

3 Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill be printed [Bill 38–EN].

4 Crown Employment (Nationality),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for and in connection with the removal of general restrictions as to nationality which apply to persons employed or holding office in any civil capacity under the Crown, and for connected purposes: And that Mr Andrew Dismore, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Iain Coleman, Mr Andrew Love, James Purnell, Linda Perham, John Austin, Clive Efford, Mr Stephen Pound and Keith Vaz do prepare and bring it in.

5 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—Mr Andrew Dismore accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for and in connection with the removal of general restrictions as to nationality which apply to persons employed or holding office in any civil capacity under the Crown, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 31st January and to be printed [Bill 48].

6 The Speaker’s Absence,—Ordered, That the Speaker have leave of absence to-morrow to attend the funeral of Richard Buchanan, JP, Member for Glasgow, Springburn, from 1964 to 1979.—(Gillian Merron.)

7 Railways and Transport Safety Bill,—The Railways and Transport Safety Bill was, according to Order, read a second time.

8 Railways and Transport Safety Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Railways and Transport Safety Bill—

   Commital

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

   Proceedings in Standing Committee

   2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 11th March.

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

   Consideration and Third Reading

   4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

   5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced.

   6. Sessional Order B (programming committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

   Other proceedings

   7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or any other further messages from the Lords) may be programmed.—(Mr Ivor Caplin),
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Fraser Kemp: 346.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Mark Hoban: 95.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That at this day’s sitting the Motion relating to the Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department in the name of Mr John McWilliam may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

10 Railways and Transport Safety Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Railways and Transport Safety 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 Railways and Transport Safety Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(a) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of the Act,

(b) expenditure incurred by the Office of Rail Regulation in connection with the performance of its functions, and

(c) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

11 Railways and Transport Safety 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 Railways and Transport Safety Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

(a) the imposition of railway safety levy on persons who provide railway services, and

(b) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

12 Local Government Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That, in accordance with the Resolution of the Standing Committee dated 21st January 2003, the programme Order of 7th January 2003 in relation to the Local Government Bill shall be amended as follows—

In paragraph 2 of the Order (proceedings in standing committee to be brought to conclusion no later than 6th February), for ‘6th’ there is substituted ‘13th’—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

13 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 5th February, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union documents)—

(1) the Speaker shall put the Question on the Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Blunkett relating to Police Grant Report (England and Wales) not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, and

(2) the Speaker shall put the Questions on the Motions in the name of Mr Secretary Prescott relating to Local Government Finance (England) not later than six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion in the name of Mr Secretary Blunkett relating to Police Grant Report (England and Wales); and the proceedings may continue, though opposed, after the moment of interruption, and the Orders of the House of 26th June 2001 and 29th October 2002 relating to deferred Divisions shall not apply to them.—(Mr John Heppell.)

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 Access to Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 19th December, be approved—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

15 Lord Chancellor’s Department.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr A. J. Beith, Peter Bottomley, Mr James Clappison, Ross Cranston, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Mark Field, Mr Clive Soley, Keith Vaz and Dr Alan Whitehead be members of the Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department—(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 A. J. Beith’ and insert the words ‘Lady Hermon’, instead thereof.—(Pete Wishart.)
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Pete Wishart, Hywel Williams: 62.
Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Fraser Kemp: 233.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That Mr A. J. Beith, Peter Bottomley, Mr James Clappison, Ross Cranston, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Mark Field, Mr Clive Soley, Keith Vaz and Dr Alan Whitehead be members of the Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department.

16 Adjournment, — Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— (Charlotte Atkins.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.56 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Ecclesiastical Law,—Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
2 Libraries,—Draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
3 Northern Ireland,—Draft Budget (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Tax Credits,—Tax Credits (Interest Rate) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 123), dated 28th January 2003 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

6 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of Defence Intelligence and Security Centre for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 178] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
7 Health,—Report on the Victoria Climbié Inquiry [by Command] [Cm. 5730] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department for International Development: maximising impact in the water sector [by Act]; to be printed [No. 351] [Clerk of the House].
9 Police,—Draft Codes of Practice for—
   (1) The detention, treatment and questioning of persons by police officers,
   (2) The identification of persons by police officers,
   (3) Searches of premises by police officers and the seizure of property found by police officers on persons or premises, and
   (4) Tape recording interviews with suspects [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Fourth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [The Structure and Strategy for supporting Tourism], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 65] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].
2 Defence,—(1) First Report from the Defence Committee [Missile Defence], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 290];

(2) Second Report from the Committee [Annual Report 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 378]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [SDR New Chapter]; to be printed [No. 93-iii]

[Mr Bruce George].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Rural Payments Agency Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Rural Payments Agency]; to be printed [No. 382] [Paddy Tipping].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Human Rights Annual Report 2002]; to be printed [No. 257-ii] [Donald Anderson].

5 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Asylum and Immigration: Removals]; to be printed [No. 381-i] [Mr Chris Mullin].

6 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 [Planning for Sustainable Housing and Communities]; to be printed [No. 77-iii] [Andrew Bennett].

7 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Homeworkers in Scotland and Minimum Wage]; to be printed [No. 335-ii] [John Robertson].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-vii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

9 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The UK and the Euro]; to be printed [No. 187-v] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 36; WH, No. 22.]

Tuesday 28th January 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4.43 p.m.]
Wednesday 29th January 2003.

The House met at half-past Eleven 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 [28th 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 the Standing Order.

3 Transas Group Bill,—Ordered, That the Transas Group Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 5th February.

4 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Nigel Beard reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents Nos. 11079/02 and 14664/02, draft Framework Decision on mutual recognition of financial penalties; examines whether the proposal sets out a proper basis for mutual recognition and enforcement and whether the rights of absent defendants are adequately protected; and supports the Government’s efforts to secure agreement to this Framework Decision.

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

5 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jimmy Hood reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Audit and Accountability (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.

Minutes of Proceedingsof the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Greenbelt Protection,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require local authorities to provide a designated number of permanent sites for the traveller community; to make additional provision in relation to the powers available to local authorities in relation to unauthorised development of greenbelt and greenfield land; and for connected purposes: And that Mr John Baron, Mr Colin Challen, Mr Jim Cunningham, Jeff Ennis, Mr Mark Field, Mr Chris Mullin, Mr Kerry Pollard, Hugh Robertson, Andrew Rosindell, Andrew Selous, Mr Mark Simmonds and Angela Watkinson do prepare and bring it in.

7 Greenbelt Protection Bill,—Mr John Baron accordingly presented a Bill to require local authorities to provide a designated number of permanent sites for the traveller community; to make additional provision in relation to the powers available to local authorities in relation to unauthorised development of greenbelt and greenfield land; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st March and to be printed [Bill 49].

8 Public Accounts,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the 1st to 63rd Reports of the Committee of Public Accounts of Session 2001–02, and of the Treasury Minutes on these Reports (Cm. 5393, 5450, 5470, 5477, 5481, 5487, 5512, 5524, 5549, 5600, 5612, 5636 and 5676; and House of Commons Paper No. 1201, Session 2001–02).—(Mr Edward Leigh.)

9 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Tina Griffiths and the people of Ogmore and South Wales for improved controls on the sale and use of fireworks was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.26 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education.—(1) Education (Induction Arrangements for School Teachers) (Consolidation) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 106), and
   (2) Education (Teachers’ Qualifications and Health Standards) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 107)
   dated 23rd January 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Other Papers:


3 Forestry,—Reports and Accounts for 2001–02 of—
   (1) Forest Research, and
   (2) Forestry Commission
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 137 and 3] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on the Petition [17th December] from Brighton and Hove Palestine Solidarity Campaign for an embargo on British arms exports to Israel [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

5 Resource Accounts, 2001–02,—Resource Accounts for 2001–02 of:
   (1) British Trade International,
   (2) Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs,
   (3) Food Standards Agency,
   (4) Forestry Commission England/GB,
   (5) Forestry Commission Pension Scheme,
   (6) Lord Chancellor’s Department,
   (7) Department of Trade and Industry,
   (8) HM Treasury,
   (9) United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority Superannuation Schemes, and
   (10) Wales Office
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 295, 253, 163, 284, 285, 314, 280, 168, 292 and 318 ] [Ruth Kelly].

6 Royal Air Force,—Report and Accounts of the Royal Air Force Training Group Defence Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 275] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 Treaty Series (No. 61, 2001).—Index to Treaty Series 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 5733] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Railways and Transport Safety Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Bacon, Tom Brake, David Cairns, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Don Foster, Mike Gapes, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Dr Andrew Murrison, Linda Perham, Mr John Randall, Joan Ryan, Mr John Spellar and Mr Dave Watts.

2 Draft Industrial Levy (Construction Board) Order 2003 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2003:
   (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 Tim Boswell, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Ivan Lewis, John Mann, Ms Meg Munn, Anne Picking, Bridget Prentice, Mr David Rendel, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Ernie Ross, Mr Andrew Turner, Derek Twigg and Mr Robert Walter.

3 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 110) (House of Commons Paper No. 320) on 2002–03 Special Grants in connection with Local Public Service Agreements:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report 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, Mr Clive Betts, Mr David Clelland, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Edward Davey, Linda Gilroy, Helen Jackson, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Christopher Leslie, Mr Eric Pickles, Dr John Pugh, Mr Andrew Rosindell, Jonathan Shaw, Bob Spink, Mr Desmond Swayne and Mr Phil Woolas.

4 Draft Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003:

(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: David Burnside, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Jon Cruddas, Mr Jim Cunningham, Shona McIsaac, Gillian Merron, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Anthony Steen, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr John Taylor, Paddy Tipping, Mr David Wilshire and Mr Shaun Woodward.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Ainsworth, Mr David Atkinson, Virginia Bottomley, Annette Brooke, Mr John Burnett, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Mark Francois, Patrick Hall, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr John Heppell, Joan Ruddock, Geraldine Smith, Mr Paul Strasburger, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr James Wray.

6 Draft Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 2003:

(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 Roy Beggs, Colin Burgon, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Clive Efford, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Neil Gerrard, Jane Kennedy, Shona McIsaac, Mr John Maples, Gillian Merron, Mr James Plaskitt, Syd Rapson, Mr Mark Simmonds, Mr John Taylor, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Mr David Wilshire.

7 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Continuance of Part VII) Order 2003:

(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 Tony Banks, Mr Gregory Campbell, Mr Edward Garnier, Lady Hermon, Mr David Heyes, Jane Kennedy, Mr Eddie McGrady, Shona McIsaac, Andrew Mackinlay, Gillian Merron, Estelle Morris, Lembit Öpik, Diana organ, Mr John Taylor, Brian White and Mr David Wilshire.

8 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003:

(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: Janet Anderson, Mr Keith Bradley, Andy Burnham, Mr Michael Connarty, Tony Cunningham, Lady Hermon, Jane Kennedy, Shona McIsaac, Gillian Merron, Lembit Öpik, Richard Ottaway, Mr Richard Page, Mr Clive Soley, Mr John Taylor, Dr Rudi Vis and Mr David Wilshire.
Draft Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft 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 Desmond Browne, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Tony Colman, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson, Mr Adrian Flock, Dr Ian Gibson, Dr Brian Iddon, Shona McIsaac, Mr Andrew Mackay, Gillian Merron, Christine Russell, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Phil Sawford, Mr John Taylor, Mr David Wilshire and Mr Mike Wood.

European Standing Committees

10 European Union Document No. 15831/02, relating to the control of foot and mouth disease, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

11 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 24th January 2003, submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the Annual Report of the Court of Auditors, has been referred to European Standing Committee B together with European Union Document No. 10625/1/02, already referred to the Committee on 23rd October 2002.

12 European Union Document No. 12249/2/02, relating to criminal law, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Winning the War on Waste]; to be printed [No. 99-iv] [Mr John Horam].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Second Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Government’s Reply to the Ninth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, Session 2001–02, on The Future of UK Agriculture in a Changing World]; to be printed [No. 384]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Future of Waste Management]; to be printed [No. 385-i] [Mr David Curry].

3 European Scrutiny,—Tenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63-x] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Fourth Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Control of Firearms in Northern Ireland and the draft Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2002], together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 67] [Mr Michael Mates].

5 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Procedures for Debates and Private Members’ Bills, and the Powers of the Speaker]; to be printed [No. 333-ii] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].

6 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Director of Innovation, DTI: Introductory Session]; to be printed [No. 278-i] [Dr Ian Gibson].

7 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [The Future of UK Pensions]; to be printed [No. 92-vi] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 37; WH, No. 23.]

Wednesday 29th January 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Gillian Merron.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.29 p.m.]
Thursday 30th January 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Kava-kava in Food (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3169).

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

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 and the draft Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.

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

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the National Care Standards Commission (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3211) and the Domiciliary Care Agencies Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3214).

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:

Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make further provision relating to the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe signed in Paris on 19th November 1990, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision enabling an enforcement notice under section 19 of the National Minimum Wage Act 1998 to impose a requirement under subsection (2) of that section in relation to a person, whether or not a requirement under subsection (1) of that section is, or may be, imposed in relation to that or any other person; and to limit the pay reference periods in respect of which a requirement under subsection (2) of that section may be imposed, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about policing in Northern Ireland and the exercise of police powers in Northern Ireland by persons who are not police officers; and to amend the Police and Criminal Evidence (Northern Ireland) Order 1989, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords].—The Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 50].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 50–EN].

National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill [Lords].—The National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 51].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 51–EN].

Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 52].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 52–EN].

Opposition Day[4th 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.

Humanitarian Contingency Plans for Iraq.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House observes the dire humanitarian situation in Iraq resulting from Saddam Hussein’s misrule and Iraqi obstruction of humanitarian agencies; notes that more than ten per cent. of all Iraqi children die before their fifth birthday, and that a quarter of children under five are chronically malnourished; further notes the high dependency of Iraqis on Oil for Food programmes; deplores the continued Iraqi disruption of the Oil for Food programme; recognises the serious threat posed by Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction; understands that military action may follow Iraq’s
continued violation of its international obligation to disarm and destroy those weapons of mass destruction, contrary to UN Resolution 1441; urges the Secretary of State for International Development to work with the international community urgently to draw up a comprehensive humanitarian strategy for assisting the people of Iraq in the event of war; further urges Her Majesty’s Government to ensure that there is close co-operation between the military campaign and the aid effort; and calls on the Secretary of State for International Development to keep Parliament fully informed of the humanitarian situation in Iraq. (Mrs Caroline Spelman)

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;

Resolved, That this House observes the dire humanitarian situation in Iraq resulting from Saddam Hussein’s misrule and Iraqi obstruction of humanitarian agencies; notes that more than ten per cent. of all Iraqi children die before their fifth birthday, and that a quarter of children under five are chronically malnourished; further notes the high dependency of Iraqis on Oil for Food programmes; deplores the continued Iraqi disruption of the Oil for Food programme; recognises the serious threat posed by Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction; understands that military action may follow Iraq’s continued violation of its international obligation to disarm and destroy those weapons of mass destruction, contrary to UN Resolution 1441; urges the Secretary of State for International Development to work with the international community urgently to draw up a comprehensive humanitarian strategy for assisting the people of Iraq in the event of war; further urges Her Majesty’s Government to ensure that there is close co-operation between the military campaign and the aid effort; and calls on the Secretary of State for International Development to keep Parliament fully informed of the humanitarian situation in Iraq.

9 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 (Credit Unions) Order 2002, which was laid before this House on 16th December, be approved—(Mr Nick Ainger)—It was agreed to.

10 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 (Assured Periodic Tenancies) (Rent Increases) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 13th January, be approved—(Mr Nick Ainger)—It was agreed to.

11 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Orders No. 115 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (delegated legislation)) and No. 116 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (sittings)), That—

(1) the draft Budget (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee; and

(2) the Committee shall consider the instrument referred to it under paragraph (1) above at its meeting on Thursday 6th February—(Mr Nick Ainger)—It was agreed to.

12 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 4th February, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Robin Cook relating to the options on the composition of the House of Lords not later than Five o’clock, pursuant to the recommendation of the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform in its First Report (House of Commons Paper No. 171), Questions on later Motions may be put notwithstanding any decision of the House on earlier Motions; the Questions may be decided after the moment of interruption, and the Orders of the House of 28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002 relating to deferred Divisions shall not apply.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

13 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) Robert Wrigley and other residents of Sittingbourne, Kent, against using the Coniston Hotel as a centre for asylum seekers, and

(2) Amnesty International, Reading Group, for measures to bring an end to human rights violations in Chechnya

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 Nick Ainger.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.32 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Constitutional Law,—Draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Peter Hain].

2 Industrial Development,—Draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 Police,—Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Codes B to E) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Children and Young Persons,—Intercountry Adoption (Hague Convention) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 118), dated 26th January 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Legal Aid and Advice (Northern Ireland),—Legal Aid (Remuneration of Solicitors and Counsel in County Court Proceedings) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.) 2003, No. 43), dated 25th January 2003 [by Statutory Instrument] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

6 Police,—Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2002, No. 137), dated 29th January 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

7 Aviation and Maritime Security,—Report for 2002 by the Secretary of State for Transport under section 44 of the Aviation and Maritime Security Act 1990 on the number 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 Darling].


9 Cabinet Office,—Report and Resource Accounts of the Cabinet Office for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 356] [Ruth Kelly].

10 Channel Tunnel Security,—Report for 2002 by the Secretary of State for Transport under Article 35 of the Channel Tunnel (Security) Order 1994 on the number of notices served by him under Article 11 of the 1994 Order and the number of directions given by him under Articles 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the Order [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Darling].

11 Defence Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of—

(1) Defence Geographic and Imagery Intelligence Agency, and

(2) The Queen Victoria School

for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 317 and 236] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

12 Highways Agency,—Report and Accounts of the Highways Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 326] [Mr Secretary Darling].

13 Northern Ireland,—Draft Code of Practice under the Terrorism Act 2000 (Paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 8) for Video Recording with Sound [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

14 Police,—Report by the Police Complaints Authority: Review of shootings by police in England and Wales from 1998 to 2001 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 313] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

15 Resource Accounts, 2001–02,—Resource Accounts for 2001–02 of:

(1) Cabinet Office: Civil Superannuation,

(2) Central Office of Information,

(3) Charity Commission,
(4) Department for Education and Skills,
(5) Foreign and Commonwealth Office,
(6) Department of Health,
(7) Intervention Board,
(8) NHS Pension Scheme and NHS Compensation for Premature Retirement Scheme,
(9) Northern Ireland Office,
(10) Northern Ireland Court Service,
(11) Office of Fair Trading,
(12) Privy Council Office,
(13) Postal Services Commission,
(14) Registry of Friendly Societies,
(15) Royal Mint (Wider Commercial Operations),
(16) Security and Intelligence Agencies,
(17) Serious Fraud Office,
(18) Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions,
(19) Teachers’ Pension Scheme (England and Wales), and
(20) Department for Work and Pensions

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 355, 294, 360, 316, 324, 363, 365, 319, 358, 301, 325, 354, 282, 366, 368, 367, 341, 315 and 146] [Ruth Kelly].

16 Resource Accounts 2001–02 (Notification).—(1) Communication from Customs and Excise stating that the Customs and Excise Resource Accounts for 2001–02 were laid on 11th December 2002 under section 6 of the Government Resource and Accounts Act 2000, contained within the Customs and Excise Report and Accounts, 2001–02 [Cm. 5671], and


Papers withdrawn:

17 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [laid 23rd January].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Railways and Transport Safety Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood and Mr Alan Hurst Chairmen of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2003 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders.

3 Draft Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2003, the draft Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Livestock: Cattle and the draft Code of Recommendations (for the Welfare of Livestock: Pigs).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Hayes from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations and draft Codes); and nominated in substitution Mr Jonathan Sayeed.

4 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 110) (House of Commons Paper No. 320) 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report.

5 Draft Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.
6 Draft Planning (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mr John Cummings.

7 Draft Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 and the draft Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Piara S. Khabra from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Geoffrey Robinson.


9 Draft Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mr Bill O’Brien.

10 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Continuance of Part VII) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

11 National Care Standards Commission (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Amendment (No. 3) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3211) and the Domiciliary Care Agencies Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3214).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Joan Ruddock from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Frank Doran.

12 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

13 Draft Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Grand Committees

14 The Speaker has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Wednesday 12th February.

15 The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Tuesday 4th February.

European Standing Committees

16 The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 13789/02 on quality of bathing water.

17 The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 15301/02 on safety at sea, in place of Mr David Taylor.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee on 30th October in the last Session of Parliament [The Work of Ofsted]; to be printed [No. 388] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Service Targets]; to be printed [No. 62-ix] [Tony Wright].

3 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The UK and the Euro]; to be printed [No. 187-vi] [Mr John McFall].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

Adjournment (Democracy and Accountability in the EU and the Role of National Parliaments—Thirty-third Report from the European Scrutiny 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 Ivor Caplin),

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 4th February.  
[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]

Friday 31st January 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies Bill.—The Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

2 Company Directors’ Performance and Compensation Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Company Directors’ Performance and Compensation Bill,

Mr Gareth Thomas (Harrow West) moved, That the House sit in private.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Knight, Mr Mark Hendrick: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Phil Hope, Huw Irranca-Davies: 23.

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

3 Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill;

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 7th February.

4 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 7th February.

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Joan Ryan.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 3rd February.  
[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Family Law.—Child Support (Decisions and Appeals) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 129), dated 27th January 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

2 Road Traffic.—Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 166), dated 30th January 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

4 Defence Executive Agencies.—Reports and Accounts of the Armed Forces Personnel Administration Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 323] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

5 Employment and Training.—Explanatory Memoranda on:
   (1) the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2003, and
   (2) the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2003 laid 20th January [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

6 New Zealand (No. 1, 2003).—Agreement, done at Wellington on 11th October 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of New Zealand concerning Trials under Pitcairn Law in New Zealand and Related Matters, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5745] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 Northern Ireland.—Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of Northern Ireland for 2001–02, together with the Balance in the Consolidated Fund on 1st April 2001, with the Receipts and Payments (not being Public Income and Expenditure) in 2001–02, and the Balance in the Consolidated Fund on 31st March 2002 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 274] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petitions [5th December, 11th December, 12th December [three Petitions], 17th December [three Petitions], 18th December [eight Petitions], 7th January, 8th January, 9th January [three Petitions], 14th January, 15th January, 16th January, 20th January and 22nd January] from ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].


11 Treaty Series (No. 57, 2002).—First Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5737] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Railways and Transport Safety Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Tom Brake, David Cairns, Ms Anne McIntosh, Mr John Randall, Joan Ryan, Mr John Spellar and Mr Dave Watts members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2000.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Janet Anderson, Mr Keith Bradley, Andy Burnham, Mr Michael Connarty, Tony Cunningham, Lady Hermon, Jane Kennedy, Shona McIsaac, Gillian Merron, Lembit Öpik, Richard Ottaway, Mr Richard Page, Mr Clive Soley, Mr John Taylor, Dr Rudi Vis and Mr David Wilshire from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order).
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.


3 European Parliament (Representation) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the European Parliament (Representation) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Duty to consult)—(Mr David Heath)—brought up, and read the first time. Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Richard Younger-Ross, Tom Brake: 177.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Joan Ryan: 288.

Amendment (No. 21) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 23, to leave out the words ‘any change or anticipated change under Community law in’ and insert the words ‘ARTICLE 2 of Protocol A. Protocol annexed to the Treaty on European Union and to the Treaties establishing the European Communities as respects’, instead thereof.—(Mr William Cash.) Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 176.
Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Derek Twigg: 287.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 27, to leave out subsection (4) and insert the words—

‘(4) In determining what recommendation to make for the distribution of any total number of MEPs, the Electoral Commission must ensure that—
(a) each electoral region (other than Northern Ireland) is allocated at least four MEPs;
(b) Northern Ireland is allocated at least three MEPs; and
(c) the ratio of electors to MEPs is as nearly as possible the same in each electoral region.’, instead thereof.—(Mr David Heath.) Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Tom Brake: 43.
Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr Jim Murphy: 424.

Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 29, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(aa) Scotland is allocated at least eight MEPs;
(ab) Wales is allocated at least five MEPs, and.’—(Angus Robertson.) Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Simon Thomas, Pete Wishart: 10.
Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr Jim Murphy: 453.
Amendments (Nos. 8 and 9) made to the Bill.
It being Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [10th December], put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.
Amendments (Nos. 10 to 20) made to the Bill.
The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

4 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 Audit and Accountability (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 19th December, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp)—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 Health and Personal Social Services (Quality, Improvement and Regulation) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 7th January, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp)—It was agreed to.

6 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 7th January, be approved—(Mr Fraser Kemp)—It was agreed to.

7 Mutual Recognition of Financial Penalties,—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. 11079/02 and 14664/02, draft Framework Decision on mutual recognition of financial penalties; and supports the Government’s efforts to secure agreement to this Framework Decision—(Mr Fraser Kemp)—It was agreed to.

8 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.

9 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Ivor Caplin);
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 Local Government Finance,—(1) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 112) on Special Grants for Local e-Government Programmes [by Act]; to be printed [No. 372];
(2) Local Government Finance (England) Report 2001–02: Amending Report 2003 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 370]; and
(3) Local Government Finance (England) Report 2003–04 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 369]
[Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Police,—Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2003–04 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 270] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Gaming (Variation of Monetary Limits) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S. R. (N.I.) 2003, No. 15), dated 10th January 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].


(4) Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Financial Threshold for Civil Recovery) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 175), and


Other Papers:

10 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on PFI: Construction Performance [by Act]; to be printed [No. 371] [Clerk of the House].

11 Pensions,—Accounts of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 391] [Clerk of the House].

12 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the—
(1) Clacton and Harwich Education Action Zone, and
(2) Derbyshire North East Coalfields Education Action Zone
for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 379 and 380] [Clerk of the House].

13 Transport,—Department for Transport Minute, dated 3rd February 2003, concerning proposed contingent liabilities in support of the Strategic Rail Authority [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Planning (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Dowd and Gillian Merron from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Charlotte Atkins and Colin Burgon.

2 Draft Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr James Plaskitt and Mr Robert N. Wareing from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Jim Dowd and Mr Terry Lewis.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000]; to be printed [No. 394] [Paddy Tipping].

2 Human Rights,—Fourth 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. 397] [Kevin McNamara].
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 [The Effectiveness of Government Regeneration Initiatives]; to be printed [No. 76-v] [Andrew Bennett]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Urban Affairs Sub-Committee of the Committee [The Evening Economy and the Urban Renaissance]; to be printed [No. 396-II] [Mr Clive Betts].

4 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [HM Customs and Excise Accounts 2001–02 Standard Report]; to be printed [No. 398-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 41.]

Tuesday 4th February 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, that it had considered the draft Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, referred to it on 23rd January 2003.

2 Criminal Justice Bill,—Mr James Cran reported from Standing Committee B, that it had agreed the following Resolution in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill:

That the Standing Committee recommends that the Programme Order of 4th December in relation to the Criminal Justice Bill be amended as follows—
In paragraph 2 of the Order, for ‘27th February’ there is substituted ‘4th March’. Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.


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

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Planning (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.

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

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.

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

6 Sex Discrimination in Private Clubs,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the prevention of sex discrimination in relation to membership of, or the benefits, facilities and services afforded by, clubs and other private associations: And that Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Robert Walter, Jim Knight, John Robertson, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr David Drew, Chris Mole, Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Richard Allan, Annette Brooke, Joan Ruddock and Mr Simon Thomas do prepare and bring it in.

7 Sex Discrimination in Private Clubs Bill,—Mr Parmjit Dhanda accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the prevention of sex discrimination in relation to membership of, or the benefits, facilities and services afforded by, clubs and other private associations: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th March and to be printed [Bill 53].

8 House of Lords Reform (No. 1).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House approves Option 1 (fully appointed) in the First Report from the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform (House of Commons Paper No. 171) —[Mr Robin Cook].

An Amendment (fbi) 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 ‘declines to approve Option 1 as it does not accord with the principle of a unicameral Parliament’, instead thereof—[Mr George Howarth],
And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made; the House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dan Norris: 172.

Tellers for the Noes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Phil Woolas: 390.

So the Question was negatived.

It being after Five o’clock, the Deputy Speaker proceeded to put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings to be concluded at that hour, pursuant to Order [30th January].

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Phil Woolas, Charlotte Atkins: 245.

Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Gillian Merron: 323.

So the Question was negatived.

9 House of Lords Reform (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [30th January], That this House approves Option 2 (fully elected) in the First Report from the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform (House of Commons Paper No. 171)—(Mr Robin Cook); the House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Charlotte Atkins: 272.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Phil Woolas, Gillian Merron: 289.

So the Question was negatived.

10 House of Lords Reform (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [30th January], That this House approves Option 3 (80 per cent. appointed/20 per cent. elected) in the First Report from the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform (House of Commons Paper No. 171)—(Mr Robin Cook)—It was negatived.

11 House of Lords Reform (No. 4).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [30th January], That this House approves Option 4 (80 per cent. elected/20 per cent. appointed) in the First Report from the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform (House of Commons Paper No. 171)—(Mr Robin Cook); the House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Charlotte Atkins: 281.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Phil Woolas, Gillian Merron: 284.

So the Question was negatived.

12 House of Lords Reform (No. 5).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [30th January], That this House approves Option 5 (60 per cent. appointed/40 per cent. elected) in the First Report from the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform (House of Commons Paper No. 171)—(Mr Robin Cook);—It was negatived.

13 House of Lords Reform (No. 6).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [30th January], That this House approves Option 6 (60 per cent. elected/40 per cent. appointed) in the First Report from the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform (House of Commons Paper No. 171)—(Mr Robin Cook); the House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Charlotte Atkins: 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Phil Woolas, Gillian Merron: 316.

So the Question was negatived.

14 House of Lords Reform (No. 7).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [30th January], That this House approves Option 7 (50 per cent. appointed/50 per cent. elected) in the First Report from the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform (House of Commons Paper No. 171)—(Mr Robin Cook);—It was negatived.

15 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products, and


(2) local convenience shop owners and others for a competition inquiry into the proposed merger between Tesco and T&S Stores were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

16 Adjournment,—Resolved. That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Climate Change Levy,—Draft Climate Change Levy (Use as Fuel) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Industrial Levy (Construction Board) Order 2003 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged David Rendel from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Brian Cotter.

2 Draft Planning (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Byers and Andrew Mackinlay from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Clive Efford and Christine Russell.

3 Draft Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Clive Efford from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Graham Stringer.

4 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Continuance of Part VII) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Eddie McGrady from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Seamus Mallon.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Third Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign Affairs Committee Annual Report 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 404];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 405-i]

[Donald Anderson].

2 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Asylum and Immigration: Removals]; to be printed [No. 381-ii] [Mr Chris Mullin].
3 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Trade and Development: Aspects of the Doha Agenda]; to be printed [No. 400-i] [Tony Baldry].


(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Planning for Sustainable Housing and Communities]; to be printed [No. 77-iii] [Andrew Bennett].

5 Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Homeworkers in Scotland and the Minimum Wage]; to be printed [No. 335-iii] [Mrs Irene Adams].

6 Select Committees (Choice of Chairman).—Mr A. J. Beith reported from the Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department, That he had been chosen as Chairman of the Committee.

7 Standards and Privileges.—Second Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Eighth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life: ‘Standards of Conduct in the House of Commons’]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 403] [Sir George Young].

8 Statutory Instruments.—Ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-ix] [Mr David Tredinnick].

9 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Work of OfTEL]; to be printed [No. 402-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

10 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The UK and the Euro]; to be printed [No. 187-vii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 41; WH, No. 25.]

Tuesday 4th February 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Transas Group Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transas Group Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 12th February.

2 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Amess reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Continuance of Part VII) Order 2003.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Company Directors’ Performance and Compensation Bill,—The Order for reading the Company Directors’ Performance and Compensation Bill as second time this day was discharged.
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th February.

4 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—The Order [yesterday], That the Special Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee (Government Response to the First Report of the Committee: Local Government Finance: Formula Grant Distribution) be printed, was read and discharged.

5 Food Colourings and Additives,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the labelling of food colourings and additives which could have an adverse effect on the behaviour of some children and young people: And that Mr Charles Hendry, Mrs Angela Browning, Mr Vernon Coaker, Valerie Davey, Matthew Green, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mrs Eleanor Laing, Tim Loughton, Mr Andrew Robathan, Alan Simpson, Dr Howard Stoate and Mr David Tredinnick do prepare and bring it in.

6 Food Colourings and Additives Bill,—Mr Charles Hendry accordingly presented a Bill to require the labelling of food colourings and additives which could have an adverse effect on the behaviour of some children and young people: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th March and to be printed [Bill 54].

7 Police,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2003–04, a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd February 2003, be approved—(Mr John Denham);
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Derek Twigg: 345.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Laurence Robertson: 197.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   Resolved, That the Police Grant Report (England and Wales) 2003–04, a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd February 2003, be approved.

8 Local Government Finance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Local Government Finance (England) Report 2003–04, a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd February, be approved—(Mr Nick Raynsford);
   And it being six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Police Grant Report (England and Wales), the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [28th January].
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Joan Ryan: 317.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Wilshire: 190.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   Resolved, That the Local Government Finance (England) Report 2003–04, a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd February, be approved.
   The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question required to be put at that hour.
Local Government Finance,—Resolved, That the Local Government Finance (England) Grant Report 2001–02: Amending Report 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd February, be approved.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

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 13th February, do adjourn till Monday 24th February.—(Mr Ivor Caplin)—It was agreed to.

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 2003, which were laid before this House on 9th January, be approved.—(Mr Ivor Caplin)—It was agreed to.

Proceeds of Crime,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Investigations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland: Code of Practice) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 16th January, be approved.—(Mr Ivor Caplin)—It was agreed to.

Proceeds of Crime,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Disclosure of Information) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 22nd January, be approved.—(Mr Ivor Caplin)—It was agreed to.

Proceeds of Crime,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (Exemptions from Civil Recovery) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 22nd January, be approved.—(Mr Ivor Caplin)—It was agreed to.

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

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 seventeen minutes to Nine o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.43 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Pensions,—Draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

2. Social Security,—(1) Draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith]; and

   (2) draft Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2003, and

   (3) draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2003 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

3. Wildlife and Countryside,—Draft Code of Guidance on Sites of Special Scientific Interest: Encouraging Positive Partnerships [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

5. Air Force (Constitution),—(1) Amendment List 6 to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition), and
(2) Regulations of the Defence Council, dated 21st January 2003, amending the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition)

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

6 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on the Sheep Annual Premium Scheme [by Act]; to be printed [No. 330] [Clerk of the House].


8 Merchant Shipping,—Report by the Department of Transport of exemptions granted under section 294 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 during the period 1st January to 31st December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

9 Northern Ireland,—Report and Financial Statements of Tourism Ireland Limited from 11th December 2000 to 31st December 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

10 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Sixty-fourth to the Sixty-eighth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2001–02 [by Command] [Cm. 5728] [Ruth Kelly].

11 School Inspections,—Report of Her Majesty’s Chief Inspector of Schools for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 286] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

12 Social Security,—Report by the Government Actuary on the drafts of the Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2003 and the Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payments) Order 2003 [by Command] [Cm. 5746] [Mr Secretary Smith].

13 Treaty Series (No. 3, 2003),—Agreement, done at Brussels on 10th December 1997, between the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Belgium relating to the Transmission of Natural Gas through a Pipeline between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Kingdom of Belgium [by Command] [Cm. 5738] [Mr Secretary Straw].

14 Treaty Series (No. 4, 2003),—Amendment, done at Paris on 31st May 1988, to the Convention relating to International Exhibitions, signed at Paris on 22nd November 1928, amended and supplemented by the Protocols of 16th November 1948, 16th November 1966 and 30th November 1972 and by the Amendment of 24th June 1982 [by Command] [Cm. 5740] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2003:

(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: Janet Anderson, Mr Henry Bellingham, Dr Vincent Cable, Brian Cotter, Mr Mark Field, Mr George Galloway, Alan Johnson, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr John Lyons, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr James Plaskitt, Hugh Robertson, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Jon Trickett and Mr Bill Tynan.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 110) (House of Commons Paper No. 320) on 2002–03 Special Grants in connection with Local Public Service Agreements,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Eric Pickles from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Mr Philip Hammond.

3 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003:

(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 Keith Bradley, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Tony Cunningham, Julia Drown, Lady Hermon, Jane Kennedy, Shona McIsaac, Mr Seamus Mallon, Gillian Merron, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Clive Soley, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr John Taylor and Mr David Wilshire.
Draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 2003:

(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: Mrs Helen Clark, Mr Tony Clarke, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Edward Garnier, Patrick Hall, Mr Mark Hoban, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Fraser Kemp, Martin Linton, John McDonnell, Mr Malcolm Moss, Bob Russell, Mr Adrian Sanders, Geraldine Smith and Mr Robert N. Wareing.

Draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2003:

(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 Nick Ainger, Ann Clwyd, Mr Wayne David, Mr Huw Edwards, Mr Nigel Evans, Dr Hywel Francis, Mr Dai Havard, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Lembit Opik, Adam Price, Chris Ruane, Mr John Smith, Llew Smith, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Don Touhig and Mr Bill Wiggin.

Grand Committees

Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr James Cran and Mr Andrew Robathan from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Quentin Davies and Mr David Wilshire.

European Standing Committees

European Union Document No. 5111/03, relating to safety at sea, has been referred to European Standing Committee A, together with European Union Document No. 15301/02, already referred to the Committee on 8th January.

European Union Document No. COM (03) 23, relating to the Mid-term review of the Common Agricultural Policy: Legislative proposals, has been referred to European Standing Committee A, together with European Union Documents Nos. 10879/02 and 10896/02, already referred to the Committee on 15th January.

Programming Committees

Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (Programming Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Crispin Blunt, Dr Vincent Cable, Nigel Griffiths, Mr Fraser Kemp, Ms Meg Munn, Hugh Robertson and Ian Stewart members of the Programming Committee in respect of the Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Defence,—(1) First Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee on Missile Defence], to be printed [No. 411]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [SDR: A New Chapter], to be printed [No. 92-iv]

[Mr Bruce George].

Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Winning the War on Waste], to be printed [No. 99-v] [Mr John Horam].

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Future of Waste Management], to be printed [No. 385-s] [Mr David Curry].

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. 63-xl]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Fisheries: Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy and Catches, Quotas and Effort Limitation 2003], to be printed [No. 409-s]

[Mr Jimmy Hood].
Northern Ireland Affairs.—(1) First Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Government’s Response to the First Report of the Committee, on The Impact in Northern Ireland of Cross-Border Road Fuel Price Differentials: Three Years On]; to be printed [No. 412]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Illegal Drugs Trade and Drugs Culture in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 353-ii] [Mr Michael Mates].

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions; Transport.—Memorandum laid before the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee and before the Transport Committee [The Work of the Transport, Local Government and the Regions Committee]; to be printed [No. 406] [Andrew Bennett and Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Reaping the rewards of agricultural research]; to be printed [No. 414-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [UK Science and Europe: Value for Money?]; to be printed [No. 386-i] [Dr Ian Gibson].

Transport.—(1) First Report from the Transport Committee [Urban Charging Schemes], 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. 390-I and II];
(2) Second Report from the Committee [Transport Committee: Annual Report 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 410]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Road and Pathway Maintenance], to be printed [No. 407-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

Treasury.—(1) Third Report from the Treasury Committee [Split Capital Investment Trusts], 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. 418-I]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Split Capital Investment Trusts] [Mr John McFall]

Welsh Affairs.—First Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Broadband in Wales: Government Response to the Committee’s First Report]; to be printed [No. 413] [Mr Martyn Jones].

Work and Pensions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Employment for all: assisting people with disabilities and health problems into work]; to be printed [No. 401-i] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.29 p.m.]
[No. 43.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Communications Bill.—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee E, That it had agreed the following Resolution in respect of the Communications Bill:

That the Standing Committee recommends that the Order of the House of 3rd December 2002 (Communications Bill (Programme)) be varied as follows.

Consideration and Third Reading

(1) Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order (Consideration and Third Reading) shall be omitted.

(2) Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be concluded in two days.

(3) Proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of the 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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(4) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the second of those days.

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

2 Communications Bill.—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Communications Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 55].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 408].

3 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, that it had considered the draft Budget (Northern Ireland) Order, referred to it on 30th January.

4 Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Expenditure relating to British Energy p.l.c.).

Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 1, line 5, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Dr Vincent Cable.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tom Brake, Mr Alan Reid: 168.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Dan Norris: 302.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 7, to leave out paragraphs (b) and (c).—(Mr Crispin Blunt.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Angela Watkinson: 154.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Charlotte Atkins: 309.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Clause No. 3 (Amendment of Schedule 12 to the Electricity Act 1989).

Amendment (No. 18) proposed, in page 2, line 26, to leave out from the word ‘schedule’ to the end of line 28 and insert the words ‘is amended, such that the upper limit on “qualifying expenditure”, as defined in the Schedule, is raised to a total of £3,500 million, subject to provisions that the Secretary of State shall make reports annually to both Houses of Parliament detailing the scale of—

(a) any such “qualifying expenditure” which has been made; and

(b) any such “qualifying expenditure” which is anticipated.’—(Mr Andrew Stunell.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being Five o’clock, the Chairman, pursuant to Order [27th January], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Angela Watkinson: 158.


The Chairman then proceeded to put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Undertakings to make grants under Schedule 12 to be disregarded for tax purposes).

Amendment (No. 19) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Clause No. 5 agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Derek Twigg reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made an Amendment thereunto.

The House, according to Order [27th January], proceeded to consider the Bill, as amended in the Committee.

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

And it being Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [27th January].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Charlotte Atkins, Jim Fitzpatrick: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Angela Watkinson: 157.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

5 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 12th February, 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 Four o’clock, whichever is later, and proceedings shall then lapse if not previously concluded.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

6 Criminal Justice Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That in accordance with the Resolution of the Standing Committee of 4th February 2003, the programme order of 4th December 2002 in relation to the Criminal Justice Bill shall be amended by the substitution in paragraph (2) (time for conclusion of proceedings in Standing Committee) for the words ‘27th February’ of the words ‘4th March’.—(Mr Phil Woolas) — It was agreed to.
7 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 Six o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then eighteen minutes to Seven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.42 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Draft Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Examinations by Comptroller and Auditor General) Order 2003, and
   (2) draft Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Rights of Access of Comptroller and Auditor General) Order 2003 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ruth Kelly].

2 Industrial Organisation and Development,—(1) Draft Apple and Pear Research Council (Dissolution) Order 2003, and
   (2) draft Horticultural Development Council (Amendment) Order 2003 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 2003 [by Act], with Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Yvette Cooper].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


7 Road Traffic,—(1) Motor Vehicles (Driving Licenses) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 222), and
   (2) Vehicles Crime (Registration of Registration Plate Suppliers) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 228), dated 6th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

8 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 54), dated 3rd February 2003 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

2 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Peter Bottomley, Mr Keith Bradley, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Tony Cunningham, Julia Drown, Lady Hermon, Jane Kennedy, Shona McIsaac, Mr Seamus Mallon, Gillian Merron, Mr Greg Pope, Mr
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Gordon Prentice, Mr Clive Soley, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr John Taylor and Mr David Wilshire from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order).

3 Draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Derek Conway Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

European Standing Committees

4 The Speaker has appointed Mr David Taylor Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 12249/2/02 on criminal law.

5 The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 10625/1/02 together with an Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 24th January 2003, submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the Annual Report of the Court of Auditors, on protecting the Community's Financial Interests.

Standing Committee on the Convention

6 The Speaker has appointed Mr Frank Cook Chairman of the Standing Committee on the Convention.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Foundation Trusts]; to be printed [No. 395-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Treasury.—(1) Fourth Report from the Treasury Committee [The Handling of the Joint Inland Revenue/Customs and Excise STEPS PFI Project], with the Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 184]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The UK and the Euro]; to be printed [No. 187-viii]

[Mr John McFall].


The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Southern Africa food crisis).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—
(Derek Twigg.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 11th February.

[Adjourned at 5.51 p.m.]

Friday 7th February 2003.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence.—The House being met, and the Speaker having leave of absence pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker), Sir Michael Lord, the Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

2 The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker.

3 Housing (Overcrowding) Bill.—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Housing (Overcrowding) Bill be printed [Bill 46–EN].

4 Sunday Working (Scotland) Bill.—The Sunday Working (Scotland) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.
5 Aviation (Offences) Bill.—The Aviation (Offences) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

6 Dealing in Cultural Objects (Offences) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Dealing in Cultural Objects (Offences) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 4th April.

7 Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 31st January, That the Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill be read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 7th March.

8 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th February.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 10th February.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (Information as to Provision of Education) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 190), dated 3rd February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

2 Family Law,—Child Support (Applications: Prescribed Date) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 194), dated 4th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith]


4 Sea Fisheries,—Sea Fishing (Restriction on Days at Sea) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 229), dated 6th February 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

5 Armed Forces’ Pay,—Thirty-second Report of the Armed Forces’ Pay Review Body, for 2003 [by Command] [Cm. 5717] [The Prime Minister].

6 Bosnia and Herzegovina (No. 1, 2003),—Agreement, done at Blackpool on 2nd October 2002, between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Bosnia and Herzegovina for the Promotion and Protection of Investments, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5747] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 Immigration,—Immigration (Designation of Travel Bans) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 236), dated 4th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 School Teachers,—Twelfth Report of the School Teachers’ Review Body, for 2003 [by Command] [Cm. 5715] [The Prime Minister].

9 Senior Salaries,—Twenty-fifth Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries [by Command] [Cm. 5718] [The Prime Minister].

Papers withdrawn:

10 Northern Ireland,—Draft Code of Practice under the Terrorism Act 2000 (Paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 8) for Video Recording with Sound [laid 30th January].

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bill Olner reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2003 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2003.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr David Amess reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 110) (House of Commons Paper No. 320) on 2002–03 Special Grants in Connection with Local Public Service Agreements.

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

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.

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

4 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Jim Murphy: 334.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nigel Dodds, David Burnside: 11.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

5 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords]—

Committal

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

Proceedings in Standing Committee

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 4th March 2003.

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

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced.

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

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of any message from the Lords) may be programmed—(Keith Hill).—It was agreed to.

6 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Police (Northern Ireland) 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 Police (Northern Ireland) 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—(Keith Hill).—It was agreed to.
7 Procedure,—Ordered, That Mr Peter Atkinson be added to the Procedure Committee.—(Keith Hill)

8 Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Mark Lazarowicz be discharged from the Scottish Affairs Committee and David Hamilton be added to the Committee.—(Keith Hill, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Communications Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That in accordance with the Report [6th February 2003] from Standing Committee E, the Order of 3rd December 2002 (Communications Bill (Programme)) shall be varied as follows—

Consideration and Third Reading

1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order (Consideration and Third Reading) shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be concluded in two days.

3. Proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of the 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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4. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the second of those days—(Keith Hill)—It was agreed to.

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 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 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service: draft Code of Practice on Time Off for Trade Union Duties and Activities [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Immigration,—(1) Asylum Support (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 241), dated 7th February 2003 [by Act]; and

(2) Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 389] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 National Health Service,—National Health Service (General Dental Services Supplementary List) and (General Dental Services) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 250), dated 7th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Dorset) (Borough of Christchurch) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 251), dated 5th February 2003 and
(2) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 182), dated 2nd February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:

6 House of Commons,—Response of the House of Commons Commission to the Eighth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life: Standards of Conduct in the House of Commons; to be printed [No. 422] [The Speaker].

7 Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Northern Ireland Court Service on Legal Aid in Northern Ireland in 2001–02, with the Report of the Lord Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Legal Aid in Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 361] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

8 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) the Department for Work and Pensions: Tackling Benefit Fraud, and
(2) Ensuring the effective discharge of older patients from NHS acute hospitals [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 393 and 392] [Clerk of the House].

9 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Public Health on the Petition [4th February] from ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

10 Railways,—Report and Accounts of the British Railways Board from 1st February 2001 to 31st March 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers withdrawn:


12 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [laid 3rd February].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Industrial Training Levy (Construction Board) Order 2003 and the draft Industrial Training Levy (Engineering Construction Board) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Jabez Foster and Ms Meg Munn from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Michael Foster and Mr Khalid Mahmood.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 110) (House of Commons Paper No. 320) on 2002–03 Special Grants in connection with Local Public Service Agreements,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Mr Clive Soley.

3 Draft Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Alastair Carmichael from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Lembit Öpik.

4 Draft Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Christine Russell from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); 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 [Higher Education Funding]; to be printed [No. 425-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Badgers and Bovine Tuberculosis Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Badgers and Bovine Tuberculosis]; to be printed [No. 432-i] [Mr David Drew].
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 Evening Economy and the Urban Renaissance]; to be printed [No. 396-i] [Christine Russell].

Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [New IT Systems for Magistrates' Courts: the Libra project]; to be printed [No. 434-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Empowering Children and Young People in Wales]; to be printed [No. 433-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].

Tuesday 11th February 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Hunting Bill,—Mr George Stevenson reported from Standing Committee F, That it had agreed to the following Resolution in respect of the Hunting Bill:
   That the Committee recommends that the Programme Order [16th December] in relation to the Hunting Bill be amended as follows—
   In paragraph 2 of the Order, for '13th February' substitute '27th February'.
   Report to lie upon the Table.

2 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Amendment,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend and extend certain enactments regulating the treatment of women undergoing IVF procedures and to extend the range of information and counselling provided by health authorities: And that Mr David Stewart, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Julia Drown, Mr George Foulkes, Mr James Gray, Lady Hermon, Glenda Jackson, Ms Oona King, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mrs Eleanor Laing and Dr Rudi Vis do prepare and bring it in.

4 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Amendment Bill,—Mr David Stewart accordingly presented a Bill to amend and extend certain enactments regulating the treatment of women undergoing IVF procedures and to extend the range of information and counselling provided by health authorities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th February and to be printed [Bill 56].

5 National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill [Lords],—The National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

6 National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) 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 National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) 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 Act—(Mr Jim Murphy).—It was agreed to.

7 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Northern Ireland Arms Decommissioning Act 1997 (Amnesty Period) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 20th January, be approved—(Jane Kennedy);
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Ivor Caplin: 404.
   Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Iris Robinson, Mr Roy Beggs: 8.
   So the Question was agreed to.
8 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Continuance of Part VII) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved—(Derek Twigg).—It was agreed to.

9 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 7th January, 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-nine minutes to Six o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Immigration,—Draft Asylum (Designated States) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

2 Cabinet Office,—Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, Session 2001–02, on ‘These Unfortunate Events’ [by Command] [Cm. 5756] [Mr Douglas Alexander].


4 Museum and Galleries,—Accounts of the Imperial War Museum for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 426] [Clerk of the House].

5 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Land Purchase Account of the Supreme Court of Judicature, Northern Ireland, for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 427] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

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. 405-ii] [Donald Anderson].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Foundation Trusts]; to be printed [No. 395-ii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Probation], to be printed [No. 437-i] [Mr Chris Mullin].

4 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Trade and Development: Aspects of the Doha Agenda]; to be printed [No. 400-ii] [Tony Baldry].

5 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 [Planning for Sustainable Housing and Communities]; to be printed [No. 77-iv] [Andrew Bennett].

6 Regulatory Reform,—Seventh Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Schemes under Section 129 of the Housing Act 1988) (England) Order 2003]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 436] [Mr Peter Pike].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Tenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-s] [Mr David Tredinnick].
8 Trade and Industry.—(1) Second Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Observations on the Second Report from the Trade and Industry Committee, on the Use of Retentions in the UK Construction Industry], to be printed [No. 438]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Company Law White Paper; The Royal Mail], to be printed [Nos. 439-i and 145-ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 46; WH, No. 28.]
Tuesday 11th February 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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—(Derek Twigg).

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]

[No. 47.]
Wednesday 12th February 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Transas Group Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transas Group Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 26th February.

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Derek Conway reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 2003.

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

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 Documents No. 15301/02, Commission Communication on improving safety at sea, and No. 5111/03, draft Regulation on the accelerated phasing in of double hull or equivalent design requirements for single hull oil tankers, and supports the Government’s continuing commitment to working within the European Union and the International Maritime Organisation to that end.

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

4 European Standing Committee B,—David Taylor reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 12249/2/02, on Combating Corruption in the Private Sector, considers it to be an acceptable replacement for the Joint Action on Corruption in the Private Sector of 22 December 1998; and supports the Government’s efforts to secure agreement to this Framework Decision.

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

5 Standing Committee on the Convention,—Frank Cook reported from the Standing Committee on the Convention, That it had considered the Fifth Report (21st November 2002), Sixth Report (29th January 2003) and Seventh Report (11th February 2003) from the United Kingdom Representatives to the Convention on the future of Europe.

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

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 to consider and report on any draft Corruption Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown, and that the Committee should report not later than four months after any such Bill has been presented to both Houses.
7 National Lottery (Funding of Endowments) Bill.—Ordered, that the Explanatory Notes relating to the National Lottery (Funding of Endowments) Bill be printed [Bill 24-EN].

8 Animals (Electric Shock Collars).—Ordered, that leave be given to bring in a Bill to ban the manufacture, sale or use of collars which administer electric shocks to animals: and that Mr David Rendel, Mr Roger Williams, Bob Russell, Mr Ian Cawsey, Dr Nick Palmer, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Lady Hermon, Mr Nigel Jones, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Keith Bradley and Miss Ann Widdecombe do prepare and bring it in.

9 Animals (Electric Shock Collars) Bill.—Mr David Rendel accordingly presented a Bill to ban the manufacture, sale or use of collars which administer electric shocks to animals: and the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th March and to be printed [Bill 57].

10 Opposition Day [4th 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.

Government’s Record on the Economy and Public Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House acknowledges the serious concern about the current state of the UK economy, including economic imbalances, the failure of the Chancellor of the Exchequer to meet his economic forecasts, the ever higher taxes, the disproportionate fall in the UK stock market, the decline in productivity growth, and the crisis in funded pensions; recognises the harm done to business and the enterprise culture as a result of increases in red tape and business tax since 1997, now estimated to cost up to £15 billion a year; is shocked by the Chancellor of the Exchequer’s complacency on these matters; is concerned that the forthcoming rise in National Insurance contributions will have further adverse effects on jobs, incomes and economic confidence; notes that tax revenues have already risen by £36 a week for every man, woman and child since 1997; deplores the fact that, despite substantial increases in taxes and Government expenditure, the lack of real reform means that the promised improvements in public services have not materialized, with a recent rise of 22 per cent. in NHS funding leading to a rise of just 1.6 per cent. in the number of patients treated, with one in four children leaving primary school unable to read, write and count properly, with a crumbling transport system, and with only one crime in every 40 resulting in a conviction; and calls on the Government to end its cycle of tax and spend and fail—(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 ‘notes that as a result of this Government’s economic management, even in times of global economic uncertainty when the world economy is experiencing the first simultaneous downturn for nearly thirty years and twenty of the world’s biggest economies including the United States, Japan, Asia, much of Latin America and Europe have been or are in recession, the UK economy continues to grow with low levels of inflation and low interest rates; welcomes the 1.5 million extra jobs created since 1997 and resists any attempts to abolish the New Deal and the tax credits that make work pay; further welcomes the cuts in the rates of corporation tax, capital gains tax and small business corporation tax since 1997 and the introduction of the R&D tax credit; and believes that after years of neglect between 1979 and 1997 it is even more important to invest in public services and to support the Government’s record extra investment in Britain’s health, education and other public services combined with reform to build high quality public services for all and its resistance to any attempt at this time of global uncertainty to cut public spending’, instead thereof.—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

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: 141.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Phil Woolas, Mr Ivor Caplin: 363.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Phil Woolas, Mr Ivor Caplin: 310.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 186.

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 as a result of this Government’s economic management, even in times of global economic uncertainty when the world economy is experiencing the first simultaneous downturn for nearly thirty years and twenty of the world’s biggest economies including the United States, Japan, Asia, much of Latin America and Europe have been or are in recession, the UK economy continues to grow with low levels of inflation and low interest rates; welcomes the 1.5 million extra jobs created since 1997 and resists any attempts to abolish the New Deal and the tax credits that make work pay; further welcomes the cuts in the rates of corporation tax, capital gains tax and small business corporation tax since 1997 and the introduction of the R&D tax credit; and believes that after years of neglect between 1979 and 1997 it is even more important to invest in public services and to support the Government’s record extra investment in Britain’s health, education and other public services combined with reform to build high quality public services for all and its resistance to any attempt at this time of global uncertainty to cut public spending.

11 Hunting Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That, in accordance with the Resolution of the Standing Committee of 11th February 2003, the Programme Order of 16th December 2002 in relation to the Hunting Bill be amended as follows—

In paragraph 2 of the Order, for ‘13th February’ substitute ‘27th February’—(Derek Twigg):—It was agreed to.

12 Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee on the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Bill, as amended in the Joint Committee;

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 60 (Tax law rewrite bills), That the Committee of the whole House be discharged from considering the Bill—(Dawn Primarolo):—It was agreed to.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

13 Mid-term Review of the Common Agricultural Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 10879/02, Commission Communication on the Mid-Term Review of the Common Agricultural Policy, No. 10896/02, Commission working document containing a report on the referenda in April 2002 and No. COM (03) 23, draft Council Regulations concerning the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy; supports the Government’s objective, to work for a sustainable Common Agricultural Policy which contributes to prosperous rural areas, enhances the natural environment, and provides high-quality, safe food and high animal welfare standards, a fair and competitive environment for farmers and better value for money for taxpayers and consumers; welcomes the European Commission’s proposals on reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, in particular the proposals to decouple payments from production, to move from production-linked subsidies to wider agri-environment and rural development measures, and for further market reform, while lessening the adverse impact on trading opportunities to less-developed countries; but regrets that the proposals in several areas did not go further, that they include a complex and potentially unfair mechanism for transferring funds towards agri-environment and rural development measures and, on dairy reform, that they do not meet the requirement of the Berlin agreement that there would be a mid-term review ‘with the aim of allowing the present quota arrangements to run out after 2006’—(Mr Elliot Morley);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 6, to leave out from the word ‘Policy’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘recognises the need for a substantial recovery in farm incomes from the present low base to a level at which UK farmers are earning sustainable and competitive returns; supports the objective of achieving prosperous rural areas, an enhanced natural environment and provision of high-quality, safe food and high animal welfare standards; welcomes the European Commission’s appreciation of the need to reform the Common Agricultural Policy, which absorbs half the EU budget, and recalls Government failures in this regard; further welcomes the proposals to decouple payments from production, and for further market reform; but has deep reservations about the effects of the current proposals on UK agriculture and recognises that the British people are increasingly hostile to a system that penalises both UK taxpayers and farmers; believes that dairy regime reform should provide greater opportunity for the UK dairy sector to add value to their product through producer-based processing; notes that the Commission proposals involve a potentially unfair mechanism for transferring funds towards agri-environmental and rural development measures; and urges the Government to use all the means at its disposal to ensure that these proposals are redrafted in the interests of UK farmers and consumers’, instead thereof.—(Mr John Hayes).

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;
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 David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 141.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Joan Ryan: 258.

So the Question was negatived.

The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question required to be put at that hour.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Joan Ryan: 253.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 137.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 10879/02, Commission Communication on the Mid-Term Review of the Common Agricultural Policy, No. 10896/02, Commission working document containing a report on milk quotas and No. COM (03) 23, draft Council Regulations on the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy; supports the Government’s objective, to work for a sustainable Common Agricultural Policy which contributes to prosperous rural areas, enhances the nation’s environment, be, and provides high-quality, safe food and high animal welfare standards, a fair and competitive environment for farmers and better value for money for taxpayers and consumers; welcomes the European Commission’s proposals on reform of the Common Agricultural Policy, in particular the proposals to decouple payments from production, to move from production-linked subsidies to wider agri-environment and rural development measures, and for further market reform, while lessening the adverse impact on trading opportunities to less-developed countries, but regrets that the proposals in several areas did not go further, that they include a complex and potentially unfair mechanism for transferring funds towards agri-environment and rural development measures and, on dairy reform, that they do not meet the requirement of the Berlin agreement that there would be a mid-term review ‘with the aim of allowing the present quota arrangements to run out after 2006’.

14 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 2003, which were laid before this House on 14th January, be approved—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.

15 Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Livestock: Pigs, which was laid before this House on 9th January, be approved—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.

16 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 115 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (delegated legislation)), That the draft Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 14th January, be approved—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.

17 Local Government Finance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 110) (House of Commons Paper No. 320) on 2002–03 Special Grants in connection with Local Public Service Agreements, which was laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.

18 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 Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.

19 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 115 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (delegated legislation)), That the draft Budget (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 28th January, be approved—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.

20 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of the villages of Plumley, Lower Peover, Chelford and Lostock Green against expansion of Manchester Airport was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
21 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

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

[Adjourned at 9.15 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 12th June 2002, made by the Governing Body of St. Catherine’s College, Oxford, amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

Other Papers:


4 Treaty Series (No. 5, 2003),—Convention, done at Helsinki on 17th March 1992, on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents [by Command] [Cm. 5741] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Criminal Justice Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill.

2 Co-operatives and Community Benefits Societies 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 Adrian Bailey, Tony Baldry, Mr John Bercow, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Colm Challen, Mrs Louise Ellman, Linda Gilroy, Ruth Kelly, Mr Andrew Love, Ms Meg Munn, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Gareth Thomas, Mr Simon Thomas, Mr Mark Todd, Mr David Wilshire and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

3 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-two Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Adrian Bailey, Mr Gregory Campbell, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Tony Colman, Ross Cranston, Tony Cunningham, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr Tom Harris, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Eric Joyce, Jane Kennedy, Mr Stephen McCabe, Shona McIsaac, Mr Seamus Mallon, Patrick Mercer, Gillian Merron, Mr Densie Murphy, Lembit Opik, Angela Smith, Mr John Taylor, Mr David Trimble and Mr David Wilshire.

4 National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill [Lords]:
   (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: Hugh Bayley, Mr Henry Bellingham, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Iain Coleman, Annabelle Ewing, Mr Mark Field, Mr Paul Goodman, Kate Hoey, Alan Johnson, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Jim Murphy, Hugh Robertson, Jim Sheridan, Mr Siôn Simon and Joan Walley.

5 Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payment) Order 2003 and the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order and 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: Paul Holmes, Judy Mallaber, Mr Peter Mandelson, Chris Mole, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Siôn Simon, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Nigel Waterson, Mr Tom Watson, Steve Webb, Mr David Wilshire, Ann Winterton and Derek Wyatt.
6 Draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 2003:
   (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 John Battle, Hugh Bayley, Mr John Burnell, Yvette Cooper, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr David Heath, Mr Fraser Kemp, Andy King, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Laura Moffatt, Julie Morgan, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Gary Streeter and Angela Watkinson.

7 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Codes B to E) Order 2003:
   (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 Tony Banks, Annette Brooke, Mr David Chaytor, Mr John Denham, Julia Drown, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Heath, Mr John Heppell, Mr Boris Johnson, Mr Andrew Lansley, Mr James Paice, Mr Greg Pope, Dr Howard Stoate, Dr Gavin Strang, Dr Rudi Vis and Dr Alan Whitehead.

8 Draft Code of Guidance on Sites of Special Scientific Interest: Encouraging Positive Partnerships:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Code to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Norman Baker, Virginia Bottomley, Mr Stephen Byers, Sue Doughty, Mr Mark Fisher, Lynne Jones, Mr David Kidney, Mr Elliot Morley, Ms Meg Munn, Mr Kerry Pollard, Hugh Robertson, Phil Sawford, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr Brian Sedgemore and Mr Bill Wiggin.

9 Draft Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Geraldine Smith and Mrs Helen Clark from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Tony Cunningham and Ms Dari Taylor.

10 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 112) on Special Grants for the Local e-Government Programme:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Edward Davey, Mrs Janet Dean, Mr Frank Dobson, Mrs Louise Ellman, Linda Gilroy, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Christopher Leslie, Alice Mahon, Dr Nick Palmer, Dr John Pugh, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Andrew Turner and Mr Phil Woolas.

11 Draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Ainger and Adam Price from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Dan Norris and Hywel Williams.

12 Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2003:
   (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 Stuart Bell, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Ben Chapman, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr David Crausby, Mr Nick Gibb, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr George Howarth, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Malcolm Moss, Albert Owen, Bob Russell, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr David Stewart, Tony Worthington and David Wright.

Grand Committees

13 The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson and Mr Edward O’Hara Chairmen of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Wednesday 12th February, in place of Mrs Irene Adams.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—(1) Second Special Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Education and Skills Committee, Session 2001–02, on Post-16 Student Support], to be printed [No. 440]; and
Wednesday 12th February 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Gillian Merron.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.44 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 Local Government Bill.—Mr Win Griffiths reported from Standing Committee A, That it had agreed to the following Resolution in respect of the Local Government Bill:

That the Committee recommends that, for paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Programme Order [7th January] in relation to the Local Government Bill, there be substituted—

4. Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be completed in two days.

4A. Proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of the days as shown 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 third column of the Table.

Day Proceedings Time for conclusion of proceedings
1st New Clauses, other than new Clauses relating to Chapter 1 of Part 8; new Schedules, other than new Schedules relating to Chapter 1 of Part 8; and Amendments to Clauses 1 to 19, Schedule 1, Clauses 20 to 42, Schedule 2 and Clauses 43 to 92 The moment of interruption
2nd New Clauses relating to Clauses 93 to 117; new Schedules relating to Clauses 93 to 117; and Amendments to Clauses 93 to 100, Schedule 3, Clauses 101 to 105, Schedule 4, Clause 106, Schedule 5 and Clauses 107 to 117 5 hours before the moment of interruption
2nd New Clauses relating to Clause 119; new Schedules relating to Clause 119; and Amendments to Clause 119 2½ hours before the moment of interruption
2nd New Clauses relating to Clause 118; new Schedules relating to Clause 118; Amendments to Clauses 118 and 120 to 124, Schedules 6 and 7 and Clauses 125 and 126; and remaining proceedings on consideration 1 hour before the moment of interruption

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the second of the days."

Report to lie upon the Table.

2 Local Government Bill.—Mr Win Griffiths reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Local Government Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 24th February; and to be printed [Bill 59]

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 451].

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Anne Beeg reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2003.

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

4 Food Justice Strategies Bill.—Alan Simpson, supported by Mr David Amess, Mr Don Foster, Dr Howard Stoate, Alice Mahon, Mr Simon Thomas, Mr David Drew, Dr Ian Gibson, John McDonnell, Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Kelvin Hopkins and Mr Mike Wood, presented a Bill to require the production and implementation of food justice strategies to eradicate food poverty; to make provision as regards the content of those strategies; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 58].
Adjournment (Education for 14 to 19 year olds).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Ivor Caplin);
And it being Six o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

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 Planning (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 16th January, be approved—(Dan Norris).—It was agreed to.

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 2003, which was laid before this House on 20th January, be approved—(Dan Norris).—It was agreed to.

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 2003, which was laid before this House on 20th January, be approved—(Dan Norris).—It was agreed to.

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Epsom Common Association against the inclusion of roundabout access on the B280 in a planning application relating to the West Park Site, Epsom, was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes to Seven o’clock, adjourned till Monday 24th February, pursuant to Order [5th February].

Adjourned at 6.31 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture.—Hill Farm Allowance Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 289), dated 12th February 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Education.—(1) Education (Funding for Teacher Training) Designation Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 271), dated 10th February 2003, and
(2) Education (National Curriculum) (Exceptions at Key Stage 4) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 252), dated 5th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].


Other Papers:

4 Census.—Census 2001: Key Statistics for Local Authorities in—
(1) England and Wales, and
(2) Wales
[by Act] [Ruth Kelly].


6 Health Service Commissioners.—Second Report of the Health Service Ombudsman, Session 2002–03: NHS funding for long term care [by Act]; to be printed [No. 399] [Clerk of the House].

7 Home Office.—Home Office: Targets Delivery Report [by Command] [Cm. 5754] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

8 Lord Chancellor’s Department.—Lord Chancellor’s Departments: Autumn Performance Report for 2002–03 [by Command] [Cm. 5686] [Ms Rosie Winterton].
9 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Progress in making e-services accessible to all: encouraging use by older people [by Act]; to be printed [No. 428] [Clerk of the House].

10 Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland),—Code of Practice in connection with the exercise of the Financial Investigations Powers, conferred by Articles 49 and 50 and Schedule 2 to the Proceeds of Crime (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Huw Irranca-Davies, Ms Jane Kennedy, Ms Shona McIsaac, Ms Gillian Merron, Mr John Taylor and Mr David Wilshire members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

2 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mr Joe Benton Chairmen of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

3 National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien and Miss Anne Begg Chairmen of Standing Committee G in respect of the Bill.

4 Draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

5 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Codes B to E) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

6 Draft Code of Guidance on Sites of Special Scientific Interest: Encouraging Positive Partnerships,—The Speaker has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Code.

7 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 112) on Special Grants for the Local e-Government Programme,—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report.

8 Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nigel Beard Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Administration,—(1) Second Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [The Work of the Committee in 2002], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 447].

(2) Third Report from the Committee [Ombudsman Issues], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 448], and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Public Appointments and Patronage] to be printed [No. 165-iii] [Tony Wright].

[No. 48; WH, No. 30.]

Thursday 13th February 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Legal and advice services tackling social exclusion),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 25th February.

[Adjourned at 5.17 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1. Marine Safety Bill.—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Marine Safety Bill be printed [Bill 31–EN].

2. Public Sector Pensions for Unmarried Couples Bill.—The Order for reading the Public Sector Pensions for Unmarried Couples Bill a second time on Friday 7th March was read and discharged.

   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 28th March.

3. Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) Bill.—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) 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 Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) Bill because it amends section 8(5) of the Industrial Development Act 1982 in a way that diminishes accountability to Parliament on the levels of future financial assistance to industry’, instead thereof.—(Mr Henry Bellingham.)

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

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 156.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 301.

   So the Question was negatived.

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

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

4. Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) 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 Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) Bill, it is expedient to authorise any increase in sums paid out of money provided by Parliament attributable to provisions of the Act—

   (a) increasing the sum of £1,900 millions specified in section 8(5) of the Industrial Development Act 1982 to £3,700 million, and

   (b) increasing the sum of £200 million so specified to £600 million—(Gillian Merron):—It was agreed to.

5. Improving Safety at Sea.—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. 15301/02, Commission Communication on improving safety at sea, and No. 5111/03, draft Regulation on the accelerated phasing in of double hull or equivalent design requirements for single hull oil tankers; and supports the Government’s continuing commitment to working within the European Union and the International Maritime Organisation to that end—(Gillian Merron):—It was agreed to.

6. Combating Corruption in the Private Sector.—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 of European Union Document No. 12249/2/02, on Combating Corruption in the Private Sector; considers it to be an acceptable replacement for the Joint Action on Corruption in the Private Sector of 22nd December 1998; and supports the Government’s efforts to secure agreement to this Framework Decision—(Gillian Merron):—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 Housing (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 20th January, be approved—(Gillian Merron):—It was agreed to.
8 Libraries.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Public Lending Right (Increase of Limit) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 28th January, be approved—(Gillian Merron)—It was agreed to.


10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Friends of Ivy Lane School, Chippenham, against the use of premises adjacent to Ivy Lane Primary School by Wiltshire Probation Service was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Gillian Merron.)

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers presented by Her Majesty's Command and delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on the undermentioned dates during the adjournment pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

Friday 14th February 2003

1 Cuba (No. 1, 2003).—Agreement, done at Havana on 13th June 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Cuba on the Transfer of Prisoners, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5752] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Wednesday 19th February 2003

2 Treaty Series (No. 6, 2003).—Agreement, done at Hanoi on 1st August 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam for the Promotion and Protection of Investments [Cm. 5748] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Thursday 20th February 2003

3 Epilepsy.—Paper, entitled Improving Services for People with Epilepsy: Department of Health Action Plan in response to the National Clinical Audit of Epilepsy-Related Deaths [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Friday 21st February 2003

4 Treaty Series (No. 7, 2003).—Agreement, done at Rabat on 30th October 1990, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Morocco for the Promotion and Protection of Investments [Cm. 5749] [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:

Friday 14th February 2003

5 Highways.—Trunk Road Charging Schemes (Bridges and Tunnels) (Keeping of Accounts) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 298), dated 9th February [Mr Secretary Darling].
Papers withdrawn:

6 Industrial Organisation and Development,—(1) Draft Apple and Pear Research Council (Dissolution) Order 2003, and  
(2) draft Horticultural Development Council (Amendment) Order 2003  
laid 6th February.

Monday 17th February 2003

7 Industrial and Provident Societies,—Credit Unions Act 1979 (Commencement No. 5) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 306), dated 14th February 2003 [Ruth Kelly].


9 Social Security,—Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Prescribed Diseases) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 270), dated 10th February 2003 [Mr Secretary Smith].

Tuesday 18th February 2003

10 Antarctica,—Antarctic (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 323), dated 17th February 2003 [Mr Secretary Straw].

Wednesday 19th February 2003


Thursday 20th February 2003


15 Social Security,—(1) Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 308), dated 16th February 2003, and  
(2) Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (State Pension Credit) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 325), dated 17th February 2003  
[Mr Secretary Smith].

Friday 21st February 2003


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 24th February 2003:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

17 Criminal Law,—Draft Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Powers of Seizure) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

18 Housing,—Draft Regulatory Reform (Housing Management Agreements) Order 2003, together with a statement by the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

19 International Development,—(1) Draft African Development Fund (Ninth Replenishment) Order 2003, and  
(2) draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Fifth Replenishment) Order 2003  
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Clare Short].

20 Local Government,—Draft Local Authorities (Charges for Specified Welfare Services) (England) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

21 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 113) on Special Grant in aid of the revenues of the London Borough of Hackney in 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 441] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
22 Social Security,—Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

23 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—(1) Draft Employment Rights Act 1996 (Application of Section 80B to Adoptions from Overseas) Regulations 2003, and
(2) draft Paternity and Adoption Leave (Adoption from Overseas) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

24 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 90),
(2) Legal Advice and Assistance (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 89), and
(3) Legal Aid (Financial Conditions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 88),
dated 19th February 2003 [by Statutory Instrument] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

25 Local Government,—Local Government (General Grant) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 58), dated 7th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

26 Police,—Police Service of Northern Ireland (Conduct) Regulations 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 68), dated 12th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

27 Rates,—Valuation for Rating (Plant and Machinery) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 31), dated 23rd January 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].


Other Papers:

30 Defence (Votes A), 2003–04,—Estimates of the maximum numbers of personnel to be maintained for service with the Armed Forces for the year ending 31st March 2004 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 377] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

31 Defence (Votes A), 2002–03 (Supplementary Votes),—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. 376] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

32 Energy,—Paper, entitled Energy White Paper: Our energy future—creating a low carbon economy [by Command] [Cm. 5761] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

33 Environmental Pollution,—Government Response to the Twenty-second Report from the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, on Energy—The Changing Climate [by Command] [Cm. 5766] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

34 Miscellaneous (No. 1, 2003),—Optional Protocol, done at New York on 25th May 2000, to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5759] [Mr Secretary Straw].

35 Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of the Department of Finance and Personnel for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 28] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

36 Reserve Forces,—Amendment List 7 to Regulations for the Reserve Air Forces (Air Publication 3392, Volume 7) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

37 Resource Accounts, 2001–02,—Resource Accounts for 2001–02 of:
(1) House of Commons: Administration, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 419] [The Speaker], and
(2) House of Commons: Members, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 420] [Clerk of the House].
Papers withdrawn:


39 Social Security,—Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2003 [laid 5th February].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Hugh Bayley from Standing Committee G (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution David Hamilton.

2 Draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Janet Anderson, Mr Henry Bellingham, Dr Vincent Cable, Brian Cotter, Mr Mark Field, Mr George Galloway, Alan Johnson, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr John Lyons, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr James Plaskitt, Hugh Robertson, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Gerry Stemberg, Jon Trickett and Mr Bill Tyman from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order).

3 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Codes B to E) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Heppell and Dr Howard Stoate from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Paul Goggins and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

4 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 112) on Special Grants for the Local e-Government Programme,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Brian Iddon from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Mr James Plaskitt.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Badgers and Bovine Tuberculosis Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Badgers and Bovine Tuberculosis]: to be printed [No. 432-ii] [Mr David Drew].

2 Human Rights,—Fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Continuance in force of sections 21 to 23 of the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001], together with Appendices, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 462] [Jean Corston].

3 Public Accounts,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Ensuring the effective discharge of older patients from NHS acute hospitals]: to be printed [No. 459-i];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [National Audit Office Supply Estimate 2003–04]: to be printed [No. 460-i]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Northern Ireland Audit Office Supply Estimate 2003–04]: to be printed [No. 461-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

POLITICAL PARTIES, ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS ACT 2000

The Speaker has appointed Lady Hermon 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.
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Protection of Freedoms,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require each item of legislation to be subject to a statement as to how each measure included in it affects the freedom of expression, assembly, conscience and association; and why the benefits of the measure outweigh any loss of freedom: And that Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Peter Lilley, Angela Watkinson, Mr George Osborne, Peter Bottomley, Mrs Marion Roe, Mr Bill Wiggin and Mr Stephen O'Brien do prepare and bring it in.

2 Protection of Freedoms Bill,—Mr Mark Prisk accordingly presented a Bill to require each item of legislation to be subject to a statement as to how each measure included in it affects the freedom of expression, assembly, conscience and association; and why the benefits of the measure outweigh any loss of freedom: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 7th March and to be printed [Bill 60].

3 Communications Bill [1st allotted day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Communications Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee. Another Clause (Composition of services in radio multiplexes)—(Dr Kim Howells)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill. Another Clause (Investigation of the BBC by the National Audit Office)—(Mr Edward Leigh)—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 Mark Hoban, Mr John Randall: 200.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Charlotte Atkins: 304.

Another Clause (Power to confer further functions on OFCOM relating to the BBC)—(Mr John Whittingdale)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Meaning of control)—(Mr John Greenway)—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 Mark Hoban, Mr Laurence Robertson: 138.

Tellers for the Noes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Nick Ainger: 367.

It being after Seven o'clock, the Speaker, pursuant to Order [10th February], put the Question necessary to dispose of the remaining business to be concluded at that hour.

Amendments (Nos. 116 to 131, 72, 132 to 138, 51, 52, 139, 140, 59, and 141 to 143) made to the Bill.

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

4 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft National Assembly for Wales (Representation of the People) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved—(Dan Norris):—It was agreed to.

5 Local Government Bill (Programme) (No. 3),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th November 2001 and 29th October 2002], That, in accordance with the Resolution of the Standing Committee dated 13th February 2003, the programme order of 7th January 2003 in relation to the Local Government Bill shall be amended by the substitution for paragraphs 4 and 5 (proceedings on consideration and Third Reading to be completed in one day) of the following—

“4. Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be completed in two days
4A. Proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of the days as shown 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 third column of the Table.

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5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the second of the days. — (Dan Norris).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Nick Ainger: 293.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Angela Watkinson: 184.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That, during proceedings on the National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill [Lords], the Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.—(Dan Norris.)

7 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) year 11 students from Minsthorpe Community College for youth club facilities and other improvements in the South Elmsall, South Kirkby and Upton area of the Hemsworth constituency;

(2) residents of South Gloucestershire and others against the committing of British armed forces against Iraq without approval by the House, and

(3) residents of Hitchin and Harpenden against proposals for expansion of Luton Airport

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

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

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

[Adjourned at 8 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Industrial Organisation and Development,—(1) Draft Apple and Pear Research Council (Dissolution) Order 2003, and

(2) draft Horticultural Development Council (Amendment) Order 2003

[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Rehabilitation of Offenders,—Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Children and Young Persons, — National Care Standards Commission (Registration) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 369), dated 25th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 Legal Aid and Advice, — Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 94), dated 24th February 2003 [by Statutory Instrument] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

Other Papers:

5 Foreign Affairs, — Government Responses to the —
   (1) First Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2002–03, on The Biological Weapons Green Paper, and
   (2) Second Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2002–03, on Foreign Policy Aspects of the War Against Terrorism
   [by Command] [Cms. 5713 and 5739] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Iraq, — Paper, entitled Iraq [by Command] [Cm. 5769] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 National Audit, — Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Tackling Fraud against the Inland Revenue [by Act]; to be printed [No. 429] [Clerk of the House].

8 School Standards and Framework, — Accounts of the:—
   (1) Dingle Granby Toxteth Education Action Zone,
   (2) Great Yarmouth Education Action Zone,
   (3) Herefordshire Education Action Zone, and
   (4) North Somerset (Weston-Super-Mare) Education Action Zone
for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 387, 455, 456 and 457] [Clerk of the House].

9 Treasury, — Paper, entitled The Financial System and Major Operational Disruption [by Command] [Cm. 5751] [Ruth Kelly].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Codes B to E) Order 2003, — The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tony Banks, Annette Brooke, Mr David Chaytor, Mr John Denham, Julia Drown, Mr Mark Francois, Paul Goggins, Mr David Heath, Mr Boris Johnson, Mr Andrew Lansley, Mr James Paice, Mr Greg Pope, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Dr Rudi Vis and Dr Alan Whitehead from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order).

2 Draft Code of Guidance on Sites of Special Scientific Interest: Encouraging Positive Partnerships, — The Committee of Selection has discharged Norman Baker from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Code); and nominated in substitution Mr Roger Williams.

3 Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2003, — The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Crausby from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Frank Field.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport, — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Privacy and Media Intrusion]; to be printed [No. 458-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Delivery of Education in Rural Areas Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Delivery of Education in Rural Areas]; to be printed [No. 467-i] [Diana Organ].

3 International Development, — Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Trade and Development: Aspects of the Doha Agenda]; to be printed [No. 400-iii] [Tony Baldry].
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 [Planning for Sustainable Housing and Communities], to be printed [No. 77v] [Andrew Bennett].

5 Statutory Instruments,—Eleventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xl] [Mr David Tredinnick].

6 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Electricity (Trading and Transmission) Bill], to be printed [No. 468-x] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

7 Treasury,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Bank of England February 2003 Inflation Report]; to be printed [No. 469]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Equitable Life]; to be printed [No. 470] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 50; WH, No. 31.]

Tuesday 25th February 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4.29 p.m.]

[No. 51.]

Wednesday 26th February 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Transas Group Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Transas Group Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 5th March.

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Code of Guidance on Sites of Special Scientific Interest: Encouraging Positive Partnerships.

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

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 112) on Special Grants for the Local e-Government Programme.

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

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nigel Beard reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2003.

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

5 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Roger Gale reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. OJ C295, Vol 45, European Court of Auditors’ 2001 Annual Report, and No. 10625/1/02, the Commission’s 2001 Annual Report on protecting the financial interests of the Communities; and supports the Government’s continuing efforts to promote measures to improve financial management and combat fraud against the European Community’s financial interests.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.
6 Fireworks Bill.—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Fireworks Bill be printed [Bill 17–EN].

7 Needle Stick Injury.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision about the protection from needle stick injury and resulting infections of persons employed in the health care sector and of other persons engaged in activities at work which carry a significant risk of such injuries and infections; to establish requirements relating to the recording and publication of information about such injuries and infections; to establish standards relating to the supply and use of certain equipment for work which carries a significant risk of such injury and infections; and for connected purposes. And that Laura Moffatt, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Ben Chapman, Mr Neil Gerrard, Ann Keen, Anne Picking, Helen Jones, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Judy Mallaber and Julia Drown do prepare and bring it in.

8 Needle Stick Injury Bill.—Laura Moffatt accordingly presented a Bill to make provision about the protection from needle stick injury and resulting infections of persons employed in the health care sector and of other persons engaged in activities at work which carry a significant risk of such injuries and infections; to establish requirements relating to the recording and publication of information about such injuries and infections; to establish standards relating to the supply and use of certain equipment for work which carries a significant risk of such injury and infections; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 4th April and to be printed [Bill 61].

9 Iraq.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House takes note of Command Paper Cm. 5769 on Iraq; reaffirms its endorsement of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1441, as expressed in its Resolution of 25th November 2002; supports the Government’s continuing efforts in the United Nations to disarm Iraq of its weapons of mass destruction; and calls upon Iraq to recognise this as its final opportunity to comply with its disarmament obligations—(Mr Secretary Straw);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 5, to leave out from the word ‘destruction’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘but finds the case for military action against Iraq as yet unproven,’ instead thereof.—(Mr Chris Smith.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Douglas Hogg, Mr Tony Lloyd: 199.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Joan Ryan: 393.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Joan Ryan: 434.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Douglas Hogg, Mr Tony Lloyd: 124.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House takes note of Command Paper Cm. 5769 on Iraq; reaffirms its endorsement of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1441, as expressed in its Resolution of 25th November 2002; supports the Government’s continuing efforts in the United Nations to disarm Iraq of its weapons of mass destruction; and calls upon Iraq to recognise this as its final opportunity to comply with its disarmament obligations.

10 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Blackpool South for restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks,

(2) residents of Burton upon Trent and South Derbyshire for a review of the reduction of the sentence for murder passed on David Bond, and

(3) residents of Glasgow Anniesland and others for restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks

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.—(Dan Norris).

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 two minutes past Eight o’clock, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 8.02 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions),—Draft Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Livestock: Cattle [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2. Immigration,—Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Consequential and Incidental Provisions) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3. Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 115) on Special Grants for Local Authorities [by Act]; to be printed [No. 449] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


6. Social Security,—Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 363), dated 22nd February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].


Other Papers:

8. Food Standards,—Report and Accounts of the Food Standards Agency for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 289] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

9. Greenwich Hospital,—Accounts of the Greenwich Hospital and Travers Foundation for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 452] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

10. Intelligence Services,—Government Response to the Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee on Intelligence, Assessments and Advice prior to the Terrorist Bombings on Bali on 12th October 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5765] [The Prime Minister].

11. Police,—Draft Codes of Practice for—
   (1) the detention, treatment and questioning of persons by police officers (Code C),
   (2) the identification of persons by police officers (Code D),
   (3) searches of premises by police officers and the seizure of property found by police officers on persons or premises (Code B), and
   (4) tape recording interviews with suspects (Code E)
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

12. Prisons,—Prison Statistics for England and Wales for 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 5743] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

13. Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [12th February] from residents of the villages of Plumley, Lower Peover, Chelford and Lostock Green against expansion of Manchester Airport [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

14. Social Security Administration,—Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee and statement by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Housing Benefit (General) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 363) in accordance with Section 174 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 [by Command] [Cm. 5773] [Mr Secretary Smith].

15. Treaty Series (No. 8, 2003),—Agreement, done at Valletta on 7th October and 29th November 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Malta amending the Air Services Agreement done at Valletta on 19th July 1967 [by Command] [Cm. 5760] [Mr Secretary Straw].
Papers withdrawn:

16 Police.—Draft Codes of Practice for—

(1) the detention, treatment and questioning of persons by police officers (Code C),

(2) the identification of persons by police officers (Code D),

(3) searches of premises by police officers and the seizure of property found by police officers on persons or premises (Code B), and

(4) tape recording interviews with suspects (Code E)

[laid 28th January].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bob Laxton and Joan Walley from Standing Committee G (nominated in respect of the Bill), and nominated in substitution Anne Picking and Ian Stewart.

2 Draft Asylum (Designated States) Order 2003:

(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: Vera Baird, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr Bill Etherington, Paul Farrelly, Barbara Follett, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr David Heath, Mr John Heppell, Beverley Hughes, Simon Hughes, Mr Humfrey Malins, Rob Marris, Mr Eric Martlew, Patrick Mercer and Mr George Mudie.

3 Draft Maximum Number of Judges Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Hawkins from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Dominic Grieve.

4 Draft Climate Change Levy (Use of Fuel) (Amendment) Regulations 2003:

(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 Richard Bacon, Tony Baldry, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr David Crausby, Julia Drown, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Howard Flight, Mr George Galloway, John Healey, Mr Chris Pond, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Matthew Taylor, Jon Trickett, Mr Bill Tyman and Mr David Wilshire.

5 Draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2003:

(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: Janet Anderson, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Keith Bradley, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Martin Caton, Mr David Chaytor, Brian Cotter, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr Mark Field, Mr Kevin Hughes, Alan Johnson, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr Jim Murphy, Hugh Robertson, Mr Anthony Steen and Mr Gerry Steinberg.

6 Draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Tony Worthington from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Ross Cranston.

European Standing Committees

7 The Committee of Selection has discharged John Robertson from European Standing Committee A; and nominated in substitution David Hamilton.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Higher Education Funding], to be printed [No. 425-iii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environmental Audit,—Second Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2001–02, on A Sustainable Energy Strategy? Renewables and the PIU Review]; to be printed [No. 471] [Mr John Horam].
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3 European Scrutiny,—Thirteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63-xiii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Home Affairs,—First Special Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on the Extradition Bill]; to be printed [No. 475] [Mr Chris Mullin].

5 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The management of substitution cover for teachers (Northern Ireland)]; to be printed [No. 473-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Overcrowding on Public Transport]; to be printed [No. 201-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

7 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Employment for all: assisting people with disabilities and health problems into work]; to be printed [No. 401-iii] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 51; WH, No. 32.]

Wednesday 26th February 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4.29 p.m.

[No. 52.]

Thursday 27th February 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Criminal Justice Bill,—Mr James Cran reported from Standing Committee B, That it had agreed to the following Resolution in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill:

That the Standing Committee recommends that the Order of the House of 4th December 2002 (Criminal Justice Bill (Programme)) be further varied as follows:

(1) Paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) of the Order (Consideration and Third Reading) shall be omitted.

(2) Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be concluded in two days and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the second of those days.

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

2 National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill [Lords],—Miss Anne Begg reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill [Lords] and made an Amendment thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 476].

3 Standards and Privileges,—Resolved, That this House—

(i) approves the Third Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges (House of Commons Paper No. 435); and

(ii) accordingly suspends Mr Michael Trend, Member for Windsor, from the service of the House for two weeks. —(Mr John Heppell.)

4 Social Security,—Resolved, That the draft Social Security Benefits Up-rating Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 5th February, be approved. —(Mr Secretary Smith.)

5 Pensions,—Resolved, That the draft Guaranteed Minimum Pensions Increase Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 5th February, be approved. —(Mr Ian McCartney.)
6 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) readers of the Salford Advertiser and the Prestwich Advertiser and others for restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks, and

(2) residents of Heywood and Middleton and surrounding areas for restrictions on the use of fireworks

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 Jim Murphy.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.33 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. 111) on the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund [by Act]; to be printed [No. 421] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Police,—Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Codes B to E) (No. 2) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Education,—School Governance (Constitution) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 348), dated 18th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].


6 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—(1) Crown Court (Amendment) Rules 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 422), and


dated 20th February 2003 [by Act] [Yvette Cooper].

Other Papers:

7 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the First Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2002–03, on National Museums and Galleries: Funding and Free Admission [by Command] [Cm. 5772] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

8 Foreign and Commonwealth,—Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Autumn Performance Report 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5707] [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 Hong Kong,—Six-monthly Report on Hong Kong, July–December 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5755] [Mr Secretary Straw].

10 Prison Service Pay,—(1) Second Report of the Prison Service Pay Review Body on England and Wales, and

(2) First Report of the Prison Service Pay Review Body on Northern Ireland

[by Command] [Cms. 5719 and 5720] [The Prime Minister].

11 Trade and Industry,—Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 27th February 2003, concerning a proposed contingent liability consequent upon indemnification for compensation for former employees of certain defunct subsidiaries of British Shipbuilders [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-Rating and National Insurance Funds Payment) Order 2003 and the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Chidgey Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order and the draft Regulations.

2 Draft Asylum (Designated States) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

3 Draft Climate Change Levy (Use of Fuel) (Amendment) Regulations 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

4 Draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords]]; to be printed [No. 321-i] [Mr Bruce George].


3 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education for Sustainable Development Sub-Committee of the Environmental Audit Committee [Learning the Sustainability Lesson]; to be printed [No. 472-i] [Mr John Horam].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Third Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Government’s Reply to the First Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, on Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy]; to be printed [No. 478] [Mr David Curry].

5 Public Administration,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [The New Centre]; to be printed [No. 482-i]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Public Appointments and Patronage]; to be printed [No. 165-iv] [Tony Wright].

6 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The UK and the Euro]; to be printed [No. 187-xii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 52; WH, No. 33.]

Thursday 27th February 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (New Towns: their Problems and Future—Nineteenth 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 Gerry Sutcliffe.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 4th March.

[Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]
Friday 28th February 2003.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence.—The House being met, and the Speaker having leave of absence pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker), 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 Hunting Bill,—Mrs Marion Roe reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Hunting Bill and made Amendments thereto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 3rd March, and to be printed [Bill 62]: Minutes of proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 483].

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

5 National Lottery (Funding of Endowments) Bill,—The National Lottery (Funding of Endowments) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

6 Marine Safety Bill,—The Marine Safety Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

7 Housing (Overcrowding) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Overcrowding) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 4th April.

8 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 7th March.

9 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Amendment Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Amendment Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 16th May.

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

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Immigration,—Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Consequential and Incidental Provisions) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Children and Young Persons,—(1) National Care Standards Commission (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) (Adoption Agencies) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 368), dated 26th February 2003, and

   (2) Voluntary Adoption Agencies and the Adoption Agencies (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 367), dated 25th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].


6 Local Government.—Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (England) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 354), dated 21st February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

7 Social Care.—Local Authority Adoption Service (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 370), dated 25th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

8 Supreme Court of England and Wales.—(1) Criminal Appeal (Confiscation, Restraint and Receivership) Rules 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 428), dated 20th February 2003; and
   [by Act] [Yvette Cooper].

Other Papers:

9 British Trade International.—British Trade International: Autumn Performance Report for 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5711] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

10 Supply Estimates, 2002–03.—Spring Supplementary Estimates for—
   (1) Central Government for 2002–03 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 424] [Ruth Kelly], and
   (2) the Electoral Commission for 2002–03 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 423] [The Speaker].

11 Treasury.—Treasury Minute, dated 28th February 2003, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2003
   [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

Papers withdrawn:

12 Immigration.—Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Consequential and Incidental Provisions) Order 2003 [laid 26th February].
Monday 3rd March 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (Continuance in force of sections 21 to 23) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved—(Mr Secretary Blunkett).

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 Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 (Continuance in force of sections 21 to 23) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 23rd January, be approved.

2 Adjournment (Intelligence and Security Committee Report on the Terrorist Bombings in Bali),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell);

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

3 National Health Service,—Ordered, That the Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3048), Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health (Functions) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3007) and Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health (Membership and Procedure) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3038) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

4 Local Government,—Ordered, That the Greater London Authority (Allocation of Grants for Precept Calculations) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 225), be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

5 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That Angela Eagle be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr Sion Simon be added.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

6 European Scrutiny,—Ordered, That Roger Casale be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and John Robertson be added.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.23 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Government Trading Funds,—Draft Vehicle and Operator Services Agency Trading Fund Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Health Care and Associated Professions,—Draft General and Specialist Medical Practice (Education, Training and Qualifications) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Environmental Protection,—Pollution Prevention and Control Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 46), dated 31st January 2003 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

5 Food,—Food Labelling (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 474), dated 2nd March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 Immigration,—Immigration Services Commissioner (Designated Professional Body) (Fees) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 460), dated 25th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 Rates,—(1) Railways (Rateable Value) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 76), dated 14th February 2003,
   (2) Rates (Regional Rates) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 78), dated 14th February 2003,
   (3) Revaluation (Consequential Provisions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 73), dated 13th February 2003, and
   (4) Valuation (Electricity) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 77), dated 14th February 2003
   [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Other Papers:

9 Covent Garden Market,—Statement of remuneration and allowances payable to members of the
   Covent Garden Market Authority [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

10 Government Resources and Accounts,—Treasury Minute, dated 3rd March 2003, directing
   the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year
   ending 31st March 2003 [by Act] [John Healey].

11 Government Trading Funds,—Consultation Report on the establishment of the Vehicle and
   Operator Services Agency as a Trading Fund [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

12 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Maintaining England’s Motorways and Trunk Roads, and
   (2) Progress in Protecting Consumers’ Interests
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 431 and 430] [Clerk of the House].

13 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts for 2001–02 of the—
   (1) Aston and Nechells Education Action Zone,
   (2) North West Shropshire Education Action Zone,
   (3) Westminster Education Action Zone, and
   (4) Wolverhampton Education Action Zone,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed
   [Nos. 485, 479, 480 and 481] [Clerk of the House].

14 Supply Estimates, 2002–03,—Revised Spring Supplementary Estimates for Central
   Government for 2002–03 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 484] [John Healey].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—(1) Second Report from the Education and Skills Committee
   [Secondary Education. Visits to Birmingham and Auckland]; to be printed, with the
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 486]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Secondary Education: Visits to
   Birmingham and Auckland]
   [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Human Rights,—Sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [The Case for a
   Human Rights Commission], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes
   of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 489] [Jean Corston].

3 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 Evening Economy and the Urban Renaissance]; to be printed
   [No. 396-ii] [Christine Russell].

4 Public Accounts,—(1) Fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The 2001
   Outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings
   of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 487]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Department for Work and
   Pensions: Tackling Benefit Fraud]; to be printed [No. 488-i]
   [Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee
   [Empowering Children and Young People in Wales]; to be printed [No. 433-ii]
   [Martyn Jones].
Tuesday 4th March 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform,—Dr Doug Naysmith reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Schemes under section 129 of the Housing Act 1988) (England) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 10th December 2002, should be amended before a draft Order is laid before the House.

2 Criminal Justice Bill,—Mr Eric Illesley reported from Standing Committee B, That it had agreed to the following Resolution in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill:

That the Committee recommends that the Order of the House of 4th December 2002 (Criminal Justice Bill (Programme)) be further varied as follows:

(1) Paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) of the Order (consideration and Third Reading) shall be omitted.

(2) Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be concluded in three days and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the last of those days.

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

3 Criminal Justice Bill,—Mr Eric Illesley reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Criminal Justice Bill, and made Amendments thereto to the Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 63].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 490].

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Amess reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Climate Change Levy (Use as Fuel) (Amendment) Regulations 2003.

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

5 Welfare of Laying Hens (Enriched Cages),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit the keeping of laying hens in enriched cages: And that Mr Chris Mullin, Ann Chwyd, Mr Tony Banks, Sir Teddy Taylor, Bob Russell, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Mr John Horam, Sue Doughty, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr Roger Gale, Mr Bill Etherington and Peter Bottomley do prepare and bring it in.

6 Welfare of Laying Hens (Enriched Cages) Bill,—Mr Chris Mullin accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit the keeping of laying hens in enriched cages: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th March and to be printed [Bill 65].

7 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That the Programme Order of 10th February in relation to the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] shall be amended by the substitution in paragraph 2 (conclusion of proceedings in standing committee) for ‘Tuesday 4th March’ of ‘Thursday 6th March’—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

8 Communications Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Communications Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Secretary of State guarantees for OFCOM borrowing)—(Mr Stephen Timms)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Grants for electronic communications networks and services in Northern Ireland)—(Mr Stephen Timms)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power of OFCOM to retain costs of carrying out spectrum functions)—(Mr Stephen Timms)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Deterrence of piracy, counterfeiting etc.)—(Mr Chris Smith)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Clause (Duty to promote new telecommunications technologies)—(Mr Tim Yeo)—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 Mark Hoban, Angela Watkinson: 176.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Gerry Stutchfield: 288.

Another Clause (Restrictive covenants affecting freehold property)—(Mr John Whittingdale)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (National advisory committees)—(Pete Wishart)—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 Simon Thomas: 47.

Tellers for the Noes, Gillian Merron, Mr Fraser Kemp: 415.

Another Clause (Duty relating to disabled users)—(Mr Simon Thomas)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Limits on ownership of national daily and Sunday newspapers)—(Mr Chris Mullin)—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 February], put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was negatived.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on an Amendment which had been selected by the Speaker for separate Division.

Another Amendment (No. 163) proposed to the Bill, in page 319, line 33, to leave out Clause No. 365.—(Mr John Whittingdale.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Hoban, Angela Watkinson: 123.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Gillian Merron: 335.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question necessary to dispose of the remaining business to be concluded at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 215 to 221, 21 to 28, 222 to 228, 29, 229 to 232, 30, 233, 31 to 43, 234, 44 to 46, 235, 47 to 50, 236 to 239, 194, 240, 53, 279 to 289, 241 to 248, 54 to 58, 249 to 251, 60 to 62, 252 to 255, 63, 256, 258, 257, 64, 65, 259 to 273, 66, 67, 274, 68, 275, 290, 276, 69 and 277) 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.

Ms Secretary Hewitt, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being proposed;

And it being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [10th February]:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

9 Protecting the Financial Interests of the Communities.—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. OJ C295, Vol. 45, European Court of Auditors’ 2001 Annual Report, and No. 10625/1/02, the Commission’s 2001 Annual Report on protecting the financial interests of the Communities; and supports the Government’s continuing efforts to promote measures to improve financial management and combat fraud against the European Community’s financial interests.—(Derek Twigg):—It was agreed to.
10 Wildlife and 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 Code of Guidance on Sites of Special Scientific Interest: Encouraging Positive Partnerships, which was laid before this House on 5th February, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—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. 112) on Special Grants for Local e-Government Programmes, a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd February, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

12 Ecclesiastical Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Grants to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 20th January, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) the East Anglian Daily Times and residents of Harwich Constituency for improvements to the A120 road between Harwich and Little Brome; and

(2) Ms Tracy Trevillion, Mrs Dorothy Best and others against removal of controls on the opening of pharmacies were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Derek Twigg.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.33 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government,—Draft Local Authorities (Charges for Specified Welfare Services) (England) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

3 Representation of the People,—Draft Representations of the People (Northern Ireland) (Variation of Specified Documents) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Aggregates,—(1) Aggregates Levy (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 466),


5 Banks and Banking,—Cross-Border Payments in Euro Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 486), dated 4th March 2003 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly]

6 Children and Young Persons,—Child Minding and Day Care (Suspension of Registration) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 332), dated 25th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke]


(2) Education (Budget Statements) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 475), dated 3rd March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

10 Social Security,—Social Security (Work-focused Interviews for Lone Parents) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 400), dated 26th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].


12 Tax Credits,—Tax Credits (Approval of Home Child Care Providers) Scheme 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 463), dated 25th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Other Papers:

13 Northern Ireland,—Report of the Equality Commission for Northern Ireland for 2001–02, with the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

14 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [4th February] from local convenience shop owners and others for a competition inquiry into the proposed merger between Tesco and T&S Stores [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

15 Reserve Forces,—Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 of a call-out order under section 56(1) of that Act [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Climate Change Levy (Use of Fuel) (Amendment) Regulations 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bill Tynan from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Graham Allen.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Privacy and Media Intrusion]; to be printed [No. 458-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Human Rights Annual Report 2002], 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. 257]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 405-iii] [Donald Anderson].

3 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Foundation Trusts]; to be printed [No. 395-ii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Asylum and Immigration: Removals]; to be printed [No. 381-iii] [Mr Chris Mullin].

5 International Development,—Third Report from the International Development Committee [The humanitarian crisis in southern Africa], together with Appendices 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. 116-I and -II] [Tony Baldry].

6 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Fifth Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Departmental Annual Report and Estimates 2002], 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. 78-I]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Reducing Regional Disparities in Prosperity]; to be printed [No. 492-II] [Andrew Bennett].
7 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Homeworkers in Scotland and Minimum Wage] [No. 335-iv] [Mrs Irene Adams].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Twelfth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xii], and (2) Second Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 126-xii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

9 Treasury,—(1) Fifth Report from the Treasury Committee [Annual Report for 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 491]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The UK and the Euro]; to be printed [No. 187-xiii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 55; WH, No. 34.]

Tuesday 4th March 2003.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 4.45 p.m.]

[No. 56.]

Wednesday 5th March 2003.
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Transas Group Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Transas Group Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 12th March.

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—David Taylor reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2003.

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

3 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 3),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders 28th November 2001 and 29th October 2002, That the programme order of 18th February in relation to the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] shall be further amended by the substitution in paragraph 2 (conclusion of proceedings in standing committee) for ‘Thursday 6th March’ of ‘Tuesday 11th March’—(Mr Phil Woolas)—It was agreed to.

4 Local Government Bill [1st allotted day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Local Government Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Local retention of rates)—(Mr Nick Raynsford)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Standards committees and monitoring officers: delegation)—(Mr Christopher Leslie)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Use of housing capital receipts—reserved portion)—(Mr Philip Hammond)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 183.

Tellers for the Noes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Nick Ainger: 312.
Another Clause (Council Tax and regional bodies)—(Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown)—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 Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 178.
Tellers for the Noes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Ivor Caplin: 298.

Another Clause (Employment rights of local authority employees)—(Andrew Selous)—brought up and read the first time.
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Council Tax on residential care accommodation)—(Mr David Heathcoat-Amory)—brought up and read the first time.
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time:—Clause, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Clause (Abolition of capping powers)—(Mr Edward Davey)—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 Alan Reid, Annette Brooke: 46.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Joan Ryan: 290.

It being after Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [25th February], put the Question on an Amendment which had been selected by the Speaker for separate Division.
Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 40, line 10, to leave out the words ‘each House of Parliament’ and insert the words ‘the House of Commons’, instead thereof.—(Mr Nick Raynsford.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Joan Ryan: 269.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Mark Francois: 176.
The Deputy Speaker then put the Question necessary to dispose of the remaining business to be concluded at that hour.
Amendment (No. 33) made to the Bill.
Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

5 Criminal Justice Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th November 2001 and 29th October 2002], That, in accordance with the Resolution of the Standing Committee of 4th March 2003, the programme order of 4th December 2002 in relation to the Criminal Justice Bill shall be further varied as follows—

Consideration and Third Reading

(1) Paragraphs (4), (5) and (6) of the Order (Consideration and Third Reading) shall be omitted.
(2) Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be concluded in three days and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the last of those days—(Derek Twigg):—It was agreed to.

6 Sea Fisheries.—Ordered, That the Sea Fishing (Restrictions on Days at Sea) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 229) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Derek Twigg.)

7 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Derek Twigg);
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 seven minutes to Eight o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.53 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. 116) on Maintenance of Roads Grant 2003–04 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 494] [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Social Security.—Draft Child Benefit and Guardian’s Allowance (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2003 [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 Fees) (England and Wales) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 508), and
(2) Gaming Act (Variation of Fees) (England and Wales and Scotland) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 509) dated 2nd March 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

4 Highways.—Dartford-Thurrock Crossing (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 496), dated 4th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

(2) Child Benefit and Guardian’s Allowance (Administrative Arrangements) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 494),
(3) Child Benefit (General) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 493), and
(4) Guardian’s Allowance (General) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 495), dated 5th March 2003 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

6 Defence.—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 5th March 2003, concerning the gifting of de-mining equipment to the Government of Kenya [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minutes on the First to the Third Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2002–03 [by Command] [Cm. 5770] [Ruth Kelly].

8 Treaty Series (No. 9, 2003).—Framework Agreement, done at Stavanger on 25th August 1998, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway relating to the Laying, Operation and Jurisdiction of Inter-Connecting Submarine Pipelines [by Command] [Cm. 5762] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) Bill:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated seventeen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Chris Bryant, Dr Vincent Cable, Brian Cotter, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Mark Field, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Kate Hoey, Alan Johnson, Mr Bob Laxton, Ann McKechin, Mr James Plaskitt, Hugh Robertson, Mr Mohammad Sarwar and Mr Siôn Simon.

2 Draft African Development Fund (Ninth Replenishment) Order 2003 and the draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Fifth Replenishment) Order 2003:
(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: Tony Baldry, John Barrett, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Dr Brian Iddon, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Robert Key, Mr Peter Luff, Alice Mahon, Dan Norris, Mr Marshaa Singh, Dr Jenny Tonge, Mr Dennis Turner, Mr Bill Tynan, Mr Robert Walter and Dr Alan Whitehead.

(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 David Atkinson, Mr Simon Burns, Julia Drown, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Adrian Flook, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Linda Gilroy, Dr Evan Harris, Mr David Lammy, Siobhan McDonagh, Kali Mounford, Dr Nick Palmer, Ms Debra Shipley, Dr Howard Stoate, Claire Ward and Richard Younger-Ross.

4 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Codes B to E) (No. 2) Order 2003:

(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: Annette Brooke, Mr David Chaytor, Mr James Clappison, Mrs Helen Clark, John Cryer, Mr John Denham, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Heath, Dan Norris, Mr James Paine, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Mark Simmonds, Dr Howard Stoate, Dr Gavin Strang, Dr Rudi Vis and Tony Worthington.

5 Draft Apple and Pear Research Council (Dissolution) Order 2003 and the draft Horticultural Council (Amendment) Order 2003:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr David Borrow, Mr Iain Coleman, JeVeEnnis, Andrew George, Mr John Hayes, Mr David Kidney, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr Arche Norman, James Purnell, Hagh Robertson, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Mr Chris Smith, Mr Bill Wiggin, Mr Roger Williams and David Winnick.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the 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 Graham Brady, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Ian Cawsey, Jim Dobbin, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr John Grogan, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Andrew Lansley, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr David Miliband, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Dr John Pugh, Joyce Quinn, Mr David Rendel, Mr Laurence Robertson and Derek Twigg.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Tony Banks, Gregory Barker, Sir Paul Beresford, Tom Brake, Ms Karen Buck, Harry Cohen, Geraint Davies, Jim Dowd, Mr Philip Hammond, Phil Hope, Mr David Lepper, Mr Christopher Leslie, Dr John Pugh, Joan Ruddock, Mr Desmond Swayne and Mr Phil Woolas.

8 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 113) on the Special Grant in aid of the revenues of the London Borough of Hackney for 2002–03:

(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: Ms Candy Atherton, Charlotte Atkins, Peter Bottomley, Alastair Burt, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Edward Davey, Linda Gilroy, Matthew Green, Mr John MacDougall, Mr Eric Pickles, Mr Stephen Pound, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr Martin Salter, Alan Simpson, Mr Clive Soley and Mr Desmond Swayne.


(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: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr David Drew, Clive Efford, Mr Derek Foster, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Kate Hoey, Mr Robert Jackson, Mr Boris Johnson, Mr David Miliband, Dr John Pugh, Mr David Rendel, Mr Laurence Robertson and Derek Twigg.

10 Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2003:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Gregory Barker, Hilary Benn, Mr Roger Berry, Annette Brooke, Paul Clark, Valerice Davey, Dr Hywel Francis, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Dai Havard, Mr David Heath, Mr John Heppell, Huw Irranca-Davies, Alan Keen, Mrs Jackie Lawrence and Ann Winterton.

11 Draft Employment Rights Act 1996 (Application of Section 80B to Adoptions from overseas) Regulations 2003 and the draft Paternity and Adoption Leave (Adoption from overseas) Regulations 2003:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: John Austin, Mr Henry Bellingham, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Colin Challen, Brian Cotter, Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Edward Garnier, Alan Johnson, Helen Jones, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Bob Laxton, Mr John Lyons, Mr Robert Marshall-Andrews, Ms Meg Munn, Mr Jim Murphy and Hugh Robertson.

12 Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service: draft Code of Practice on Time Off for Trade Union Duties and Activities:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Tim Boswell, Richard Burden, Mr Terry Davis, Mr Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Glenda Jackson, Jim Knight, Mr Ivan Lewis, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr David Rendel, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Derek Twigg, Joan Walley and Mr Phil Willis.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Brady, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Ian Davidson, Jane Griffiths, Ian Lucas, Mr Andrew Mackay, Rosemary McKenna, Mr John Maples, Mr David Miliband, Dr John Pugh, Mr David Rendel, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Mr Dennis Skinner, Rachel Squire and Derek Twigg.

14 Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Consequential and Incidental Provisions Order) 2003:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Annette Brooke, Mr David Cameron, Mr James Clappison, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr John Heppell, Beverley Hughes, Simon Hughes, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Kevin McNamara, Diana Organ, Anne Picking, Syd Rapson and Christine Russell.

15 Draft Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Powers of Seizure) Order 2003:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Burnett, Andy Burnham, Mr David Clelland, Mr John Denham, Paul Flynn, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Heath, Mr John Heppell, Mr Austin Mitchell, Dr Andrew Murrison, Mr James Paice, Bob Spink, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Dr Howard Stoate, Ms Gisela Stuart and Paddy Tipping.
Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 115) on Special Grants for Local Authorities:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Fifteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Clive Betts, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Tony Cunningham, Mr Edward Davey, Dr Ian Gibson, Linda Gilroy, Mr Paul Goodman, Matthew Green, Patrick Hall, Mr John Horam, Mr Tony McWalter, John Mann, Mr Nick Raynsford, Mr Desmond Swarne, Mr Mike Wood and Mr Phil Woolas.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Brady, Mr Ian Cawsey, Jon Cruddas, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr David Miliband, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Richard Page, Bridget Prentice, Dr John Pugh, Mr Laurence Robertson, Derek Twigg, Mr Robert N. Wareing and Mr Phil Willis.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Brady, Colin Burgon, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Huw Edwards, Estelle Morris, Dr John Pugh, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Andrew Selous, Llew Smith, Mark Tami, Derek Twigg, Mr Stephen Twigg, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Mr Phil Willis and Mr Shaun Woodward.

European Standing Committees

Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 4th March 2003, submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry, relating to takeover bids, has been referred to European Standing Committee C together with European Union Document No. 12846/02 already referred to the Committee on 11th December 2002.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [SDR: A New Chapter]; to be printed [No. 93-v]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Legacy Pension and Compensation Issues]

[Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Higher Education Funding]; to be printed [No. 425-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 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. 63-xvi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Procedure,—(1) First Report from the Procedure Committee [Delegated Legislation: Proposals for a Sifting Committee]; to be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 501]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Procedures for Debates and Private Members’ Bills, and the Powers of the Speaker]; to be printed [No. 333-xiv]

[Sir Nicholas Winterton].

5 Public Accounts,—(1) Sixth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Ministry of Defence: Exercise Saif Sereaa II]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 502];

(2) Seventh Report from the Committee [Excess Votes 2001–02]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the report [No. 503].
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(3) Eighth Report from the Committee [Excess Votes (Northern Ireland) 2001–02]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 504]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Safety, quality, efficacy: regulating medicines in the UK]; to be printed [No. 505-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh]

6 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Scientific Response to Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 415-i] [Dr Ian Gibson].

7 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [The Work of the Highways Agency]; to be printed [No. 453-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

[No. 56; WH, No. 35.]

Wednesday 5th March 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.38 p.m.]

[No. 57.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 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 Estimate for the financial year 2002–03:

Foreign and Commonwealth Office, in so far as it relates to the foreign policy aspects of the war against terrorism.

Report to lie upon the Table.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Chidgey reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Re-rating and National Insurance Funds Payment) Order 2003 and the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2003.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee 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 Maximum Number of Judges Order 2003.

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

4 Legal Deposit Libraries Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Legal Deposit Libraries Bill be printed [Bill 26-EN].

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, and to the following Measures passed under the provisions of the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act 1919:

Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003
London Development Agency Act 2003

Synodical Government (Amendment) Measure 2003
6 Adjournment (International Women’s Day).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe);
   And it being Six o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)
   And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Government Trading Funds,—Draft Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency Trading Fund Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

2 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 114) on the Social Services (High Performers) Grant for 2003–04 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 477] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

3 Town and Country Planning,—Draft Town and Country Planning (Electronic Communications) (England) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Children and Young Persons (Northern Ireland),—Juvenile Justice Board (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 137), dated 5th March 2003 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Murphy].


6 Customs and Excise,—Dual-Use Items (Export Control) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 504), dated 4th March 2003 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Food,—Fish Labelling (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 461), dated 26th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

8 Housing,—Housing (Right to Buy) (Limits on Discount) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 498), dated 5th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

9 National Health Service,—(1) Health Protection Agency (Yr Asiantaeth Diogelu Iechyd) (Establishment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 505), and
   (2) Health Protection Agency (Yr Asiantaeth Diogelu Iechyd) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 506),
   dated 5th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

10 Rates (Northern Ireland),—Valuation for Rating (Docks) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 129), dated 4th March 2003 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

11 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Claims and Payments) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 470), and
   (2) Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 471),
   dated 27th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].


13 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute made by the Governing Body of Hertford College in the University of Oxford on 10th October 2001 amending the Statutes of the College [by Act] [Mr Robin Cook].

Other Papers:

14 Supply Estimates, 2001–02,—Statement of the sums required to be granted to make good the excesses on certain grants for 2001–02 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 463] [Ruth Kelly].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2. Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr George Stevenson Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

3. Railways and Transport Safety Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton an additional Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

4. Police (Northern Ireland) Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess an additional Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

5. Draft African Development Fund (Ninth Replenishment) Order 2003 and the draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Fifth Replenishment) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Robert Walter from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Alistair Burt.


7. Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Codes B to E) (No. 2) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

8. Draft Apple and Pear Research Council (Dissolution) Order 2003 and the draft Horticultural Council (Amendment) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders.


10. Greater London Authority (Allocation of Grants for Precept Calculations) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 225).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

11. Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 113) on the Special Grant in aid of the revenues of the London Borough of Hackney for 2002–03.—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report.


13. Draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr George Stevenson Chairman of the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

14. Draft Employment Rights Act 1996 (Application of Section 80B to Adoptions from Overseas) Regulations 2003 and the draft Paternity and Adoption Leave (Adoption from Overseas) Regulations 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

15. Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service draft Code of Practice on Time Off for Trade Union Duties and Activities.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Code of Practice.
16 Education (Determination of Admission Arrangements) (Amendment) (England)
   Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2896) and the Education (School Information)
   (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2897),—The Speaker has appointed Mr
   Alan Hurst Chairman of the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in
   respect of the Regulations.

17 Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Consequential and Incidental
   Provisions) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nigel Beard Chairman of the
   Thirteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

18 Draft Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Powers of Seizure) Order 2003,—The Speaker
   has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Fourteenth Standing Committee on
   Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

19 Special Grant Report (No. 115) on Special Grants for Local Authorities,—The Speaker has
   appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of the Fifteenth Standing Committee on
   Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report.

20 Education (Variation of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002,
   No. 2898) and the Education (Admission Appeals Arrangements) (England)
   Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2899),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst
   Chairman of the Sixteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of
   the Regulations.

21 Education (Objections to Admission Arrangements) (Amendment) (England) Regulations
   2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2901) and Education (Modifications of Provisions) (No. 2)
   (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2953),—The Speaker has appointed Mr
   Jimmy Hood Chairman of the Seventeenth Standing Committee on Delegated
   Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

European Standing Committees

22 The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O'Brien Chairman of European Standing Committee A
   in respect of European Union Document No. 10665/02 on sustainable use of pesticides.

23 The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of European Standing Committee C
   in respect of European Union Document No. 12846/02 on takeover bids.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Maternity Services Sub-Committee of the
   Health Committee [Provision of Maternity Services]; to be printed [No. 464-i] [Julia
   Drown].

2 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public
   Administration [The Work of the Ombudsman]; to be printed [No. 506-i] [Tony Wright].


The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Weekend voting and increasing voter turnout),—Resolved, That the sitting be
now adjourned.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 11th March.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, and the Speaker having leave of absence pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker), 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 the Standing Order.

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

Waste and Emissions Trading Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about waste and about penalties for non-compliance with schemes for the trading of emissions quotas, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

High Hedges Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for dealing with complaints about high hedges; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Waste and Emissions Trading Bill [Lords],—The Waste and Emissions Trading Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 10th March and to be printed [Bill 66].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Waste and Emissions Trading Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 66–EN].

5 Retirement Income Reform Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Retirement Income Reform Bill;

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

Mr Edward Garnier 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 George Osborne, Mr Nigel Waterson: 127.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 26.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put, That the Bill be now read a second time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes: Mr Adrian Flook, Mr Nigel Waterson: 127.

Tellers for the Noes: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 26.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

6 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 14th March.

7 Pensions (Winding-up) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pensions (Winding-up) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st March.

8 Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 31st January, That the Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 4th April.
9 Animals (Electric Shock Collars) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Animals (Electric Shock Collars) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th July.

10 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th March.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 10th March.
[Adjourned at 3 p.m.

APPENDIX I
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—(1) Feedingstuffs (Zootechnical Products) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 545), and
   (2) Medicated Feedingstuffs (Amendment) (Scotland, England and Wales) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 546),
dated 6th March 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

   (2) Education (Residential Trips) (Prescribed Tax Credits) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 381), dated 27th February 2003, and
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

   [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


5 Housing,—Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) Amendment Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 478), dated 3rd March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].


7 National Health Service,—Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health (Functions) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 497), dated 4th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

8 Patents,—(1) Patents Act 1977 (Electronic Communications) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 512), and
   (2) Patents (Electronic Communications) (Amendment) Rules 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 513),
dated 6th March 2003 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

9 Social Care,—Care Homes (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 534), dated 6th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

10 Social Security,—Social Security (Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit) (Consequential Amendments) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 455), dated 27th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].


Other Papers:

13 Competition Commission.—Report by the Competition Commission on the acquisition by VNU Entertainment Media UK Limited of Book Data Limited [by Command] [Cm. 5779] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

14 Northern Ireland.—Draft Code of Practice under the Terrorism Act 2000 (Paragraph 3(4) of Schedule 8) for Video Recording with Sound [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

15 Treaty Series (No. 10, 2003).—Convention, adopted at Paris on 14th November 1970, on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property [by Command] [Cm. 5764] [Mr Secretary Straw].

16 Treaty Series (No. 11, 2003).—Convention, done at Paris on 5th October 1962, establishing a European Organization for Astronomical Research in the Southern Hemisphere with Financial Protocol [by Command] [Cm. 5767] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Asylum (Designated States) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Heath from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Mr Richard Allan.

2 Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3048), Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health (Functions) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3007) and Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health (Membership and Procedure) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3038).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Julia Drown, Kali Mountford, Richard Younger-Ross and Ms Debra Shipley from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Harry Barnes, Mr David Drew, Mr David Lepper and Dr Richard Taylor.

3 Greater London Authority (Allocation of Grants for Precept Calculations) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 225).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Tom Brake from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Edward Davey.
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Authority (Overview and Scrutiny Committees Health Scrutiny Functions) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3048), the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health (Functions) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3007) and the Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health (Membership and Procedure) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3038).

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

2 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 [6th March] of the Liaison Committee—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

3 Local Government Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Local Government Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Another Clause (Valuation: conflicts between judicial and administrative matters)—(Mr Geoffrey 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 (Valuation tribunals: immunity)—(Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown)—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 Desmond Swayne, Hugh Robertson: 158.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Phil Woolas: 295.

It being after Five o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [25th February], put the Question on an Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Another Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Repeal of section 2A of Local Government Act 1986)—(Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown)—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 Desmond Swayne, Hugh Robertson: 127.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Derek Twigg: 356.

It being after half-past Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question on an Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate Division.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 70, line 41, to leave out Clause No. 119.—(Mr Edward Leigh.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Andrew Selous, Mr Bill Wiggin: 77.

Tellers for the Noes, Derek Twigg, Mr John Heppell: 368.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 70, line 32, to leave out Clause No. 118.—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr Kelvin Hopkins: 22.

Tellers for the Noes, Gillian Merron, Mr Jim Murphy: 318.

It being after Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question necessary to dispose of the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Other Amendments (Nos. 19, 20, 31, 21 to 23 and 32) 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, Gillian Merron, Mr Jim Murphy: 349.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Hugh Robertson: 136.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

4 Climate Change Levy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Climate Change Levy (Use as Fuel) (Amendment) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 4th February, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

5 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 Payment) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 5th February, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

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 (Contributions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 24th February, be approved—(Derek Twigg);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision on the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 12th March, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002].

7 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 2003, which was laid before this House on 6th February, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

8 Industrial Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Financial Assistance for Industry (Increase of Limit) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 30th January, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

9 Draft Corruption Bill (Joint Committee).—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 12th February relating to a Joint Committee of both Houses to consider and report on any draft Corruption 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 seven Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider any such draft Corruption 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;

That Vera Baird, Mr Edward Garnier, Mr John MacDougall, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Paul Stinchcombe and Dr Desmond Turner be members of the Committee.—(Derek Twigg)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

10 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 progress in developing the role of the Government Offices in the Regions (GOs), being a matter relating to regional affairs in England, be referred to the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs;

(2) the Committee do meet at a quarter past Two o’clock on Thursday 3rd April 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 a quarter past Five o’clock—(Derek Twigg).—It was agreed to.

11 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Ordered, That Phil Sawford be discharged from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Alan Simpson be added.—(Keith Hill, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from members of the workforce at BAE Systems, Brough, for negotiations about the future of the plant and the manufacture of Hawk aircraft was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Derek Twigg.)

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 Agriculture,—Farm Waste Grant (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) (England) Scheme 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 562), dated 6th March 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command][Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Education Maintenance Allowance (Pilot Areas) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 553), dated 3rd March 2003,

(3) Oxford and Cherwell College (Government) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 514), dated 3rd March 2003,

(4) Oxford and Cherwell College (Incorporation) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 510), dated 3rd March 2003,

(5) Rugby College of Further Education (Dissolution) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 516), dated 3rd March 2003, and


4 Environment Protection,—Environmental Protection (Controls on Hexachloroethane) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 602), dated 10th March 2003 [by Act][Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5 Environmental Protection,—(1) Environmental Protection (Waste Recycling Payments) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 596), and


6 Health and Safety,—Railways (Safety Case) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 579), dated 9th March 2003 [by Act][Mr Secretary Darling].

7 Immigration,—Immigration Appeals (Family Visitor) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 518), dated 5th March 2003 [by Act][Mr Secretary Blunkett].


10 Local Government,—Police Authorities (Best Value) Performance Indicators Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 519), dated 6th March 2003 [by Act][Mr Secretary Blunkett].

12 National Health Service.—(1) National Health Service (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 585), and

(2) National Health Service (Dental Charges) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 586), dated 7th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

13 Police.—(1) Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 520), dated 6th March 2003,

(2) Police (Efficiency) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 528), dated 5th March 2003,

(3) Police Pensions (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 535), dated 6th March 2003, and

(4) Police Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 527), dated 5th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett], and

(5) Police Service of Northern Ireland and Police Service of Northern Ireland Reserve (Full-Time) (Severance) Regulations 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 60), dated 11th January 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

14 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Type Approval for Goods Vehicles) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 582), dated 9th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

15 Strategic Investment,—Strategic Investment and Regeneration of Sites (Designation) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 120), dated 7th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].


Other Papers:

18 Public Petitions,—Observations by—

(1) the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [29th January] from Tina Griffiths and the people of Ogmore and South Wales for improved controls on the sale and use of fireworks, and

(2) the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [25th February] from residents of Hitchen and Harpenden against proposals for the expansion of Luton Airport [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

19 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the—

(1) East Manchester Education Action Zone, and

(2) Speke Garston Education Action Zone for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 508 and 509] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Codes B to E) (No. 2) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dan Norris from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order), and nominated in substitution Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

2 Greater London Authority (Allocation of Grants for Precept Calculations) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 225),—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations, in place of Mr Alan Hurst.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: Pupil Achievement]; to be printed [No. 513-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 International Development.—(1) Fourth Report from the International Development Committee [Preparing for the humanitarian consequences of possible military action against Iraq], together with Appendices 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. 444-I and -II]; and

   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Preparing for the humanitarian consequences of possible military action against Iraq] [Tony Baldry].

3 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 Evening Economy and the Urban Renaissance]; to be printed [No. 396-iii] [Christine Russell].

[No. 60.]

Tuesday 11th March 2003.

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

PRAYERS

1 Regulatory Reform,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

   That the draft Regulatory Reform (Housing Management Agreement(s) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 24th February, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

2 Railways and Transport Safety Bill,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Railways and Transport Safety Bill and made Amendments thereto.

   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. 529].

3 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill,—Mr David Amess reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill and made Amendments thereto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 64].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 512].

4 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Derek Conway reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Asylum (Designated States) Order 2003.

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

5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Codes B to E) (No. 2) Order 2003.

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
6 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the
Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Apple and Pear
Research Council (Dissolution) Order 2003 and the draft Horticultural Development
Council (Amendment) Order 2003.

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

7 Specialist Schools (Selection by Aptitude),—A Motion was made, and the Question being
proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal the provisions of the School
Standards and Framework Act 1988 enabling specialist schools to select pupils on the
basis of aptitude; 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, David Taylor, Lynne Jones: 135.

Tellers for the Noes, Andrew Selous, Mr Bill Wiggin: 92.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr David Chaytor, John Austin, Andrew Bennett, Valerie Davey, Mr
Huw Edwards, Jeff Ennis, Mr David Hinchliffe, Glenda Jackson, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr
Chris Mullin, Mr Kerry Pollard and Jonathan Shaw do prepare and bring in the Bill.

8 Specialist Schools (Selection by Aptitude) Bill,—Mr David Chaytor accordingly presented a
Bill to repeal the provisions of the School Standards and Framework Act 1988 enabling
specialist schools to select pupils on the basis of aptitude; and for connected purposes:
And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday
11th July and to be printed [Bill 69].

9 Estimates [2nd allotted day],—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [10th March],
to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 145
(Liaison Committee).

Supplementary Estimates, 2002-03 (Foreign and Commonwealth Office),—A Motion
was made, and the Question being proposed, That further resources, not exceeding
£144,807,000, be authorised for use during the year ending on 31st March 2003, and that
a further sum, not exceeding £26,460,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the
Consolidated Fund for the year ending on 31st March 2003 for expenditure by the
Foreign and Commonwealth Office—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

And it being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to
paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of Estimates) — It was agreed to.

Resolved, That further resources, not exceeding £144,807,000, be authorised for use
during the year ending on 31st March 2003, and that a further sum, not exceeding
£26,460,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending
on 31st March 2003 for expenditure by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

10 Estimates,—The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings
on the Estimates appointed for consideration this day.

Estimates, 2002-03 (Navy) Vote A

Resolved, That, during the year ending on 31st March 2003, modifications in the
maximum numbers in the Reserve Naval Forces set out in House of Commons Paper
No. 376 of this Session be authorised for the purposes of Part III of the Reserve Forces
Act 1996.

Estimates, 2002-03 (Army) Vote A

Resolved, That, during the year ending on 31st March 2003, modifications in the
maximum numbers in the Reserve Land Forces set out in House of Commons Paper
No. 376 of this Session be authorised for the purposes of Part III of the Reserve Forces
Act 1996.

Estimates, 2003-04 (Navy) Vote A

Resolved, That, during the year ending on 31st March 2004, a number not exceeding
46,025 all ranks be maintained for Naval Service and that numbers in the Reserve Naval
and Marine Forces be authorised for the purposes of Parts I, III, IV and V of the Reserve
Forces Act 1996 up to the maximum numbers set out in House of Commons Paper
No. 377 of this Session.
Resolved, That, during the year ending on 31st March 2004, a number not exceeding 128,195 all ranks be maintained for Army Service and that numbers in the Reserve Land Forces be authorised for the purposes of Parts I, III, IV and V of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 up to the maximum numbers set out in House of Commons Paper No. 377 of this Session.

Resolved, That, during the year ending on 31st March 2004, a number not exceeding 57,415 all ranks be maintained for Air Force Service and that numbers in the Reserve Air Forces be authorised for the purposes of Parts I, III, IV and V of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 up to the maximum numbers set out in House of Commons Paper No. 377 of this Session.

Resolved, That resources, not exceeding £1,504,912,617.37, be authorised for use to make good excesses of certain resources for defence and civil services for the year ended on 31st March 2002, and that a sum, not exceeding £199,955,750.09, 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 2002, as set out in House of Commons Paper No. 463.

Resolved, That further resources, not exceeding £21,242,681,000, be authorised for use for defence and civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2003, and that a further sum, not exceeding £7,471,054,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs of defence and civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2003, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 423, 424 and 484.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in upon the foregoing Resolutions relating to Estimates, Excesses, 2001–02, and Supplementary Estimates, 2002–03: 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.

11 Consolidated Fund (No. 2) Bill,—Ruth Kelly 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 68].

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Derek Twigg.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Climate Change Levy.—Draft Climate Change Levy (Combined Heat and Power Stations) Prescribed Conditions and Efficiency Percentages (Amendment) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].

2 Fees and Charges.—Draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 Housing.—Draft Regulatory Reform (Schemes under Section 129 of the Housing Act 1988) (England) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 British Nationality.—(1) British Nationality (British Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 539),

(2) British Nationality (General) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 548), and

(3) British Nationality (Hong Kong) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 540),
dated 6th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
5 Children and Young Persons,—Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults and Care Standards Tribunal (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 626), dated 10th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


7 County Courts,—County Court Fees (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 648), dated 7th March 2003 [by Act] [Yvette Cooper].

8 Dangerous Drugs,—Misuse of Drugs (Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 611), dated 6th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

9 Extradition,—(1) European Convention on Extradition (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 408), and

10 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 432), dated 27th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].


12 Health and Safety,—(1) Biocidal Products (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 429), dated 26th February 2003, and
   (2) Health and Safety (Fees) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 547), dated 6th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

   (2) Immigration Control (Provision of Facilities at Ports) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 612), dated 10th March 2003,
   (3) Immigration Employment Document (Fees) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 541), dated 6th March 2003, and
   (4) Immigration (European Economic Area) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 549), dated 6th March 2003,

14 Justices of the Peace,—(1) Commission Areas (Greater London) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 640), and
   (2) Commission Areas (South Wales) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 641), dated 26th February 2003 [by Act] [Yvette Cooper].

15 Legal Services Commission,—(1) Community Legal Service (Costs) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 649),
   (2) Community Legal Service (Financial) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 650), and
   (3) Community Legal Service (Funding) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 651), dated 5th March 2003 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton], and
   (4) Criminal Defence Service (Funding) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 642),
   (5) Criminal Defence Service (General) (No. 2) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 644), and
16 Local Government,—(1) Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 533), dated 6th March 2003,
        (2) Local Authorities (Capital Finance) (Amendment No. 2) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 515), dated 4th March 2003, and
        [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
17 Medicines,—Medicines for Human Use and Medical Devices (Fees Amendments) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 625), dated 11th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
19 National Assistance Services,—(1) National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 627), and
        (2) National Assistance (Sums for Personal Requirements) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 628)
dated 10th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
20 National Health Service,—(1) Bath and North East Somerset Primary Care Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 624),
        (2) Doncaster and South Humber Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 614),
        (3) Local Health Partnerships National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 615),
        (4) Mid Essex Hospital Services National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 616),
        (5) NHS Bodies and Local Authorities Partnership Arrangements (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 629), and
        (6) National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) and (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment Regulations 2003, (S.I., 2003, No. 657), dated 11th March 2003,
        (7) National Health Service (Pension Scheme, Injury Benefits and Compensation for Premature Retirement) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 631),
        (8) Northern Birmingham Mental Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 633),
        (9) Salisbury Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 618),
        (10) South Birmingham Mental Health National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 632),
        (11) Southwark Primary Care Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 619),
        (12) Surrey Hampshire Borders National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 621),
        (13) Surrey and Sussex Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 620),
        (14) University College London Hospitals National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 622),
        (15) Winchester and Eastleigh Healthcare National Health Service Trust (Transfer of Trust Property) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 623), and
dated 10th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].
22 Northern Ireland,—Child Benefit and Guardian’s Allowance (Transfer of Staff) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 457), dated 27th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

24 Pesticides,—Plant Protection Products (Fees) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 660), dated 10th March 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


27 Road Traffic,—(1) Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 636), (2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Essex) (District of Basildon) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 635), and (3) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Essex) (District of Maldon) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 634), dated 9th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

28 Social Security,—Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 511), dated 5th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

29 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Supreme Court Fees (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 646), dated 7th March 2003 [by Act] [Yvette Cooper].

30 Tax Credits,—(1) Tax Credits (Immigration) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 653), and (2) Tax Credits (Residence) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 654), dated 11th March 2003 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

31 Telegraphs,—Wireless Telegraphy (Television Licence Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 663), dated 5th March 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Other Papers:

32 Aircraft and Shipbuilding,—Report and Accounts of British Shipbuilders for 2001–02 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


34 Civil Aviation,—Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 433), dated 27th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

35 Civil List,—List of new and supplementary pensions granted under the Civil List Act 1972 for 2002–03 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

36 Constitution,—Government Response to the Second Report of the House of Lords Select Committee on the Constitution, Session 2002–03, on Devolution: Inter-Institutional Relations in the United Kingdom [by Command] [Cm. 5780] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

37 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of—(1) North East Lincolnshire (Grimsby) Education Action Zone for 2001–02, and (2) South East Sheffield Education Action Zone for 2000–01 with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 510 and 511] [Clerk of the House].

38 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Supreme Court (Review of Taxation in Criminal Cases) Fees (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 647), dated 7th March 2003 [by Act] [Yvette Cooper].

39 Treasury,—Treasury Minute, dated 11th March 2003, on dissolution and reconfiguration of certain NHS Trusts: remission of outstanding public dividend capital [by Command] [Mr Paul Boateng].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Education (Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (Primary Schools) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2903) and the Education (Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (Secondary Schools) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2904).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Rendel from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Stunell.

2 Education (Determination of Admission Arrangements) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2896) and the Education (School Information) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2897).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Rendel from the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Stunell.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Privacy and Media Intrusion]; to be printed [No. 458-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Maternity Services Sub-Committee of the Health Committee [Provision of Maternity Services]; to be printed [No. 464-ii] [Andy Burnham].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Evidence from Lord Carlile of Berriew QC on his review of the Government’s terrorism legislation]; to be printed [No. 515] [Mr Chris Mullin].

4 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Trade and Development: Aspects of the Doha Agenda]; to be printed [No. 400-iv] [Tony Baldry].

5 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 [Reducing Regional Disparities in Prosperity]; to be printed [No. 492-i] [Andrew Bennett].

6 Lord Chancellor’s Department,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department [Courts Bill]; to be printed [No. 526-i] [Mr A. J. Beith].

7 Regulatory Reform,—(1) Eighth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [The draft Regulatory Reform (Housing Management Agreements) Order 2003]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the report [No. 520]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (British Waterways Board) Order 2003]; to be printed [No. 521-i] [Mr Peter Pike].

8 Standards and Privileges,—First Special Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Standards of Conduct: Letters from the Committee on Standards in Public Life], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 516] [Sir George Young].

9 Statutory Instruments,—Thirteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xiii] [Mr Brian White].

10 Trade and Industry,—(1) Third Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Observations on the Third Report, on Radio Spectrum Management]; to be printed [No. 530]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Electricity (Trading and Transmission) Bill]; to be printed [468-ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].
11 Treasury,—(1) Second Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee, on the 2002 Pre-Budget Report]; to be printed; [No. 528]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The UK and the Euro]; to be printed [No. 187-xiv]
[Mr John McFall].

[No. 60; WH, No. 37.]
Tuesday 11th March 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4.30 p.m.]

[No. 61.]
Wednesday 12th March 2003.

PRAYERS.

1 Transas Group Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transas Group Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 19th March.

2 Mersey Tunnels 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 Mersey Tunnels 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.

3 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 113) on the Special Grant in aid of the revenues of the London Borough of Hackney for 2002-03.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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:
Licensing Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about the regulation of the sale and supply of alcohol, the provision of entertainment and the provision of late night refreshment, about offences relating to alcohol and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Licensing Bill [Lords].—The Licensing Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 73].
Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Licensing Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 73–EN].

7 High Hedges Bill [Lords].—The High Hedges Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th May and to be printed [No. 75].

8 Food Colourings and Additives Bill,—The Order for reading the Food Colourings and Additives Bill a second time on Friday 20th March was read and discharged.
Bill to be read a second time on Friday 16th May.
9 High Hedges (No. 2) Bill.—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the High Hedges (No. 2) Bill be printed [Bill 28-EN].

10 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill.—Mr Secretary Milburn, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mrs Secretary Liddell, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Secretary Peter Hain and Mr John Hutton, presented a Bill to amend the law about the National Health Service; to make provision about quality and standards in the provision of health and social care, including provision establishing the Commission for Healthcare Audit and Inspection and the Commission for Social Care Inspection; to amend the law about the recovery of NHS costs from persons making compensation payments; to provide for the replacement of the Welfare Food Schemes; to make provision about appointments to health and social care bodies; 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 70].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill be printed [Bill 70-EN].

11 Local Communities Sustainability Bill.—Sue Doughty, supported by Gregory Barker, Dr Vincent Cable, Mrs Patsy Calton, Mrs Helen Clark, Mr David Drew, Mr Don Foster, Paul Holmes, Alan Simpson and Joan Walley, presented a Bill to require the drawing up and implementation of a strategy to promote sustainability among local communities; to make provision for the inclusion of targets and indicators in the strategy; to make provision for councils to implement the strategy in their area; to make provision in respect of the powers of electors in relation to the implementation of the strategy; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th March and to be printed [Bill 71].

12 Prevention of Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (Road Traffic Amendment),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make it an offence to drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled drug; to provide powers for police officers to undertake roadside drug tests on drivers; to provide that statistics of drug-related road accidents and deaths are collected and collated; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 28th March and to be printed [Bill 72].

13 Prevention of Driving Under the Influence of Drugs (Road Traffic Amendment) Bill,—Mr Nick Hawkins accordingly presented a Bill to make it an offence to drive a motor vehicle while under the influence of a controlled drug; to provide powers for police officers to undertake roadside drug tests on drivers; to provide that statistics of drug-related road accidents and deaths are collected and collated; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 4th July and to be printed [Bill 72].

14 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.

15 Adjournment (Welsh Affairs),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick).

16 Deferred Divisions,—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Orders of the House [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]:

Social Security,—That the draft Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 24th February, be approved.

Ayes: 279.
Noes: 58.

So the Question was agreed to.

17 Adjournment (Welsh Affairs),—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;

And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.
18 Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) Bill.—Ordered, That, during proceedings on the Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) Bill, the Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it shall meet.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

19 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) residents of Hertfordshire against unrestricted opening of pharmacies;
(2) residents of Chesham and Amersham against proposals for a larger role for supermarkets in dispensing National Health Service prescriptions; and
(3) residents of Wilmslow, Alderley Edge and the surrounding area for the maintenance of a direct rail service between Wilmslow and London were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

20 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till half-past Seven o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Dangerous Drugs,—Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Agriculture,—Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 661), dated 11th March 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Education,—(1) Education (Governors' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 523), and
(2) South of England Virtual Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 554),
dated 3rd March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

5 Food,—Natural Mineral Water, Spring Water and Bottled Drinking Water (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 666), dated 11th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Travelling Expenses and Remission of Charges) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 671), dated 12th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


8 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Credits) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 521), and
(2) Social Security Revaluation of Earnings Factors Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 517),
dated 5th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Other Papers:

9 Anti-Social Behaviour,—Paper, entitled Respect and Responsibility—Taking a Stand Against Anti-Social Behaviour [by Command] [Cm. 5778] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

10 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Department of Trade and Industry: Regulation of weights and measures [by Act]; to be printed [No. 495] [Clerk of the House].

11 Treaty Series (No. 12, 2003),—1998 Amendments, adopted at London on 18th May 1998, to the International Convention for the Safety at Sea, 1974, as amended (Resolution MSC. 69(69)) [by Command] [Cm. 5771] [Mr Secretary Straw].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Sunday Working (Scotland) 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: David Cairns, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Peter Duncan, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Eric Joyce, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Calum MacDonald, Mr John MacDougall, Mrs Anne McGuire, Ann McKechin, Sandra Osborne, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Andrew Selous, Jim Sheridan and Mr Michael Weir.

2 Marine Safety 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 Alistair Carmichael, Mrs Louise Ellman, Andrew George, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Ivan Henderson, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr David Jameson, Mr Julian Lewis, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Edward O’Hara, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Mr John Randall, Syd Rapson, Mr Keith Simpson, Bob Spink and Dr Desmond Turner.

   (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 Richard Bacon, Tom Brake, Andy Burnham, Mr Tim Collins, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Mark Francois, Patrick Hall, Mr Dai Havard, Mr David Jameson, Lynne Jones, Mr Kerry Pollard, Joan Ryan, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Dave Watts and Richard Younger-Ross.

4 Draft Code of Recommendation for the Welfare of Livestock: Cattle:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Code to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and had appointed Mr James Cran Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Colin Breed, Julia Drown, Mr Derek Foster, Mr John Hayes, Helen Jackson, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr David Kidney, Mr Elliot Morley, Linda Perham, Mr James Plaskitt, Hugh Robertson, Mr Paul Truswell, Mr NigelWaterson, Mr Roger Williams and Ann Winterton.

5 Draft Local Authorities (Charges for Specified Welfare Services) (England) Regulations 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Third 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, John Barrett, Tom Brake, Kevin Brennan, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Paul Farrelly, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Nick Gibb, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr David Jameson, Mr Eric Joyce, Mr Piara S. Khabra, John Robertson, Joan Ryan, Keith Vaz and Mr Dave Watts.

6 Draft Vehicle and Operator Services Agency Trading Fund Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth 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: Ms Candy Atherton, Virginia Bottomley, Mr Desmond Browne, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Martin Caton, Mrs Janet Dean, Mrs Louise Ellman, Lady Hermon, Andy King, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Shona McIsaac, Gillian Merron, Phil Sawford, Mr Sion Simon, Mr John Taylor and Mr David Wilding.

7 Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Variation of Specified Documents) Regulations 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Martin Caton, Mrs Janet Dean, Mrs Louise Ellman, Lady Hermon, Andy King, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Shona McIsaac, Gillian Merron, Phil Sawford, Mr Sion Simon, Mr John Taylor and Mr David Wilding.
8 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 114) (House of Commons Paper No. 477) on the Social Services (High Performers) Grant for 2003–04:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Sixth 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: Mrs Patsey Calton, Mr Tom Clarke, Ross Cranston, Mr Wayne David, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr John Horam, Alan Howarth, Mr David Lammy, Mr Terry Lewis, Tim Loughton, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr Paul Marsden, Mr Archie Norman and Dr Desmond Turner.

9 Draft Town and Country Planning (Electronic Communications) (England) Order 2003:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Seventh 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 Chris Bryant, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Tom Cox, John Cryer, Mr Edward Davey, Matthew Green, Mr Ivan Henderson, Mr Calum MacDonald, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Denis Murphy, Richard Ottaway, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Richard Shepherd, Mr Desmond Swayne and Mr Phil Woolas.

10 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 111) (House of Commons Paper No. 421) on the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Eighth 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: David Cairns, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Mark Field, Mr Neil Gerrard, Matthew Green, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr David Heyes, Mr Tom Levitt, Mr Andy Reed, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Desmond Swayne, Brian White, Mr Phil Woolas and Derek Wyatt.

11 Education (Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (Primary Schools) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2903) and the Education (Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (Secondary Schools) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2904)—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Drew from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Roger Berry.

12 Draft Child Benefit and Guardian’s Allowance (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2003:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Vera Baird, Ann Clwyd, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr George Foulkes, Paul Holmes, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Chris Pond, Mr Greg Pope, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Mark Prisk, Geraldine Smith, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Steve Webb, Mr John Wilkinson, Mr David Wilshire and Sir George Young.

13 Draft Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency Trading Fund Order 2003:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Tenth 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 Adrian Bailey, Mr Kevin Barron, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Jim Cunningham, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Chris Grayling, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Paul Marsden, Mr Ernie Ross, Jacqui Smith, Mr John Smith, Sir Teddy Taylor and Mr Michael Trend.

14 Draft Climate Change Levy (Combined Heat and Power Stations) Prescribed Conditions and Efficiency Percentages (Amendment) Regulations 2003:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Eleventh 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: Norman Baker, Mr Harold Best, Mr Keith Bradley, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Michael Clapham, John Healey, Ann Keen, Mr Tony Lloyd, John McDonnell, Estelle Morris, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Hugo Swire, Sir Peter Tapsell, Mr David Wilshire and Mr James Wray.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Standards and Quality in Education: HM Chief Inspector’s Annual Report 2001–02]; to be printed [No. 531-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2. Environmental Audit,—Fourth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [The Pre-Budget Report 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 167] [Mr John Horam].

3. Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Fourth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Water Framework 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 [Nos. 130-I and -II];

   (2) Fifth Report from the Committee [Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 394]; and

   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Future of Waste Management]; to be printed [No. 385-iii] [Mr David Curry].

4. Northern Ireland Affairs,—Fifth Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Forensic Science Northern Ireland]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 204] [Mr Michael Mates].

5. Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Building an Air Maneuver Capability: The Introduction of the Apache Helicopter]; to be printed [No. 533-ii] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6. Science and Technology,—(1) Third Report from the Science and Technology Committee [The Work of the Medical Research Council]; with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 132];

   (2) Fifth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, on the Work of the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council]; to be printed [No. 507]; and

   (3) Memorandum laid before the Committee [The Work of the Medical Research Council] [Dr Ian Gibson].

7. Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Aviation]; to be printed [No. 454-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

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. 61; WH, No. 38.]

Wednesday 12th March 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow. 1 [Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Derek Conway reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Greater London Authority (Allocation of Grants for Precept Calculations) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 225).

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

2 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Order 2003.

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

3 Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Employment Rights Act 1996 (Application of Section 80B to Adoptions from Overseas) Regulations 2003 and the draft Paternity and Adoption Leave (Adoption from Overseas) Regulations 2003.

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

4 Female Genital Mutilation Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Female Genital Mutilation Bill be printed [Bill 21–EN].

5 Northern Ireland Assembly Elections Bill,—Mr Secretary Murphy, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Robin Cook, Mr Secretary Blankett and Mr Desmond Browne, presented a Bill to make provision about the date of the poll for the election of the next Northern Ireland Assembly, and for disregarding certain days for the purposes of the period after a poll within which an Assembly must meet; 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 74].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Northern Ireland Assembly Elections Bill be printed [Bill 74–EN].

6 Fireworks Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Fireworks Bill [Money];

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

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

(i) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of any provision of the Act, and

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

(b) the making of payments into the Consolidated Fund.——(Miss Melanie Johnson.)

7 Marine Safety Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Marine Safety Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Marine Safety Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of the Act.——(Mr John Spellar.)

8 Marine Safety Bill [Ways and Means],—Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Marine Safety Bill, it is expedient to authorise the making of charges by fire authorities in connection with marine incidents.——(Mr John Spellar.)

9 Adjournment (Flood and Coastal Defence Policy),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

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

10 Northern Ireland Assembly Elections Bill,—Ordered, That, in respect of the Northern Ireland Assembly Elections Bill, notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to be moved in Committee may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time.—(Mr John Heppell.)
11 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) residents of Coventry for stricter controls on the sale and use of fireworks, and
(2) Pam Challis and others against proposals for the unrestricted opening of pharmacies
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

12 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from pharmacy users in Putney against any legislation
which may threaten the viability of local pharmacies was presented, 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 half-past Six o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Electricuty,—Draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Efficiency Obligations) (Amendment) Order
2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret
Beckett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—(1) Action for Education and Employment South East Sheffield Education
Action Zone (Extension) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 558),
(2) Bristol Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 561),
(3) Derby North East Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003,
No. 556),
(4) Great Yarmouth Achievement Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2003
(S.I., 2003, No. 555),
(5) North Stockton Community Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2003
(S.I., 2003, No. 557),
(6) North West Shropshire Education Action Zone (Extension) Order 2003
(S.I., 2003, No. 560),
dated 3rd March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

3 Financial Services and Markets,—Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Disclosure
of Confidential Information) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 693), dated
13th March 2003 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

4 Local Government,—Local Government (Best Value) Performance Plans and Reviews
2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Tax Credits,—Tax Credits (Official Error) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 692), dated 13th
March 2003 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

6 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—(1) ACAS (Flexible Working) Arbitration Scheme
(England and Wales) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 694), dated 13th March 2003, and
(2) Statutory Paternity Pay (Adoption) and Statutory Adoption Pay (Adoption from
[by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

7 European Union,—Paper, entitled Developments in the European Union: July to December
2002: The Danish Presidency [by Command] [Cm. 5763] [Mr Secretary Straw].

8 Regulatory Reform,—Proposal for a Regulatory Reform (Gaming Machines) Order 2003,
together with a statement by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport [by Act]
[Secretary Tessa Jowell].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 114) (House of Commons Paper No. 477) on the Social Services (High Performers) Grant for 2003–04.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Special Grant Report, in place of Derek Conway.

2 Draft Child Benefit and Guardian’s Allowance (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

3 Draft Employment Rights Act 1996 (Application of Section 80B to Adoptions from Overseas) Regulations 2003 and the draft Paternity and Adoption Leave (Adoption from Overseas) Regulations 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Lyons and Mr Jim Murphy from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations), and nominated in substitution Jim Fitzpatrick and David Hamilton.

4 Draft Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency Trading Fund Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mr Peter Pike.

5 ACAS draft Code of Practice on Time Off for Trade Union Duties and Activities.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tim Boswell, Richard Burden, Mr Terry Davis, Mr Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Glenda Jackson, Jim Knight, Mr Ivan Lewis, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr David Rendel, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Derek Twigg, Joan Walley and Mr Phil Willis from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Code).

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education for Sustainable Development Sub-Committee of the Environmental Audit Committee [Learning the Sustainability Lesson]; to be printed [No. 472-ii] [Mr John Horam].

2 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Cabinet Office Annual Report]; to be printed [No. 536-i] [Tony Wright].

3 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Electricity (Trading and Transmission) Bill]; to be printed [No. 468-iii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

Thursday 13th March 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (The Financial Regulation of Public Limited Companies—Sixth Report from the Treasury Committee of Session 2001–02, and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned. (Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 18th March.

[Adjourned at 5.07 p.m.]
14th March 2003

[No. 63.]

Friday 14th March 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Municipal Waste Recycling Bill,—The Municipal Waste Recycling Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

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

3 Government Powers (Limitations) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government Powers (Limitations) Bill;

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

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

Mr Andrew Dismore moved, That the House sit in private.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Ann Keen: 0.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Dr Phyllis Starkey: 19.

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

4 Sex Discrimination in Private Clubs Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Sex Discrimination in Private Clubs Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 4th April.

5 Food Labelling Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 7th March, That the Food Labelling Bill be now read a second time;

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

6 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st March.

7 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 half-past Two o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then one minute past Three o’clock, till Monday 17th March.

[Adjourned at 3.01 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Consumer Protection,—Creosote (Prohibition on Use and Marketing) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 721), dated 13th March 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Patricia Hewitt].

2 County Courts,—County Court Fees (Amendment No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 718), dated 12th March 2003 [by Act] [Yvette Cooper].

4 Food,—Welfare Food (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 702), dated 13th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

5 Medicines,—(1) Medicines (Pharmacy and General Sale—Exemption) Amendment Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 697),
   (2) Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 698), and
   (3) Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Amendment Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 696),
dated 13th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Amendments Relating to Prescribing by Nurses and Pharmacist etc.) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 699), dated 13th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

   (2) Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Modifications to Codes C and D) (Certain Police Areas) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 704),
dated 13th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blankett].


9 Social Security,—(1) Social Security Benefits Up-rating Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 601), dated 7th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith],
   (2) Social Security (Categorisation of Earners) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 736), and
dated 14th March 2003 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo], and
   (4) Social Security (Earnings Factor) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 608), dated 7th March 2003,
   (5) Social Security (Industrial Injuries) (Dependency) (Permitted Earnings Limits) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 600), dated 7th March 2003,
   (6) Social Security (Maternity Allowance) (Earnings) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 659), dated 10th March 2003,
   (7) Statutory Maternity Pay (Compensation of Employers) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 672), dated 11th March 2003, and
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

10 Social Security (Northern Ireland),—(1) Social Security (Categorisation of Earners) Amendment (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 733), and
dated 14th March 2003 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

11 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—(1) Court Funds (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 720), and
   (2) Supreme Court Fees (Amendment No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 717)
dated 12th March 2003 [by Act] [Yvette Cooper].

12 Tax Credits,—(1) Child Tax Credit (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 738), dated 14th March 2003,
   (2) Tax Credits (Claims and Notifications and Payments by the Board) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 723), dated 14th March 2003,
   (3) Tax Credits (Definition and Calculation of Income) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 732), dated 14th March 2003,
   (4) Tax Credits (Polygamous Marriages) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 742), dated 14th March 2003,
(5) Tax Credits (Provision of Information) (Functions Relating to Health) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 731), dated 14th March 2003,

(6) Working Tax Credit (Entitlement and Maximum Rate) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 701), dated 14th March 2003, and


[by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:


14 European Communities (No. 1, 2003),—Agreement, done at Brussels on the 18th November 2002, establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the Republic of Chile, of the other part with Final Act with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5774-I, -II, -III, -IV and -V] [Mr Secretary Straw].

15 Government Annuities,—Account of the Government Annuities and Insurances for 2002 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

16 Transport,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 13th March 2003 in respect of temporary borrowing by the British Waterways Board from National Westminster Bank plc [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 111) (House of Commons Paper No. 421) on the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Field from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report), and nominated in substitution Mr Michael Trend.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft African Development Fund (Ninth Replenishment) Order 2003 and the draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Fifth Replenishment) Order 2003.

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 draft Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Livestock: Cattle.

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

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Local Authorities (Charges for Specified Welfare Services) (England) Regulations 2003.

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 (No. 2) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed to the Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 76].

6 Northern Ireland Assembly Elections Bill (Allocation of Time),—Ordered, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Northern Ireland Assembly Elections Bill—

Timetable

1. Proceedings on Second Reading, in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading shall be completed at this day’s sitting and shall be brought to a conclusion, if not previously concluded, at Ten 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, and

(b) the Speaker shall leave the Chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

3. On the conclusion of proceedings in Committee the Chairman shall report the Bill to the House without putting any Question and, if 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.
Consideration of Lords Amendments

6.—(1) Any Lords Amendments to the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(2) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall be brought to a conclusion, if not previously concluded, one hour after their commencement.

7.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 6.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question already proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

(3) If that Question is for the Amendment of a Lords Amendment the Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single Question on any further Amendments to the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees to the Lords Amendment or (as the case may be) to the Lords Amendment as amended.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—

(a) a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment, and

(b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees to the Lords Amendment or (as the case may be) to the Lords Amendment as amended.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House disagrees to a Lords Amendment.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees to all the remaining Lords Amendments.

7.—(1) As soon as the House has agreed or disagreed to a Lords Amendment, or disposed of an Amendment relevant to a Lords Amendment which has been disagreed to, the Speaker shall put forthwith a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown and relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent stages

8.—(1) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(2) Proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

9.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 8.

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

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

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

Reasons Committee

10.—(1) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons in relation to the Bill and the appointment of its Chairman.

(2) A Committee appointed to draw up Reasons shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.

(3) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.

(4) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-paragraph (3) the Chairman shall—

(a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair but not yet decided, and
(b) then put forthwith successively Questions on motions which may be made by a
Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in
any of their Amendments.

(5) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question
being put.

Miscellaneous

11. Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business) shall apply to any
proceedings to which this Order applies.

12. The proceedings on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for varying or
supplementing the provisions of this Order shall, if not previously concluded, be brought
to a conclusion one hour after their commencement and paragraph (1) of Standing Order
No. 15 shall apply to those proceedings.

13. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply in relation to any
proceedings to which this Order applies.

14. No Motion shall be made to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill
are taken or to re-commit the Bill.

15. No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to proceedings to which this Order
applies except by a Minister of the Crown; and the Question on any such Motion shall
be put forthwith.

16.—(1) This paragraph applies if—
(a) a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24
(Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent
consideration) has been stood over to Seven o’clock, Three o’clock or Four
o’clock (as the case may be), but
(b) proceedings to which this Order applies have begun before then.

(2) Proceedings on that Motion shall stand postponed until the conclusion of those
proceedings.

17. If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the conclusion of any
proceedings to which this Order applies, 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.

18. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any
Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House.—(Jane Kennedy:)

7 Northern Ireland Assembly Elections Bill.—The Northern Ireland Assembly Elections Bill
was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Committee of the
whole House.

The House immediately resolved itself into a Committee.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Dates of election, etc).

Amendment proposed, in page 1, line 2, to leave out from the beginning to the word
‘in’ in line 13 and insert the words—

‘(1) In section 31 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998’.—(Mr Peter Robinson:)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Iris Robinson, Mr Gregory Campbell: 6.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 368.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 2 agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Charlotte Atkins reported, that the
Committee had gone through the Bill, without Amendment.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

8 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 (Designated States) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 11th
February, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Jim Murphy: 328.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Bob Russell: 43.

So the Question 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. 113) on the Special Grant in aid of the revenues of the London Borough of Hackney for 2002-03, a copy of which was laid before this House on 24th February, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick)—It was agreed to.

10 Industrial Organisation and Development.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Apple and Pear Research Council (Dissolution) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 25th February, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick)—It was agreed to.

11 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 2003, which was laid before this House on 25th February, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick)—It was agreed to.

12 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) (England and Wales) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 25th February, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick)—It was agreed to.

13 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) (Codes B to E) (No. 2) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick)—It was agreed to.

14 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Strathearn Coalition for Justice not War against an attack on Iraq in the present circumstances was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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 Regulatory Reform,—Draft Regulatory Reform (Sugar Beet Research and Education) Order 2003, together with a statement by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Agriculture,—Medicated Feedingstuffs (Amendment) (Scotland, England and Wales) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 752), dated 17th March 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

3 Disabled Persons,—Disability Discrimination (Blind and Partially Sighted Persons) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 712), dated 13th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

4 Energy Conservation,—(1) Energy Information (Household Air Conditioners) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 750), and

(2) Energy Information (Household Electric Ovens) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 751), dated 14th March 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Social Care,—National Care Standards Commission (Fees and Frequency of Inspections) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 753), dated 15th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

7 Iraq,—Paper entitled, Iraq: UN Documents of early March 2003 [by Command] [Cm. 5785] [Mr Secretary Straw].

8 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—(1) Improving service quality: Action in response to the Inherited SERPS problem, and (2) Improving social housing through transfer [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 497 and 496] [Clerk of the House].

9 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, Primary Care Trusts, NHS Trusts, Special Health Authorities and Special Trustees in England for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 493] [Clerk of the House].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [4th March] of the East Anglian Daily Times and residents of Harwich constituency for improvements to the A120 road between Harwich and Little Bromley [by Standing Order] [Clerk of the House].

11 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts for 2001–02 of:— (1) Coventry Education Action Zone, and (2) Newcastle Education Action Zone with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 539 and 540] [Clerk of the House].

12 Statutory Instruments (Notification),—Communication declaring that the undermentioned Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament, and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into operation: Farm Waste Grant (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) (England) Scheme 2003 [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft African Development Fund (Ninth Replenishment) Order 2003 and the draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Fifth Replenishment) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Dennis Turner from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Roger Casale.

2 Education (Admission Forums) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2900),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gwyn Prosser from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Ms Karen Buck.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Higher Education Funding]; to be printed [No. 425-v] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Human Rights,—Seventh 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 relating to the Report [No. 547] [Jean Corston].

3 Public Accounts,—(1) Ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Office for National Statistics: Outsourcing the 2001 Census]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 543].
(2) Tenth Report from the Committee [Individual Learning Accounts]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 544];

(3) Eleventh Report from the Committee [NHS Emergency Planning]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 545]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Progress in Protecting Consumers' Interests]; to be printed [No. 546-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

[No. 65.]

Tuesday 18th March 2003.

PRAYERS.

1 Regulatory Reform,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolutions:

That a draft Order in the same terms as the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (British Waterways Board) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 13th January, should be laid before the House.

That the draft Regulatory Reform (Schemes under section 129 of the Housing Act 1988) (England) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 11th March, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

2 Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies Bill,—Mr George Stevenson reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 4th April; and to be printed [Bill 79].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 553].

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Chidgey reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Education (Admission Forums) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2900).

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

4 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Derek Conway reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 111) (House of Commons Paper No. 421) on the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund.

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:

Crime (International Co-operation) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for furthering co-operation with other countries in respect of criminal proceedings and investigations; to extend jurisdiction to deal with terrorist acts or threats outside the United Kingdom; to amend section 5 of the Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 and make corresponding provision in relation to Scotland; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Crime (International Co-operation) Bill [Lords].—The Crime (International Co-operation) Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 78].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Crime (International Co-operation) Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 78: EN].

7 Pensions (Winding-up) Bill.—The Order for reading the Pensions (Winding-up) Bill a second time on Friday 21st March was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 20th June.

8 Pensioner Trustees and Final Payments.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to give pensioner members of occupational pension schemes the statutory right to be member-nominated trustees of such schemes, and to guarantee the final payments of such schemes; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Jim Cunningham, Ms Debra Shipley, Mr Stephen McCabe, Mr Bill Olner, Andy King and Mr Lindsay Hoyle do prepare and bring it in.
9 Pensioner Trustees and Final Payments Bill.—Mr Jim Cunningham accordingly presented a Bill to give pensioner members of occupational pension schemes the statutory right to be member-nominated trustees of such schemes, and to guarantee the final payments of such schemes; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 13th June and to be printed [Bill 77].

10 Iraq.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes its decisions of 25th November 2002 and 26th February 2003 to endorse UN Security Council Resolution 1441, recognises that Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction and long range missiles, and its continuing non-compliance with Security Council Resolutions, pose a threat to international peace and security; notes that in the 130 days since Resolution 1441 was adopted Iraq has not co-operated actively, unconditionally and immediately with the weapons inspectors, and has rejected the final opportunity to comply and is in further material breach of its obligations under successive mandatory UN Security Council Resolutions; regrets that despite sustained diplomatic effort by Her Majesty’s Government it has not proved possible to secure a second Resolution in the UN because one Permanent Member of the Security Council made plain in public its intention to use its veto whatever the circumstances; notes the opinion of the Attorney General that, Iraq having failed to comply and Iraq being at the time of Resolution 1441 and continuing to be in material breach, the authority to use force under Resolution 678 has revived and so continues today; believes that the United Kingdom must uphold the authority of the United Nations as set out in Resolution 1441 and many Resolutions preceding it, and therefore supports the decision of Her Majesty’s Government that the United Kingdom should use all means necessary to ensure the disarmament of Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction; offers wholehearted support to the men and women of Her Majesty’s Armed Forces now on duty in the Middle East; in the event of military operations requires that, on an urgent basis, the United Kingdom should adopt a Security Council Resolution that would affirm Iraq’s territorial integrity, ensure rapid delivery of humanitarian relief, allow for the earliest possible lifting of UN sanctions, an international reconstruction programme, and the use of all oil revenues for the benefit of the Iraqi people and endorse an appropriate post-conflict administration for Iraq, leading to a representative government which upholds human rights and the rule of law for all Iraqis; and also welcomes the imminent publication of the Quartet’s roadmap as a significant step to bringing a just and lasting peace settlement between Israelis and Palestinians and for the wider Middle East region, and endorses the role of Her Majesty’s Government in actively working for peace between Israel and Palestine.—(The Prime Minister)

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out from ‘1441’ to the second word ‘in’ in line 20 and insert the words ‘believes that the case for war against Iraq has not yet been established, especially given the absence of specific United Nations authorisation; but, in the event that hostilities do commence, pledges its total support for the British forces engaged in the Middle East, expresses its admiration for their courage, skill and devotion to duty, and hopes that their tasks will be swiftly concluded with minimal casualties on all sides’, instead thereof.—(Mr Peter Kilfoyle.)

And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made;
And it being Seven o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

11 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister relating to Iraq may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Ten o’clock.—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.

12 Iraq.—The Question being again proposed, That the Amendment be made;
And the Question being put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Douglas Hogg: 217.
Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Dan Norris: 396.

So the Question was negatived.
And the Main Question being put;
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Joan Ryan: 412.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Douglas Hogg: 149.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House notes its decisions of 25th November 2002 and 26th February 2003 to endorse UN Security Council Resolution 1441; recognises that Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction and long range missiles, and its continuing non-compliance with Security Council Resolutions, pose a threat to international peace and security; notes that in the 130 days since Resolution 1441 was adopted Iraq has not co-operated actively, unconditionally and immediately with the weapons inspectors, and has rejected
the final opportunity to comply and is in further material breach of its obligations under successive mandatory UN Security Council Resolutions; regrets that despite sustained diplomatic effort by Her Majesty’s Government it has not proved possible to secure a second Resolution in the UN because one Permanent Member of the Security Council made plain in public its intention to use its veto whatever the circumstances; notes the opinion of the Attorney General that, Iraq having failed to comply and Iraq being at the time of Resolution 1441 and continuing to be in material breach, the authority to use force under Resolution 678 has revived and so continues today; believes that the United Kingdom must uphold the authority of the United Nations as set out in Resolution 1441 and many Resolutions preceding it, and therefore supports the decision of Her Majesty’s Government that the United Kingdom should use all means necessary to ensure the disarmament of Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction; offers wholehearted support to the men and women of Her Majesty’s Armed Forces now on duty in the Middle East; in the event of military operations requires that, on an urgent basis, the United Kingdom should seek a new Security Council Resolution that would affirm Iraq’s territorial integrity, ensure rapid delivery of humanitarian relief, allow for the earliest possible lifting of UN sanctions, an international reconstruction programme, and the use of all oil revenues for the benefit of the Iraqi people and endorse an appropriate post-conflict administration for Iraq, leading to a representative government which upholds human rights and the rule of law for all Iraqis, and also welcomes the imminent publication of the Quartet’s roadmap as a significant step to bringing a just and lasting peace settlement between Israelis and Palestinians and for the wider Middle East region, and endorses the role of Her Majesty’s Government in actively working for peace between Israel and Palestine.

13 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 one minute to Eleven o’clock, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 10.59 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Immigration,—Draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) Rules 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


(2) Further Education (Amendment of Governing Bodies’ Powers) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 110), dated 28th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

4 Immigration,—Asylum Support (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 755), dated 17th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Other Papers:

7 Culture, Media and Sport,—Department for Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 18th March 2003, concerning a proposed contingent liability relating to the British Library’s exhibitions on ‘The Painted Labyrinth: the World of the Lindisfarne Gospels’ and ‘Contemporary Chinese Prints’ [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
8 Health,—Department of Health Minute, dated 17th March 2003, concerning a proposed contingent liability for an indemnity for an investigation into the case of Mr Cyril Isaacs [by Command] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

9 National Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on The PFI Contract for the Education and Library Boards’ New Computerised Accounting System [by Act]; to be printed [No. 498] [Clerk of the House].

10 Northern Ireland,—Summary of Health and Personal Services and Special Agencies Accounts 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Command]; to be printed [No. 465] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

11 Public Petitions,—(1) Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [26th February] from residents of Blackpool South for restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks; and

(2) Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [26th February] from residents of Glasgow Anniesland and others for restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Vehicle and Operator Services Agency Trading Fund Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Wes Griffiths Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Sir Nicholas Winterton.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 114) (House of Commons Paper No. 477) on the Social Services (High Performers) Grant for 2003–04,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Lammy from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report), and nominated in substitution Jacqui Smith.

3 Draft Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency Trading Fund Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jacqui Smith from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr David Lammy.

4 Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Consequential and Incidental Provisions) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Dominic Grieve from the Thirteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Humfrey Malins.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 International Development,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [The Operation of the Special Court for Sierra Leone]; to be printed, together with an Appendix [No. 548-i]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 6th March [Preparing for the humanitarian consequences of possible military action against Iraq]; to be printed [No. 444-ii] [Tony Baldry].

2 Lord Chancellor’s Department,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department [Courts Bill]; to be printed [No. 526-ii] [Mr A. J. Beith].

3 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Sixth Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee [The Licensing Bill [Lords] and the Evening Economy]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 541]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Reducing Regional Disparities in Prosperity]; to be printed [No. 492-ii] [Andrew Bennett].

4 Regulatory Reform,—(1) Ninth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (British Waterways Board) Order 2003], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 521]; and
(2) Tenth Report from the Committee [Draft Regulatory Reform (Schemes under Section 129 of the Housing Act 1988) (England) Order 2003]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 549]
[Mr Peter Pike].

5 Statutory Instruments,—Fourteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xvi] [Mr David Tredinnick].

6 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Electricity (Trading and Transmission) Bill]; to be printed [No. 468-iv] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

7 Treasury,—(1) Third Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, on National Statistics Classification of Network Rail]; to be printed [No. 550]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The UK and the Euro]; to be printed [No. 187-xv] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 65; WH, No. 40.]
Tuesday 18th March 2003.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
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—(Joan Ryan);
And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]

[No. 66.]
Wednesday 19th March 2003.
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Transas Group Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Transas Group Bill;
Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 26th March.

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Vehicle and Operator Services Agency Trading Fund Order 2003.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Derek Conway reported from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency Trading Fund Order 2003.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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

5 Thirteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nigel Beard reported from the Thirteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Consequential and Incidental Provisions) Order 2003.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee 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 European Union Document No. 12846/02, draft Directive on Takeover Bids, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from the Department of Trade and Industry dated 4th March 2003 on the Council Presidency Compromise Proposal of 14th February 2003; welcomes the draft Directive as an important step forward in seeking to complete the European Union Financial Services Action Plan; and supports the Government’s initial approach to negotiations in seeking to achieve a common framework for the treatment of shareholders and encouraging a single market for corporate control.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Northern Ireland Assembly Elections Bill, without Amendment.

8 Registration of Private Foster Carers and Child Protection,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the registration of private foster carers; to institute procedures for identifying and monitoring children arriving in the United Kingdom unaccompanied by adults with parental responsibility and make provision for their welfare; and to amend the law with regard to joint enterprise when prosecuting carers responsible for the death of children in their care; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Tim Loughton, Mr Andrew Lansley, Ms Meg Munn, Kevin Brennan, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Julian Brazier, Miss Anne McIntosh, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Robert Walter, Mr Robert Syms and Mrs Eleanor Laing do prepare and bring it in.

9 Registration of Private Foster Carers and Child Protection Bill,—Mr Tim Loughton accordingly presented a Bill to require the registration of private foster carers; to institute procedures for identifying and monitoring children arriving in the United Kingdom unaccompanied by adults with parental responsibility and make provision for their welfare; and to amend the law with regard to joint enterprise when prosecuting carers responsible for the death of children in their care; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 4th July and to be printed [Bill 80].

10 Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 28th November 2002—

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed at the moment of interruption on the day on which they commence.

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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 shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

11 Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 2.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Jacqui Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Charlotte Atkins, Joan Ryan: 320.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Syms, Hugh Robertson: 178.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 4.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Jacqui Smith);

And it being half-past Three o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Phil Woolas: 330.
Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Mark Francois: 205.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on a Motion made by a Minister of the Crown that this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.

Lords Amendment No. 47.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Jacqui Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Phil Woolas: 333.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Francois, Angela Watkinson: 203.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question, that this House agrees with the Lords in the remaining Lords Amendments to be disposed of at that hour.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4, 10 to 13, 21, 7, 8 and 39 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—(Jacqui Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Ivor Caplin: 328.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Reid, Richard Younger-Ross: 198.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 9 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 14.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Jacqui Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Charlotte Atkins: 321.
Tellers for the Noes, Richard Younger-Ross, Mr Alan Reid: 202.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
And it being after Five o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions on Motions made by a Minister of the Crown that this House disagrees with the Lords in a Lords Amendment.

Lords Amendment No. 15 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 16.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Jacqui Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Phil Woolas, Gillian Merron: 321.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 203.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 18.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Jacqui Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Phil Woolas, Gillian Merron: 320.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Reid, Richard Younger-Ross: 203.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 23.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Jacqui Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Phil Woolas, Gillian Merron: 322.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Hoban: 206.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in the remaining Lords Amendments to be disposed of at that hour.

Lords Amendments Nos. 17, 19, 40, 42 and 44 to 46 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 24.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Jacqui Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Fraser Kemp: 308.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 198.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 25.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Jacqui Smith);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr John Heppell: 318.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 198.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

And it being after Seven o’clock, the Speaker put forthwith the remaining Questions on Amendments to Lords Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.
Lords Amendment No. 26.

An Amendment ("(a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 25, to leave out the words ‘excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays’.—(Jacqui Smith.)

And the Question being put, That the Amendment be made to the Lords Amendment.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr John Heppell: 315.

Tellers for the Noes, Sir Robert Smith, Mr Alan Reid: 197.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 35.

An Amendment ("(a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 16, to leave out subsection (4).—(Jacqui Smith.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr John Heppell: 314.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 193.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

The Speaker then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in the remaining Lords Amendments.

Lords Amendments Nos. 22, 27, 28, 33, 43, 34, 41, 20, 32, 29 to 31 and 36 to 38 were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 2, 5, 6, 14 to 16, 18, 23 to 25 and 47.

That Mr Simon Burns, Mr Paul Burstow, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Andrew Love and Jacqui Smith be members of the Committee.

That Jacqui Smith be the Chairman of the Committee.

That three be the Quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

12 International 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 (Ninth Replenishment) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 24th February, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

13 International 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 International Fund for Agricultural Development (Fifth Replenishment) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 24th February, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

14 Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Code of Recommendations for the Welfare of Livestock: Cattle, which was laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

15 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 (Charges for Specified Welfare Services) (England) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 4th March, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

16 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 (Adoption from Overseas) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 24th February, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.
17 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 Employment Rights Act 1996 (Application of Section 80B to Adoptions from Overseas) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 24th February, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas)—It was agreed to.

18 Housing.—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 (Housing Management Agreements) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 24th February, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas)—It was agreed to.

19 Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill,—Jacqui Smith reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill, that it had drawn up the following Reasons, which it had directed her to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 2 for the following Reason:—
Because it is important for the Bill to be able to apply to all NHS hospital patients and it is discriminatory to exclude patients receiving mental health services.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments No. 5 for the following Reason:—
Because it is necessary for the Bill to come into force before 1st April 2004.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 6 for the following Reason:—
Because it is unnecessary to require consent for the giving of notices containing no personal information and because Lords Amendment No. 9 makes more appropriate provision for consultation.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 14, 15 and 16 for the following Reason:—
Because it is unnecessary to add additional requirements in relation to community care assessments under clause 3(3) and it is undesirable to differentiate between assessments under clause 3(3) and other assessments carried out under section 47 of the National Health Service and Community Care Act 1990.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 18 for the following Reason:—
Because it is unnecessary to add additional requirements in relation to carers’ assessments under clause 3(4) and it is undesirable to differentiate between assessments under clause 3(4) and other assessments carried out under the Carers and Disabled Children Act 2000.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 23 for the following Reason:—
Because the decision to discharge should not be subject to the consent of the patient and it is undesirable to discriminate on this issue between patients who are subject to the Bill and other hospital patients.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 24 for the following Reason:—
Because the inspection and monitoring system for health and social care services is adequate and the Amendment is unnecessary.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 25 for the following Reason:—
Because the inspecting bodies for health and social care services will be able to make reports on the operation of the Bill.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 47 for the following Reason:—
Because the provisions of Part I should not be made to have only temporary effect.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

20 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.01 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Representation of the People,—Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Variation of Specified Documents) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Low Pay Commission,—Fourth Report from the Low Pay Commission, entitled The National Minimum Wage: Building on Success [by Command] [Cm. 5768] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

4 Trade and Industry,—Department of Trade and Industry Minute, dated 19th March 2003, concerning the renewal of an indemnity to British Nuclear Insurers [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers withdrawn:

5 Representation of the People,—Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Variation of Specified Documents) Regulations 2003 [laid 4th March].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill, in place of Mr Bill O’Brien.

2 Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 2003:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft 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 Bob Ainsworth, Mrs Patsy Calton, Paul Clark, Mr David Crausby, Mr Frank Field, Barbara Follett, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr John Heppell, Simon Hughes, Jim Knight, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mr Andrew Rosindell, Mr Graham Stringer and Mr Bill Wiggin.

3 Draft General and Specialist Medical Practice (Education, Training and Qualifications) Order 2003:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr George Stevenson Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Virginia Bottomley, Mrs Patsy Calton, Mrs Anne Campbell, Denzil Davies, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Chris Grayling, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Dr Evan Harris, Mr George Howarth, Mr John Hutton, Mr David Marshall, Mr Alan Meale, Dr Andrew Murrison and Claire Ward.

4 Draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2003:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third 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 Christopher Chope, Mr Don Foster, Mr Mark Hendrick, Glenda Jackson, Mr David Jamieson, Mr George Mudie, Mr George Osborne, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Joan Ryan, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Andrew Turner, Mr Dave Watts, Mrs Betty Williams, David Winnick and Derek Wyatt.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Scheme 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, Mr Bob Blizzard, Peter Bradley, Geraint Davies, Mr John Denham, Sue Doughty, Mr David Drew, Andrew George, Mr Roger Godsiff, Mr John Hayes, Mr John Horam, Huw Irranca-Davies, Julie Morgan, Mr Elliot Morley, Hugh Robertson and Mr Andrew Tyrie.

6 Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2003:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth 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 Desmond Browne, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Nigel Dodds, Lady Hermon, Kate Hoey, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr Paara S. Khabra, Shona McIsaac, Gillian Merron, Lembit Öpik, Mr Clive Soley, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr John Taylor, Jon Trickett, Mr David Wilshire and David Wright.

7 Sea Fishing (Restriction on Days at Sea) Order (S.I., 2003, No. 229):

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Gregory Barker, Peter Bradley, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Bill Etherington, Andrew George, Mr John Hayes, Mr Doug Henderson, Rosemary McKenna, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Elliot Morley, Hugh Robertson, Mr Alex Salmond, Mr Martin Salter, Mr David Stewart, Dr Gavin Strang and Dr Alan Whitehead.

8 Draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Efficiency Obligations) (Amendment) Order 2003:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft 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: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Graham Allen, Janet Anderson, Mr Bob Blizzard, Peter Bradley, Mr David Currie, Sue Doughty, Mr John Hayes, Chris McCafferty, Chris Mole, Mr Elliot Morley, Hugh Robertson, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Tom Watson, Mr Bill Wiggin and Mr Shaun Woodward.

9 Draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) Rules 2003:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Rules to the Eighth 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: Richard Burden, Yvette Cooper, Mr Terry Davis, Jeff Ennis, Michael Fabricant, Mr Mark Field, Mr John Grogan, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr David Heath, Mr Fraser Kemp, Ann McKechin, Laura Moffatt, Mr Andy Reed, Dr John Reid, Joan Walley and Angela Watkinson.

10 Draft Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency Trading Fund Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Love from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Mike Hall.

11 Draft Climate Change Levy (Combined Heat and Power Stations) Prescribed Conditions and Efficiency Percentages (Amendment) Regulations 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gerry Sutcliffe from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Jim Murphy.

12 Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Consequential and Incidental Provisions) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Humfrey Malins from the Thirteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Dominic Grieve.

13 Draft Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Powers of Seizure) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Denham and Dr Howard Stott from the Fourteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Hilary Benn and Paul Clark.

14 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 115) on Special Grants for Local Authorities,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Raynsford from the Fifteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Mr Christopher Leslie.
European Standing Committees

15 European Union Document No. 7505/02, relating to additives in animal nutrition, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

16 European Union Document No. 5765/03, relating to Entrepreneurship in Europe, has been referred to European Standing Committee C, together with European Union Document No. 13982/02 and Addenda 1–3, relating to a better environment for business in the EU, already referred to the Committee on 15th January 2003.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Higher Education Funding]; to be printed [No. 425-vi] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Future of Waste Management]; to be printed [No. 385-iv] [Mr David Curry].

3 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. 63-xv]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Report of the Convention's Working Group X on 'freedom, security and justice']; to be printed; [No. 554-i] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

4 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Maintaining England’s Motorways and Trunk Roads]; to be printed [No. 556-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

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. 55-iii] [Dr Ian Gibson].

6 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Aviation]; to be printed [No. 454-ii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

7 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Fourth Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Primary Legislative Process as it affects 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. 79]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Empowering Children and Young People in Wales]; to be printed; [No. 433-iii] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 66; WH, No. 41.]

Wednesday 19th March 2003.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 6.02 p.m.]
[No. 67.]

Thursday 20th March 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Medicines for Human Use (Kava-kava) (Prohibition) Order 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 3170).

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

2 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 114) (House of Commons Paper No. 477) on the Social Services (High Performers) Grant for 2003-04.

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

3 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Town and Country Planning (Electronic Communications) (England) Order 2003.

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

4 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Alan Harst reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Child Benefit and Guardian’s Allowance (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2003.

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

5 Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Climate Change Levy (Combined Heat and Power Stations) Prescribed Conditions and Efficiency Percentages (Amendment) Regulations 2003.

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

6 Fourteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Fourteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Powers of Seizure) Order 2003.

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

7 Fifteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Fifteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 115) (House of Commons Paper No. 449) on Special Grants for Local Authorities.

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

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

Consolidated Fund Act 2003

9 Waste and Emissions Trading Bill [Lords].—The Waste and Emissions Trading Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

10 Waste and Emissions Trading Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That the following provisions shall apply to the Waste and Emissions Trading Bill [Lords]—

Committal

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

Proceedings in Standing Committee

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 29th April 2003.

3. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.
Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced.

6. Sessional Order B (programming committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—(Charlotte Atkins)—It was agreed to.

11 Waste and Emissions Trading Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Waste and Emissions Trading 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 Waste and Emissions Trading 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 in consequence of the Act, and (b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided—(Charlotte Atkins)—It was agreed to.

12 Waste and Emissions Trading 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 Waste and Emissions Trading Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the levying of fees and charges under regulations made under the Act—(Charlotte Atkins)—It was agreed to.

13 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Charlotte Atkins);

And the Motion having been made at Six 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 6.30 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. 117) on 2003–04 Special Grant for Driving Local Authority Planning Performance [by Act]; to be printed [No. 537] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Immigration,—Immigration and Asylum Appeals (Fast Track Procedure) Rules 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 801), dated 20th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Rosie Winterton].

4 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Passenger Ships on Domestic Voyages) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 771), dated 18th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 National Lottery (Funding of Endowments) 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 Henry Bellingham, Mr Richard Caborn, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Dr Ian
       Gibson, Mr Tom Harris, Dr Brian Iddon, Norman Lamb, Martin Linton, Mr Malcolm
       Moss, Diana Organ, Bob Russell, Mrs Gillian Shephard, Mr Keith Simpson, David
       Taylor, Dr Desmond Turner and Tony Wright.

2 Sunday Working (Scotland) Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of
   Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

3 Sea Fisheries (Restrictions on Days at Sea) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 229),—The Speaker
   has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on
   Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

4 Draft Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 (Powers of Seizure) Order 2003,—The Committee
   of Selection has discharged Andy Burnham and Ms Gisela Stuart from the Fourteenth
   Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order),
   and nominated in substitution Mr John Lyons and Ian Stewart.

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. 557-i] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education for Sustainable
   Development Sub-Committee of the Environmental Audit Committee [Learning the
   Sustainability Lesson]; to be printed [No. 472-iii] [Mr John Horam].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Follow-up
   to Inquiry into ‘The Government’s Drugs Policy: Is It Working?’]; to be printed [No. 559]
   [Mr Chris Mullin].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Second Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs
   Committee [Government’s Response to the Third Report from the Committee, on the
   Police (Northern Ireland) Bill]; to be printed [No. 555] [Mr Michael Mates].

5 Liaison,—First Report from the Liaison Committee [Annual Report for 2002]; together with
   Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to
   the Report [No. 558] [Mr Alan Williams].

6 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee
   [Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Electricity (Trading and Transmission) Bill]; to be
   printed [No. 468-v] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 67; WH, No. 42.]
Thursday 20th March 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Convention on the Future of Europe).—A Motion was made, and the
Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Gillian Merron);
And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question
put, till Tuesday 25th March.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

1 The Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, and the Speaker having leave of absence pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker), Mr Michael Lord, the Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

PRAYERS.

2 The Second Deputy Chairman took the Chair as Deputy Speaker.

3 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents and members of the workforce in the City of London for the restoration of St Bartholomew’s as a teaching hospital and a district general hospital, and for the immediate re-opening of its accident and emergency department was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

4 Fire Services Bill,—Mr Secretary Prescott, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr Secretary Murphy, Mr Secretary Hoon, Mr Secretary Hewitt, Secretary Peter Hain, Mr Nick Raynsford and Mr Christopher Leslie, presented a Bill to confer power on the Secretary of State to set or modify the conditions of service of members of fire brigades and to give directions to fire authorities: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 24th March and to be printed [Bill 81].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Fire Services Bill be printed [Bill 81–EN].

5 Female Genital Mutilation Bill,—The Female Genital Mutilation Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

It being Eleven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings, pursuant to Standing Order No. 11 (Friday sittings).

6 Equine Welfare (Ragwort Control) Bill,—The Equine Welfare (Ragwort Control) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

7 Endangered Species (Illegal Trade) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Endangered Species (Illegal Trade) Bill;

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

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

Bill withdrawn.

8 Greenbelt Protection Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Greenbelt Protection Bill;

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

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 13th June.

9 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th March.

10 Government Powers (Limitations) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government Powers (Limitations) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 28th March.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till one minute to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 24th March.

[Adjourned at 2.59 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 788), dated 14th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

4 Air Force (Constitution),—Amendment to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

5 Northern Ireland,—Report and Resource Accounts of the Department for Employment and Learning for 2001-02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 24] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

International Development,—Memorandum laid before the International Development Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Preparing for the humanitarian consequences of possible military action against Iraq]; to be printed [No. 560] [Tony Baldry].
Monday 24th March 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

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

Voting Age (Reduction to 16) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to reduce to 16 the voting age in parliamentary and other elections; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to confer further powers upon local authorities in London and upon Transport for London, and for related purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Draft Corruption Bill (Joint Committee).—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of seven Lords to join with the Committee appointed by the Commons to consider and report on any draft Corruption Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown;

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

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

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;

That the Committee have power 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 the House;

And that the Committee do report not later than four months after the presentation of any such draft Bill,

And they propose that the Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the Commons today at half-past Four o'clock in Committee Room 3A.

2 Draft Corruption Bill.—Ordered, That so much of the Lords Message of this day as relates to the Joint Committee on any draft Corruption Bill be now considered.

So much of the Lords Message considered accordingly.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed by this House do meet the Lords Committee as proposed by their Lordships.

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

3 London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill [Lords].—The London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

4 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill be printed [Bill 25–EN].

5 Licensing Bill [Lords].—The Licensing Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

6 Licensing Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [26th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That the following provisions shall apply to the Licensing Bill [Lords]:

Committal

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

Proceedings in Standing Committee

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 20th May 2003.

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

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced.

6. Sessioonal Order B (programming committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—(Mr Jim Murphy);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Nick Ainger: 304.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Hugh Robertson: 84.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Licensing Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Licensing 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 Licensing 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 in consequence of any provision of the Act; and

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

8 Local Government Finance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 115) (House of Commons Paper No. 449) on Special Grants for Local Authorities, a copy of which was laid before this House on 26th February, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

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 Vehicle and Operator Services Agency Trading Fund Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 3rd March, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

10 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 Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency Trading Fund Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—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 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Consequential and Incidental Provisions) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 28th February, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—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. 111) (House of Commons Paper No. 421) on the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, which was laid before this House on 27th February, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

13 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 (Electronic Communications) (England) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—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 Child Benefit and Guardian’s Allowance (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 5th March, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—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. 114) (House of Commons Paper No. 477) on the Social Services (High Performers) Grant for 2003–04, which was laid before this House on 6th March, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

16 Climate Change Levy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Climate Change Levy (Combined Heat and Power Stations) Prescribed Conditions and Efficiency Percentages (Amendment) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 11th March, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

17 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 (Powers of Seizure) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 24th February, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

18 Takeover Bids.—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. 12846/02, draft Directive on Takeover Bids, and the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from the Department of Trade and Industry dated 4th March 2003 on the Council Presidency Compromise Proposal of 14th February 2003; welcomes the draft Directive as an important step forward in seeking to complete the European Union Financial Services Action Plan; and supports the Government’s initial approach to negotiations in seeking to achieve a common framework for the treatment of shareholders and encouraging a single market for corporate control—(Mr Jim Murphy):—It was agreed to.

19 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from people of the Malmesbury and North Wiltshire communities against the closure of Malmesbury Hospital was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

20 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Jim Murphy)

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 Immigration,—Draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) Rules 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Consumer Protection,—Cosmetic Products (Safety) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 835), dated 20th March 2003 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

4 Northern Ireland Departments,—Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 163), dated 5th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

5 Social Security,—Income-related Benefits and Jobseeker’s Allowance (Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 770), dated 19th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Other Papers:

6 Corruption,—Draft Corruption Bill, together with Explanatory Notes [by Command] [Cm. 5777] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

7 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) A Safer Place to Work: Protecting NHS Hospital and Ambulance Staff from Violence and Aggression,

(2) Developing Effective Services for Older People, and

(3) Financial Auditing and Reporting: General Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for 2001–02 [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 527, 518 and 517] [Clerk of the House].
8 Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund,—Report by the Government Actuary on the valuation of the Parliamentary Contributory Pension Fund as at 1st April 2002 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 445] [Clerk of the House].

9 Police,—Police (Revocation of Secretary of State’s Objectives) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 830), dated 24th February 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petitions [27th February] from—
   (1) readers of the Salford Advertiser and the Prestwich Advertiser and others for restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks, and
   (2) residents of Heywood and Middleton and surrounding areas for restrictions on the use of fireworks
   [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

11 Immigration,—Draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) Rules 2003 [laid 18th March].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Chris Bryant, Mr Fabian Hamilton and Mr Bob Laxton from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mr John MacDougall and Lawrie Quinn.

2 Draft General and Specialist Medical Practice (Education, Training and Qualifications) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr George Howarth from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Joan Walley.

3 Draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) Rules 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr John Reid from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Rules); and nominated in substitution Mr Alan Reid.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: Pupil Achievement]; to be printed [No. 513-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 International Development,—(1) Second Special Report from the International Development Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, on Preparing for the Humanitarian consequences of possible military action against Iraq]; to be printed [No. 561];
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 19th March [Trade and Development: Aspects of the Doha Agenda]; to be printed [No. 400-v]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 20th March [Trade and Development: Aspects of the Doha Agenda]; to be printed [Nos. 400-vi and -vii] [Tony Baldry].

3 Public Accounts,—(1) Twelfth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Tackling Pensioner Poverty: encouraging take-up of entitlements]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 565].
   (2) Thirteenth Report from the Committee [Ministry of Defence: Progress in Reducing Stocks]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 566]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [PFI Construction Performance]; to be printed [No. 567-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Public Service Targets]; to be printed [No. 62-x] [Tony Wright].
Tuesday 25th March 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) Bill.—Mr Eric Illsley reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) 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. 569].

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr George Stevenson reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft General and Specialist Medical Practice (Education, Training and Qualifications) Order 2003.

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 Health (Wales) Bill, without Amendment.

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.

4 Company Directors (Health and Safety).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require companies to appoint a director as the health and safety director; and to impose duties on this director and on other directors of companies in relation to health and safety; and for connected purposes: And that Rosa Cranston, Mr Richard Allan, Tony Baldry, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Michael Clapham, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Frank Doran, Angela Eagle, Linda Gilroy, Mr Tony Lloyd, Shona McIsaac and Lawrie Quinn do prepare and bring it in.

5 Company Directors (Health and Safety) Bill.—Ross Cranston accordingly presented a Bill to require companies to appoint a director as the health and safety director; and to impose duties on this director and on other directors of companies in relation to health and safety; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 13th June and to be printed [Bill 82].

6 Extradition Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—Ordered, That the Programme Order of 9th December 2002 in relation to the Extradition Bill be amended by the substitution for paragraphs 4 and 5 of the following:

(4) Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion four and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on a Programme Motion varying this Order which is moved on the day on which the proceedings on consideration are commenced.

(5) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion six and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on such a Programme Motion.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth.)

7 Extradition Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Extradition Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Bail: Scotland)—(Mr Bob Ainsworth)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Passage of time)—(Mr Bob Ainsworth)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Undertaking in relation to person serving sentence)—(Mr Bob Ainsworth)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Extradition following deferral for competing claim)—(Mr Bob Ainsworth)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Person charged with offence in United Kingdom)—(Mr Bob Ainsworth)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Person serving sentence in United Kingdom)—(Mr Bob Ainsworth)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Service policemen)—(Mr Bob Ainsworth)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.
Another Clause (Appeal against grant of bail)—(Mr Bob Ainsworth)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Remand to local authority accommodation)—(Mr Bob Ainsworth)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Terrorism)—(Mr Nick Hawkins)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Remand to local authority accommodation)—(Mr Bob Ainsworth)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Terrorism)—(Mr Nick Hawkins)—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 Mark Hoban, Mr Robert Sym: 180.

Tellers for the Noes, Gillian Merron, Mr Nick Ainger: 302.

Another Clause (Injustice and oppression)—(Mr John Burnett)—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, Annette Brooke: 192.

Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr Nick Ainger: 302.

And it being more than four and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Programme Motion varying the provisions of the Programme Order [9th December], the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Questions on Amendments selected by the Speaker for separate Division.

Amendment (No. 20) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 17, at the end, to insert the words—

'(c) The statement referred to in subsections (3) and (5) shall conform with the provisions of the model warrant annexed to the framework decision.'—(Mr Nick Hawkins.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Dan Norris: 297.

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 30, line 34, to leave out the words ‘falls within the European framework list’ and insert the words ‘constitutes terrorism’, instead thereof.—(Mr Nick Hawkins.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 140.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Dan Norris: 352.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Amendments (Nos. 34 to 59, 32, 60 to 62, 33, 63, 65, 66, 14, 67 to 73, 6, 74, 7 to 10, 75 to 77, 11, 12, 78, 13, 79, 80, 88 and 81 to 87) made to the Bill.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Mr Jim Murphy: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Mark Hoban: 142.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
8 Housing.—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 (Schemes under Section 129 of the Housing Act 1988) (England) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 11th March, be approved—(Charlotte Atkins)—It was agreed to.

9 Sittings of the House,—Ordered, That—

(i) at the sittings on Tuesday 1st April, Wednesday 2nd April and Thursday 3rd April, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Messages from the Lords shall have been received;

(ii) at the sittings on Tuesday 1st April, Wednesday 2nd April and Thursday 3rd April, 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 3rd April, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until he has notified the Royal Assent to Acts agreed upon by both Houses.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

10 Transport,—Ordered, That Mr Robert Syms be discharged from the Transport Committee and Mr John Randall be added.—(Keith Hill, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.23 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Entry Level Agri-Environment Scheme (Pilot) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 838), dated 24th March 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


3 Council Tax,—Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 768), dated 18th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Legal Services Commission,—Community Legal Service (Funding) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 851), dated 25th March 2003 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

Other Papers:

5 Health Service Commissioner,—Third Report of the Health Service Ombudsman, Session 2002–03: Investigations completed—August to November 2002 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 532] [Clerk of the House].

6 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Improving Service Delivery: The Food Standards Agency,

(2) Improving Service Delivery: The Forensic Science Service,

(3) Improving Service Delivery: The Role of Executive Agencies, and

(4) Improving Service Delivery: The Veterans Agency,

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 524, 523, 525 and 522] [Clerk of the House].

7 National Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Areas of Special Scientific Interest [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 499] [Mr Secretary Murphy].
APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Privacy and Media Intrusion]; to be printed [No. 458-iv] [Mr Gerald Kaufmann].

2 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education for Sustainable Development Sub-Committee of the Environmental Audit Committee [Learning the Sustainability Lesson]; to be printed [No. 472-iv] [Mr John Horam].

3 European Scrutiny,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the European Scrutiny Committee [Report of the Convention’s Working Group X on ‘freedom, security and justice’]; to be printed [No. 554-ii] [Mr Michael Connarty].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Zimbabwe]; to be printed [No. 339-ii] [Donald Anderson].

5 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Maternity Services Sub-Committee of the Health Committee [Provision of Maternity Services]; to be printed [No. 464-ii] [Julia Drown].

6 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Anti-Social Behaviour]; to be printed [No. 568] [Mr Chris Mullin].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Fifteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xv] [Mr David Tredinnick].

8 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Childcare for Working Parents]; to be printed [No. 564-i] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 70; WH, No. 43.]

Tuesday 25th March 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4.29 p.m.

[No. 71.]

Wednesday 26th March 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Transas Group Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the second reading of the Transas Group Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 2nd April.

2 Sunday Working (Scotland) Bill,—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Sunday Working (Scotland) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 16th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 582].

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 116) (House of Commons Paper No. 494) Maintenance of Roads Grant 2003-04.

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

4 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) Rules 2003.

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

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

6 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. 10665/02, Commission Communication, entitled Towards a Thematic Strategy on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides, and supports the Government’s view that this document is a useful step towards a strategy that will help reduce risks and hazards to health and the environment from the use of pesticides.

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

7 Sustainable Energy Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Sustainable Energy Bill be printed [Bill 20–EN].

8 Disabled People (Duties of Public Authorities) Bill,—Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Disabled People (Duties of Public Authorities) Bill be printed [Bill 32–EN].

9 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 4).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the Programme Order of 10th February 2003 in relation to the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] be further varied as follows—

Consideration and Third Reading

1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading shall be concluded in two days.

3. Proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of those days as shown in the first column of the following Table and shall be taken in the order so shown.

4. Proceedings on the first day shall be brought to a conclusion six and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on that day or at the conclusion of the proceedings set down for that day, whichever is the earlier.

5. The proceedings shown in the first column of the table 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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6. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 7.00 p.m. on the second of those days—(Gillian Merron);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Joan Ryan: 277.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Wilshire: 152.

So the Question was agreed to.
10 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Independent members: declaration against terrorism)—(Mr Secretary Murphy)—brought up, and read the first and second time.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Gillian Merron: 364.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mrs Iris Robinson: 10.

Another Clause (Independent members: disqualification)—(Jane Kennedy)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Gillian Merron: 312.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Wilshire: 189.

Amendment (b) proposed to the proposed Clause, to leave out lines 20 to 27.—(Mr Quentin Davies.)

Question put, That the Amendment to the proposed Clause be made.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Wilshire: 187.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Gillian Merron: 321.

Clause added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Belfast (No. 2))—(Jane Kennedy)—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 Ivor Caplin, Dan Norris: 299.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Mark Francois: 126.

Clause added to the Bill.

A Schedule (Belfast No. 2)—(Jane Kennedy)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Schedule be read a second time.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Dan Norris: 289.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Iris Robinson, Mr Gregory Campbell: 61.

Schedule added to the Bill.

An Amendment (No. 48) was proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 12, to leave out Clause No. 13.—(Mr David Trimble.)

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

Bill to be further considered to-morrow, pursuant to Orders [10th February and this day].

11 Sittings in Westminster Hall.—Ordered, That, on Wednesday 9th April, the sitting in Westminster Hall shall begin at half-past Nine o’clock and conclude at half-past Eleven o’clock.—(Mr John Heppell.)

12 Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That, notwithstanding paragraph (5) of the Order of the House of 29th October 2002 (New provision for earlier sittings on Wednesdays, and for Thursdays and Fridays), the House shall sit at Friday 11th April.—(Mr John Heppell.)

13 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Northern Ireland against the decision to stand down the Band of the Police Service of Northern Ireland,

(2) Ms M Patel and others against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions,

(3) Asif Moledina and others against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions,

(4) Bill Sharp and others against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions,

(5) residents of the North West of England for a referendum on an elected regional government for the North West, and
(6) residents of the villages of Invergowrie, Longforgan, Kingoodie and surrounding areas of East Perthshire against the Government's acceptance of the Office of Fair Trading's recommendations on community pharmacies 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 John Heppell.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till a quarter to Nine o'clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 8.45 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Place of Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 862), and


Other Papers:

4 Civil Enforcement,—Paper, entitled Effective Enforcement: Improved methods of recovery for civil court debt and commercial rent and a single regulatory regime for warrant enforcement agents [by Command] [Cm. 5744] [Yvette Cooper].

5 Home Affairs,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2002–03, on the Criminal Justice Bill [by Command] [Cm. 5787] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

6 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [12th March] from residents of Wilmslow, Alderley Edge and the surrounding area for the maintenance of a direct rail service between Wilmslow and London [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

7 Treaty Series (No. 13, 2003).—Agreement, done at The Hague on 15th August 1996, on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds [by Command] [Cm. 5784] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Waste and Emissions Trading Bill [Lords]:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Norman Baker, Gregory Barker, Jim Dobbin, Sue Doughty, Mr David Drew, Mr Dai Havard, Mr John Hayes, Mr David Kidney, Dr Ashok Kumar, Mr Michael Meacher, Hugh Robertson, Mr Jonathan Sayer, Gareth Thomas, Paddy Tipping, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

2 Waste Emissions Trading Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nick Ainger, Norman Baker, Mr John Hayes, Mr Michael Meacher, Hugh Robertson, Gareth Thomas (Clywd West) and Dr Alan Whitehead members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

3 Aviation (Offences) 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, Lady Hermon, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mr David Jameson, Mr Kevan Jones, Ann Keen, Rosemary McKenna, Patrick Mercer, Laura Moffatt, Margaret Moran, Sandra Osborne, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Frank Roy, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr Robert Syms and Mr Dave Watts.
4 Fireworks 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 Barrett, Derek Conway, Ross Cranston, Jim Dobbin, Huw Irranca-Davies, Miss Melanie Johnson, Ms Oona King, Shona McIsaac, Mr John Randall, Mr Andrew Robathan, John Robertson, Andrew Selous, Mr Paul Truswell, Mr Bill Tynan, Mr Tom Watson and Mr Michael Weir.

5 Legal Deposit Libraries 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 Allan, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Chris Bryant, Mr Michael Fallon, Alan Howarth, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Robert Jackson, Mr Andrew Lansley, Martin Linton, Chris Mole, Mr Malcolm Moss, Linda Perham, Christine Russell, Mr Simon Thomas, Mr Mark Todd and Derek Wyatt.

6 Licensing Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mr Joe Benton Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr David Crausby, Mr Mark Field, Jane Griffiths, Mr John Grogan, Nick Harvey, Mr Mark Hoban, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Fraser Kemp, Jim Knight, Martin Linton, Mr Malcolm Moss, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Graham Stringer and Mr Andrew Turner.

7 Licensing Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Nick Harvey, Mr Mark Hoban, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Fraser Kemp, Kevan Jones, Martin Linton, and Mr Malcolm Moss members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

8 Draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr George Stevenson Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Desmond Browne, Richard Burden, Mr David Clelland, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mr Adrian Flook, Lady Hermon, Mr George Howarth, Shona McIsaac, Gillian Merron, Lembit Öpik, Mr Ken Purchase, John Robertson, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Mr John Taylor, Joan Walley and Mr David Wilshire.

9 Draft Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Variation of Specified Documents) Regulations 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Gillian Merron and Sion Simon from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations), and nominated in substitution Mr Stephen Byers and Mr Phil Woolas.

10 Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service: draft Code of Practice on Time Off for Trade Union Duties and Activities:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Code to the Sixth 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: Mr John Battle, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Michael Foster, Mr Ivan Lewis, Ann McKechin, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Albert Owen, Dr John Pugh, Mr John Redwood, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mark Tami, Derek Twigg, Mr Phil Willis, Mr Mike Wood and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

11 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order 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: Mr Kevin Barron, Mrs Helen Clark, Mr Wayne David, Lady Hermon, Alan Howarth, Jane Kennedy, Mr David Lepper, Gillian Merron, Lembit Öpik, Sandra Osborne, Mr John Randall, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Ian Taylor, Mr John Taylor, Gareth Thomas and Mr David Wilshire.

12 Draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) Rules 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Rules to the Eighth 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: David Cairns, Mr Alan Campbell, Yvette Cooper, Mr Terry Davis, Jeff Ennis, Michael Fabricant, Mr Mark Field, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr David Heath, Mr Fraser Kemp, Laura Moffatt, Mr Andy Reed, Mr Alan Reid, Angela Watkinson, Mr Tom Watson and Brian White.


European Standing Committees

14 European Union Document No. 6090/03, relating to official feed and food controls, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

15 The European Scrutiny Committee has withdrawn its recommendation [15th January] that European Union Documents Nos. 15245/01 and 15246/02, both relating to fisheries catches, quotas and effort limitation 2003, be further considered, and the documents no longer stand referred to European Standing Committee A.

Programming Committees

16 Criminal Justice Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Hilary Benn, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr David Heath, Mr John Heppell, Mr David Kidney and Ms Dari Taylor members of the Programming Committee in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill.

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. 557-ii] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills.—(1) Third Report from the Education and Skills Committee [A Level Standards], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 153]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [A Level Standards] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [The World Summit on Sustainable Development: From Rhetoric to Reality]; to be printed [No. 98-v] [Mr John Horam].

4 European Scrutiny.—(1) Sixteenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63-xv], and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Report of the Convention’s Working Group X on ‘freedom, security and justice’]; to be printed [No. 554-iii] [Mr Michael Connarty].

5 Northern Ireland Affairs.—(1) Third Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Government’s Response to the Second Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, Annual Report 2002]; to be printed [No. 583]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Illegal Drugs Trade and Drugs Culture in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 353-iv] [Mr Michael Mates].

6 Procedure.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Procedures for Debates and Private Members’ Bills and the Powers of the Speaker]; to be printed [No. 333-v] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].

7 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Regulation of weights and measures]; to be printed [No. 581-ii] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Science and Technology.—(1) Fourth Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Towards a Non-Carbon Fuel Economy: Research, Development and Demonstration]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 55];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Implications for Science of the Higher Education White Paper]; to be printed [No. 416-i]; and
(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Towards a Non-Carbon Fuel Economy: Research, Development and Demonstration]
[Dr Ian Gibson].

9 Scottish Affairs,—Second Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Homeworkers in Scotland and the Minimum Wage]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 335] [Mrs Irene Adams].

10 Transport,—(1) Third Report from the Transport Committee [Jam Tomorrow?: The Multi Modal Study Investment Plans], 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. 38-1 and II]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Aviation]; to be printed [No. 454-ii]
[Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Welsh Affairs,—(1) Second Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Transport in Wales: Response of the Government to the Second Report of the Committee, Session 2002-03]; to be printed [No. 580]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Empowering Children and Young People in Wales]; to be printed [No. 433-iv]
[Mr Martyn Jones].

12 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Childcare for Working Parents]; to be printed [No. 564-ii] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 71; WH, No. 44.]

Wednesday 26th March 2003.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
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),
And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o'clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]

[No. 72.]

Thursday 27th March 2003.
The House met at half-past Eleven 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 Representation of the People (Northern Ireland) (Variation of Specified Documents) Regulations 2003.
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

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:
Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill,—The Lords do not insist on one of their Amendments to the Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill to which this House has disagreed but propose Amendments in lieu thereof, to which they desire the agreement of this House; they agree to an Amendment made by this House to a Lords Amendment, with a further Amendment to the Lords Amendment, to which they desire the agreement of this House; they agree without Amendment to another Amendment made by this House to a Lords Amendment; and they do not insist on the remaining Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed.
4 Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill,—Lords Amendments in lieu of an Amendment to the Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill to which the Commons have disagreed, and a further Lords Amendment to a Lords Amendment to which the Commons have agreed with an Amendment, to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 84].

5 Local Communities Sustainability Bill,—The Order for reading the Local Communities Sustainability Bill a second time to-morrow was read and discharged.

   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 13th June.

6 Anti-social Behaviour Bill,—Mr Secretary Blunkett, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Straw, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Mr Secretary Clarke and Mr Bob Ainsworth, presented a Bill to make provision in connection with anti-social behaviour: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 83].

   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Anti-social Behaviour Bill be printed [Bill 83–EN].

7 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] [2nd allotted day],—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

   Another Amendment (No. 60) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 1, to leave out Clause No. 23.—(Lady Hermon.)

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

   Another Amendment (No. 61) proposed to the Bill, in page 16, line 9, at the end, to insert the words—

   ‘(d) the information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime or the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.’—(Lady Hermon.)

   Question put, That the Amendment be made.

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Laurence Robertson: 147.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Phil Woolas, Gillian Merron: 241.

   Amendments (Nos. 30 to 32, 9 to 14, 3 to 7 and 18 to 29) made to the Bill.

   Another Amendment (No. 86) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 25, to leave out Clause No. 11.—(Mr John Taylor.)

   Question put, That the Amendment be made.

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Hugh Robertson: 117.

   Tellers for the Noes, Gillian Merron, Derek Twigg: 275.

   Another Amendment (No. 45) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 8, to leave out the words ‘he has’ and insert the words ‘the Board and the Secretary of State have’, instead thereof.—(Lady Hermon.)

   Question put, That the Amendment be made.

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, David Burnside, Mr Roy Beggs: 7.

   Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Mr Phil Woolas: 266.

   Another Clause (Appointment of constables with special policing skills)—(Jane Kennedy) brought up, and read the first and second time.

   Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Jim Fitzpatrick: 258.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Iris Robinson, Mr Gregory Campbell: 6.

   Another Clause (Appointments to the Police Service of Northern Ireland)—(Mr Roy Beggs)—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, Hugh Robertson: 139.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Jim Fitzpatrick: 229.

Another Clause (Members of PSNI engaged on other police service)—(Angela Smith)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 15 to 17) made to the Bill.

It being Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [yesterday], put the Questions necessary to dispose of the remaining Amendments and new Clause moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Another Clause (Codes of practice)—(Jane Kennedy)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 36, 1, 2, 33 to 35 and 37) made to the Bill.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Jim Fitzpatrick: 216.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Laurence Robertson: 98.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

8 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of the Bolton South East constituency against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions;

(2) residents of the Epsom and Ewell area against inequalities in police pay between London and Surrey and for an end to under-funding of police in Surrey;

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

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.41 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Other Papers:

2 Legal Aid, Advice and Assistance,—Account of the Legal Aid Fund (Northern Ireland) for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 575] [Clerk of the House].

3 Local Government Finance,—Accounts of the Pooling of Non-Domestic Rates and Redistribution to Local Authorities in England for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 577] [Clerk of the House].

4 National Heritage (Scotland),—Accounts of the National Library of Scotland for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 572] [Clerk of the House].

5 National Lottery,—(1) Accounts of the National Lottery Distribution Fund for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 573] [Clerk of the House]; and
(2) Report and Financial Statements of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland Lottery Fund for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].


7 Police (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Independent Commission for Police Complaints for Northern Ireland for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 574] [Clerk of the House].

8 Probation Board (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the Probation Board for Northern Ireland for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 576] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Waste and Emissions Trading Bill [Lords],—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess an additional Chairman of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Aviation (Offences) Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft Department of Transport (Fees) Amendment Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mrs Marion Roe.

4 Education (Objections to Admission Arrangements) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I., 2002, No. 2901) and Education Act 2002 (Modifications of Provisions) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002, No. 2953),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Huw Edwards, Estelle Morris, Mark Tami and Mr Phil Willis from the Seventeenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Roger Casale, Mr George Howarth, Mr Peter Kilfoyle and Norman Lamb.

European Standing Committees

5 The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document No. 12228/02 on the Scrutiny of Energy Supply.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [The Victoria Climbé Inquiry], to be printed [No. 570-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Lord Chancellor’s Department,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department [Courts Bill]; to be printed [No. 526-iii]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The role of the Lord Chancellor]; to be printed [No. 584-i] [Mr A. J. Besth].

[No. 72; WH, No. 45.]

Thursday 27th March 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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


And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 1st April.

[Adjourned at 6.36 p.m.]
28th March 2003

[No. 73.]

Friday 28th March 2003.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, and the Speaker having leave of absence pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker), 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 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

   (1) users of St Ives Pharmacy, Ashley Heath, Ringwood, and other residents against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions; and

   (2) users of local pharmacies in the Christchurch community against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions

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

4 Sustainable Energy Bill,—The Sustainable Energy Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

5 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill,—The Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

6 High Hedges (No. 2) Bill,—The High Hedges (No. 2) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

7 Disabled People (Duties of Public Authorities) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Disabled People (Duties of Public Authorities) 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 16th May.

8 Government Powers (Limitations) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government Powers (Limitations) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 4th April.

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

   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 31st March.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Criminal Law,—Prosecution of Offences (Youth Courts Time Limits) (Revocation and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 917), dated 26th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Slough) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 898), dated 27th March 2003 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

3 Animal Health,—Contingency Plan by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on Foot and Mouth Disease [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Coal Industry,—Report of the Office of the Subsidence Adviser for 2001–02 [by Statutory Instrument] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
5 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed transfers between Gannett UK Limited and SMG plc [by Command] [Cm. 5782] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

6 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [4th March] from Ms Tracy Trevillion, Mrs Dorothy Best and others against removal of controls on the opening of pharmacies [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House]

7 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 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

8 Treaty Series (No. 14, 2003),—Exchange of Notes, done at Freetown on 6th December 2001 and Conakry on 9th April 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Guinea concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Guinea Debt Agreement No. 7 (2001)) [by Command] [Cm. 5786] [Mr Secretary Straw].
PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Anne Begg reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 2003. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—Ordered, That the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill be read a second time on Friday 4th April.

3 Railways and Transport Safety Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Railways and Transport Safety Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Annual Report)—(Mr David Jamieson)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Conditions of service: Transport Police Conference)—(Mr John Spellar)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Interpretation: enactment)—(Mr John Spellar)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Part 4: Crown application, &c.)—(Mr David Jamieson)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Prescribed limits)—(Mr Don Foster)—brought up, 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: 32.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr John Heppell: 282.

Another Clause (Rail freight facilities grants and track access grants)—(Miss Anne McIntosh)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Hugh Robertson: 155.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr John Heppell: 282.

Another Clause (Annual report on road safety statistics)—(Miss Anne McIntosh)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 159.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr John Heppell: 281.

Another Clause (Reimbursements of costs)—(Miss Anne McIntosh)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 158.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr John Heppell: 276.

It being after Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [28th January], put forthwith the Question necessary to dispose of the Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown.

Amendments (Nos. 11 to 20, 27 to 30, 31 and 22 to 26) made 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 put:—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

4 Sustainable Use of Pesticides.—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. 10665/02, Commission Communication, entitled Towards a Thematic Strategy on the Sustainable Use of Pesticides; and supports the Government’s view that this document is a useful step towards a strategy that will help reduce risks and hazards to health and the environment from the use of pesticides—(Joan Ryan):—It was agreed to.

5 Health Care and Associated 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 General and Specialist Medical Practice (Education, Training and Qualifications) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 3rd March, be approved—(Joan Ryan):—It was agreed to.

6 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Mr Ramanlal Patel and others for the maintenance of the present framework of pharmacy provision was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Joan Ryan.)

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

[Adjourned at 10 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 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 538] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Police,—Police Service of Northern Ireland (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 184), dated 20th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

4 Social Security,—Social Security (Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit) (Consequential Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 937), dated 28th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Other Papers:

5 Access to Justice,—Legal Services Commission Funding Code Procedures Amendments 2003 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

6 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 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

7 Government Trading Funds,—Treasury Minute, dated 31st March, establishing a further financial objective for the Meteorological Office Trading Fund [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

8 Housing,—Housing Bill: Consultation on draft legislation [by Command] [Cm. 5793] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

9 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Community Fund: Review of grants made to the National Coalition of Anti-Deportation Campaigns [by Act]; to be printed [No. 519] [Clerk of the House].
Northern Ireland.—Summary of Health, Personal Social Services and Special Agencies Accounts for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 466] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers withdrawn:

Northern Ireland.—Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2003 [laid 4th March].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Hawkins, Fiona Mactaggart, Mr Gordon Prentice and Mr Graham Stringer from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Colin Challen, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr Mark Lazarowicz and Mr Neil Turner.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Broadband in Rural Areas Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Broadband in Rural Areas]; to be printed [No. 587-i] [Mr David Borrow].

2 Public Accounts.—(1) Fourteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Royal Mint Trading Fund: 2001–02 Accounts]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 588];

(2) Fifteenth Report from the Committee [OPRA: Tackling the risks to pension scheme members]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 589]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Improving social housing through transfer]; to be printed [No. 590-i]

[Mr Edward Leigh].

3 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Empowering Children and Young People in Wales]; to be printed [No. 433-v] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 75.]

Tuesday 1st April 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—Ordered, That the Mersey Tunnels Bill be considered on Tuesday 8th April.

2 Regulatory Reform.—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the draft Regulatory Reform (Sugar Beet Research and Education) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 17th March, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr George Stevenson reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.

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

4 Criminal Justice Bill.—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Programming Committee, That it had come to a Resolution in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill, which it had directed him to report to the House:

That, pursuant to the Programme Order of 4th December relating to the Criminal Justice Bill (as amended by the Orders of 4th February and 5th March):
(1) Proceedings on consideration shall be taken on each of the three days allowed by the Order as shown in the second column of the following Table, and shall be taken in the order so shown.

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Report to lie upon the Table.

5 Emergency Broadcasting System.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the Secretary of State to co-ordinate the provision of a multi-media broadcasting system to provide information to the public about emergencies and potential emergencies. And that Tom Brake, Simon Hughes, Mr Don Foster, Mr Paul Keetch, Vera Baird, Michael Fabricant, Mr Richard Allan, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr David Heath and Mr Edward Davey do prepare and bring it in.

6 Emergency Broadcasting System Bill.—Tom Brake accordingly presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to co-ordinate the provision of a multi-media broadcasting system to provide information to the public about emergencies and potential emergencies. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 4th July and to be printed [Bill 85].
7 Crime (International Co-operation) Bill [Lords].—The Crime (International Co-operation) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

8 Crime (International Co-operation) Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Crime (International Co-operation) Bill [Lords]:

**Committal**

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

**Proceedings in Standing Committee**

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 22nd May 2003.

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

**Consideration and Third Reading**

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

6. Sessional Order B (programming committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

**Other proceedings**

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on any message from the Lords) may be programmed—(Mr John Heppell),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Jim Murphy: 320.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Mark Francois: 170.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message [27th March] relating to the Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2B to 2E in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 2 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 26B to Lords Amendment No. 26, as amended by the Commons, 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. 116) (House of Commons Paper No. 494) on Maintenance of Roads Grant 2003–04, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th March, 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 (Northern Ireland) (Variation of Specified Documents) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 19th March, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick).—It was agreed to.

12 Immigration.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Special Immigration Appeals Commission (Procedure) Rules 2003, which were laid before this House on 24th March, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick).—It was agreed to.

13 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 2003, which was laid before this House on 12th March, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick).—It was agreed to.

14 National Health Service.—Ordered, That the Health Protection Agency (Yr Asiantaeth Diogelu Iechyd) (Establishment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 505) and Health Protection Agency (Yr Asiantaeth Diogelu Iechyd) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 506), be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)
15 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 Monday 14th April, do adjourn till Monday 28th April—(Jim Fitzpatrick).—

It was agreed to.

16 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Huntingdon, Brampton and Kimbolton against unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions;

(2) constituents of central Angus against the ending of restrictions on the opening of pharmacies;

(3) residents of Coventry against unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions; and

(4) residents of Brandon, Suffolk, and others against unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Ivor Caplin);

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

18 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 Civil Aviation,—Air Navigation (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 777), dated 20th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Copyright,—Copyright (Application to Other Countries) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 774), dated 20th March 2003 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


5 Rights in Performances,—Performances (Reciprocal Protection) (Convention Countries and Isle of Man) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 773), dated 20th March 2003 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

6 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the Fourth Report of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2002-03, on Tourism: ‘The Structure and Strategy for Supporting Tourism’ [by Command] [Cm. 5790] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 Development of Tourism,—(1) Statement of appointment and salary of Sir Michael Lickiss as Chairman of the British Tourist Authority; and

(2) Statement of appointment and salary of Hugh Taylor as Chairman of the English Tourist Board [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

8 Health and Social Care,—The Government’s Annual Report on Learning Disabilities for 2003 [by Act]: to be printed [Nos. 514-I and -II] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

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

(1) Fisheries Enforcement in England, and

(2) Modernising procurement in the Prison Service [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 563 and 562] [Clerk of the House].

10 Police Reform,—Code of Practice on Independent Custody Visiting [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blanket].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Farm Waste Grant (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) (England) Scheme 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 562),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Hayes and Mr Andrew Tyrie from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Scheme); and nominated in substitution Mr David Curry and Mr James Gray.

2 Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Amendment Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen Byers, Gillian Merron and Mr Clive Soley from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mrs Janet Dean, Mr Jim Murphy and Mr Síon Simon.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Privacy and Media Intrusion]; to be printed [No. 458-v] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Delivery of Education in Rural Areas Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Delivery of Education in Rural Areas]; to be printed [No. 467-i] [Diana Organ].

3 Foreign Affairs,—(1) 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. 467-i]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Developments in the European Union]; to be printed [No. 607-i] [Donald Anderson].

4 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Maternity Services Sub-Committee of the Health Committee [Provision of Maternity Services]; to be printed [No. 464-iv] [Julia Drown].

5 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 [Reducing Regional Disparities in Prosperity]; to be printed [No. 492-iii] [Andrew Bennett].

6 Regulatory Reform,—Eleventh Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [Draft 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. 591] [Mr Peter Pike].

7 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Work of the Disability Rights Commission in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 608-i] [Mrs Irene Adams].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Sixteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xvi] [Mr David Tredinnick].

9 Trade and Industry,—(1) Fifth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [The British Electricity Trading and Transmission Arrangements: pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Electricity (Trading and Transmission) Bill], together with Appendices to the Report; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 468]; and

   (2) Sixth Report from the Committee [White Paper on Modernising Company Law], together with Appendices to the Report; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 439] [Mr Martin O‘Neill].

10 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Crisis on the Central Line]; to be printed [No. 592-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o'clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]

[No. 76.]

Wednesday 2nd April 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Transas Group Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Transas Group Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 9th April.

2 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:

London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

3 Aviation (Offences) Bill,—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Aviation (Offences) Bill, and directed her to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 16th May.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 617].

4 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service draft Code of Practice on Time Off for Trade Union Duties and Activities.

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

5 Local Government (Independent Funding Commission),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish an Independent Funding Commission to have responsibility for allocating grants and funds to local authorities in England and Wales and replacing the standard spending assessment powers of Ministers; and for connected purposes: And that Tony Baldry, Mr John Bercow, Mr David Cameron, Mr Boris Johnson, Mr Robert Jackson, Richard Ottaway and Mr Ian Taylor do prepare and bring it in.

6 Local Government (Independent Funding Commission) Bill,—Tony Baldry accordingly presented a Bill to establish an Independent Funding Commission to have responsibility for allocating grants and funds to local authorities in England and Wales and replacing the standard spending assessment powers of Ministers; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 86].

7 Criminal Justice Bill (Programme) (No. 4),—Ordered, That, in accordance with the Resolution of the Programming Committee of 1st April and pursuant to the Programme Order of 4th December 2002 relating to the Criminal Justice Bill, as amended by the Orders of 4th February and 5th March:

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8 Criminal Justice Bill [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Criminal Justice Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 52) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 30, to leave out Clause No. 5.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Mark Francois: 163.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Jim Murphy: 285.

Another Amendment (No. 166) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 36, to leave out Clause No. 6.—(Mr David Heath.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Richard Younger-Ross, Annette Brooke: 166.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Dan Norris: 291.

Amendments (Nos. 104 to 108) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 124) proposed to the Bill, in page 164, line 18, to leave out from the words ‘section 38(1)’ to end of line 19 and insert the words—

‘(a) before “the normal powers”, there is inserted “Subject to subsection (1CA) below,”,

(b) after “section”, in the first place where it occurs, there is inserted “37(7)(a).”,
instead thereof.—(Mr Chris Mullin.)

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

It being two and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Criminal Justice Bill (Programme) (No. 4), the Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be decided at that hour, pursuant to Order [this day].

Other Amendments (Nos. 71 and 94) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 146) proposed to the Bill, in page 60, line 6, to leave out the word 'admissible' and insert the words 'not to be admitted', instead thereof.—(Simon Hughes.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being three and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Criminal Justice Bill (Programme) (No. 4), the Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Annette Brooke, Richard Younger-Ross: 182.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Charlotte Atkins: 297.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on an Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate Division.

Another Amendment (No. 121) proposed to the Bill, in page 65, line 42, to leave out Clause No. 106.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Mark Francois: 183.

Tellers for the Noes, Gillian Merron, Derek Twigg: 296.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be decided at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 97, 98, 139, 99 and 100) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 29) proposed to the Bill, in page 54, line 11, to leave out Clause No. 85.—(Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Annette Brooke, Mr Alan Reid: 68.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Dan Norris: 290.

It being more than six and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Criminal Justice Bill (Programme) (No. 4), the Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Questions on Amendments selected by the Speaker for separate Division.

Another Amendment (No. 133) proposed to the Bill, in page 54, line 19, to leave out paragraph (d).—(Vera Baird.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Neil Gerrard, Julie Morgan: 201.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Dan Norris: 266.
Another Amendment (No. 23) proposed to the Bill, in page 54, line 30, to leave out from the third word ‘the’ to the word ‘that’ in line 32 and insert the words ‘potential probative value of such evidence is so outweighed by its prejudicial effect’, instead thereof.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Francois, Angela Watkinson: 171.

Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr Fraser Kemp: 284.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be decided at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 134A, 95, 135, 136, 96, 137, 138, 101 and 102) made to the Bill.

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

9 Business of the House,—Ordered, That at the sitting on Thursday 3rd April, 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, or until Six o’clock, whichever is the later, and shall then lapse.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

10 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

1 Mr Robert Smith and others against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions,

2 Mrs Susan Al-Shaar and others against the war on Iraq,

3 ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products,

4 residents of Abercromby, Aigburth, Arundel, Dingle, Everton, Granby, Smithdown and Vauxhall against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions,

5 residents of Brechin and district against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions,

6 pharmacists and their customers in the Brighton and Hove area against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions, and

7 pharmacists and their customers in the Epsom and Ewell area against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

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 Church of England (General Synod) (Measures),—Measure passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, entitled Clergy Discipline Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 613] [Clerk of the House].

2 Government Resources and Accounts,—Draft Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Health Service Bodies) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ruth Kelly].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Government Resources and Accounts,—Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Summarised Accounts of Special Health Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 983), dated 1st April 2003 [by Acl] [Ruth Kelly].
4 Representation of the People,—(1) Election Petition (Amendment) Rules 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 972), and
dated 24th March 2003 [by Act] [Yvette Cooper].

5 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 15th October 2002, made by the
   University of Oxford, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr Ben
   Bradshaw].

Other Papers:

6 Churchof England (General Synod) (Measures),—Report by the Ecclesiastical Committee
   on the Clergy Discipline Measure [by Act]; to be printed [No. 612] [Clerk of the House].

7 Government Resources and Accounts (Northern Ireland),—General Report by the
   Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland, on Financial Auditing and
   Reporting: 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 551] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

8 Miscellaneous (No. 3, 2003),—Protocol No. 13 to the Convention for the Protection
   of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, done at Vilnius on 3rd May 2002,
   concerning the Abolition of the Death Penalty in All Circumstances, with an
   Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5795] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Waste and Emissions Trading Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg as an additional Chairman of
       Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Peter Ainsworth from the
       Committee, and nominated in substitution Mr Bill Wiggin.

2 High Hedges (No. 2) 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 Christopher Chope, Paul Clark, Mr Tony Clarke, Mr Jim Cunningham,
       Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Adrian Flook, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Ivan Henderson, Mr
       Tony McNulty, Ms Meg Munn, Mr Stephen Pound, James Purnell, Mr John Randall,
       Bob Russell, Mr Martin Salter and Richard Younger-Ross.

3 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 117) (House of Commons
   Paper No. 537) on 2003–04 Special Grant for Driving Local Authority Planning
   Performance:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the First Standing Committee on
       Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the
       Committee: Mr Kevin Barron, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Mr
       Edward Davey, Geraint Davies, Barbara Follett, Mr Roger Godsiff, Matthew Green,
       Mr Ivan Henderson, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr
       Peter Mandelson, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mrs Betty Williams and Mr Phil Woolas.

4 Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2003:
   (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 John Baron, Mr Keith Bradley, David Burnside, Mr Colin Challen, Mr
       Stephen Hepburn, Jane Kennedy, Shona McIsaac, Mr Eric Martlew, Gillian Merron,
       Dr Doug Naysmith, Lembit Opik, James Purnell, Joan Ruddock, Mr Jonathan Sayeed,
       Mr John Taylor and Mr David Wilshire.

5 Health Protection Agency (Yr Asiantaeth Diogelu Iechyd) (Establishment) Order 2003 (S.I.,
   2003, No. 505) and the Health Protection Agency (Yr Asiantaeth Diogelu Iechyd)
   (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 Peter Ainsworth, Hugh Bayley, Ms Hazel Blears, Mr Russell Brown, Mr Nigel Evans, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dr Evan Harris, Glenda Jackson, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Paul Marsden, Bridget Prentice, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Graham Stringer, Mr Robert Symns, Mr Bill Wiggin and Derek Wyatt.

6 Draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Glenda Jackson and Derek Wyatt from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr David Borrow and Ms Debra Shipley.

7 Farm Waste Grant (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) (England) Scheme 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 562).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Bob Blizzard, Geraint Davies and Mr David Drew, from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Scheme); and nominated in substitution Andy Burnham, Mr John Heppell, Rob Marris and Dr Nick Palmer.

8 Draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Amendment Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Shona McIsaac from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Roger Casale.

9 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Gillian Merron and Gareth Thomas the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Ivor Caplin and Mr Mark Todd.

European Standing Committees

10 European Union Document No. 7280/03, relating to racism and xenophobia, 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. 557-iii] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) Sixth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Rural Payments Agency], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Rural Payments Agency Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 382];

(2) Seventh Report from the Committee [Badgers and Bovine Tuberculosis], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Badgers and Bovine Tuberculosis Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 432];

(3) Fourth Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Reply to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on the Mid-Term Review of the Common Agricultural Policy]; to be printed [No. 615]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Future of Waste Management]; to be printed [No. 385-v]

[Mr David Curry].

3 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [The Energy White Paper—Empowering Change]; to be printed [No. 618-i] [Mr John Horam].

4 European Scrutiny.—(1) Seventeenth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63-xvii]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Report of the Convention’s Working Group X on ‘freedom, security and justice’]; to be printed [No. 554-iv]

[Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Lord Chancellor’s Department.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department [The role of the Lord Chancellor and his Department]; to be printed [No. 611-i]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (CAFCASS)]; to be printed [No. 614-II]

[Mr Alan Beith].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Electoral Registration in Northern Ireland] and Appendices; to be printed [No. 619-i] [Mr Michael Mates].

7 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Improving Service quality: Action in Response to the Inherited SERPS problem]; to be printed [No. 616-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Science and Technology,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Scientific Response to Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 415-ii] [Dr Ian Gibson].

9 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Aviation]; to be printed [No. 454-iv] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Work and Pensions,—(1) Third Report from the Work and Pensions Committee [The Future of UK Pensions]; together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 92];

(2) Fourth Report from the Committee [Employment for All: Interim Report], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 401]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Childcare for Working Parents]; to be printed [No. 564-iii]

[Sir Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 76; WH, No. 47.]

Wednesday 2nd April 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 5.05 p.m.

[No. 77.]

Thursday 3rd April 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—David Taylor reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2003.

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

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr George Stevenson reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Farm Waste Grant (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) (England) Scheme 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 562).

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

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Cran reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) Amendment Order 2003.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
4 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Pikerep reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs, That it had considered the matter of progress in developing the role of the Government Offices in the Regions (GOs), referred to it on 10th March.

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

The Lords agree, without Amendment, to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords]; and they agree to the remaining Amendments with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

7 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments to the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 86].

8 Road and Street Works (Notice and Compensation) Bill,—Keith Vaz, supported by David Taylor, presented a Bill to require highway authorities, street authorities and statutory undertakers to give notice to residents and businesses of road and street works; to provide for compensation if a notice is not issued; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th June and to be printed [Bill 87].

9 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Criminal Justice (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 24th March, be approved—(Dan Norris).—It was agreed to.

10 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 Six o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

11 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) readers of ‘Doctor’ magazine and others for the withdrawal of comments by the Prime Minister on 3rd July 2002 on a move away from single-handed General Practitioners; and

(2) Mrs Irene Haylock, Ashleigh Sharp, Jessica Arnold, members of the Benfleet Hard of Hearing Club and others for amendments to the Communications Bill to end exclusion of hearing-impaired persons from digital television, radio and telephone services; were 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—(Joan Ryan);

And the Motion having been made after Six 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 Seven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.33 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Draft Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Public Bodies) Order 2003, and

(2) draft Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Rights of Access of Comptroller and Auditor General) Order 2003

[by Act]; with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ruth Kelly].

2 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 120) on Grants for local authorities classed as ‘excellent’ under the comprehensive performance assessment framework [by Act]; to be printed [No. 578] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Regional Affairs.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs in respect of its meeting on Thursday 3rd April, in place of Mr Roger Gale.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 117) (House of Commons Paper No. 537) on 2003–04 Special Grant for Driving Local Authority Planning Performance.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nigel Beard Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report.

3 Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

4 Draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Kevin Barron and Mrs Helen Clark the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Jim Dowd and Mr Michael Jabez Foster.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees


2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) Memorandum laid before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Badgers and Bovine Tuberculosis];

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Radioactive Waste Disposal]; and

(3) Memorandum laid before the Committee [The Public Debate on Genetically Modified Organisms]

[Mr David Curry].

3 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [OFT Community Pharmacy Report]; to be printed [No. 571-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

4 International Development.—Third Special Report from the International Development Committee [Government Response to the First Report from the Committee, on Afghanistan: the transition from humanitarian relief to reconstruction and development assistance]; to be printed [No. 621] [Ann Clwyd].

[No. 77; WH, No. 48.]

Thursday 3rd April 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Science Education from 14 to 19: Third Report from the Science and Technology 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 Phil Woolas);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 8th April.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Nine o'clock.

1 The Speaker's Absence.—The House being met, and the Speaker having leave of absence pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker), Sir Alan Haselhurst, 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 the Standing Order.

3 Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 8) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 12, line 4, to leave out the words 'Industrial and Provident' and insert the words 'Co-operatives and Community Benefit', instead thereof.—(Mr Andrew Love.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

4 Litter and Fouling of Land by Dogs Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Litter and Fouling of Land by Dogs Bill;

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

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

Bill withdrawn.

5 Dealing in Cultural Objects (Offences) Bill.—The Dealing in Cultural Objects (Offences) Bill was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

6 Needle Stick Injury Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Needle Stick Injury 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 4th July.

7 Housing (Overcrowding) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Overcrowding) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th June.

8 Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 31st January, That the Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 20th June.

9 Government Powers (Limitations) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government Powers (Limitations) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 16th May.

10 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;

The Solicitor General, by Her Majesty's Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, had consented to place Her Prerogative and Interests, so far as they are affected by the Bill, at the disposal of Parliament for the purposes of the Bill.

And objection being taken to further proceeding;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 13th June.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o'clock, adjourned till Monday 7th April.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Food,—Miscellaneous Food Additives (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1008), dated 31st March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Other Papers:

3 Access to Justice,—(1) Direction by the Lord Chancellor under section 5(6) of the Access to Justice Act 1999, amending the Specific Budgets Direction of 2002–03 given by the Lord Chancellor on 14th April 2002; and

   (2) 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 2003–04 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

4 Sri Lanka (No. 1, 2003).—Agreement, done at London on 6th February 2003, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on the Transfer of Prisoners, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5792] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 117) (House of Commons Paper No. 537) on 2003–04 Special Grant for Driving Local Authority Planning Performance,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Phil Woolas from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Joan Ryan.

2 Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jane Kennedy and Gillian Merron from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Angela Smith and Derek Twigg.

3 Draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Efficiency Obligations) (Amendment) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Ainger from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Charlotte Atkins.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nigel Beard reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 117) (House of Commons Paper No. 537) on 2003–04 Special Grant for Driving Local Authority Planning Performance.

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

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2003.

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 European Parliament (Representation) Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

4 European Parliament (Representation) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the European Parliament (Representation) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 89].

5 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service draft Code of Practice on Time Off for Trade Union Duties and Activities, which was laid before this House on 10th February, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

6 Northern Ireland,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Local Elections (Northern Ireland) (Amendment) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 31st March, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

7 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 Farm Waste Grant (Nitrate Vulnerable Zones) (England) Scheme 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 562), dated 6th March 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 10th March, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

8 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 Department of Transport (Fees) (Amendment) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 11th March, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

9 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Terrorism Act 2000 (Code of Practice on Video Recording of Interviews) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 12th March, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

10 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 5),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords] for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 10th February 2003, 4th March 2003, 5th March 2003 and 26th March 2003.

Consideration of Lords Message

1. Proceedings on consideration of the Lords Message shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after their commencement.

Subsequent stages

2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question put.

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.
11 Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to certain Commons Amendments to the Police (Northern Ireland) Bill [Lords].

Lords Amendments Nos. 48ZA, 48A and 49A were agreed to.

12 Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 4, to leave out the words ‘The limit shall be £3,700 million’ and insert the words ‘The said limit shall be £3,440 million’, instead thereof.—(Mr Andrew Lansley.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

13 High Hedges (No. 2) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to High Hedges (No. 2) Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the High Hedges (No. 2) Bill (‘the Act’), it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—

(1) any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of the Act; and

(2) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which are payable out of money so provided by virtue of any other Act.—(Mr Tony McNulty.)

14 Broadcasting.—Ordered, That Mr Brian Jenkins be discharged from the Broadcasting Committee and Jim Sheridan be added.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

15 Standards and Privileges.—Ordered, That Mr Alan Williams be discharged from the Committee on Standards and Privileges.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

16 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Health and Safety,—Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 978), dated 31st March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

2 Local Government,—(1) Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (England) (No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1018), dated 4th April 2003, and

(2) Local Authorities (Members’ Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1021), dated 7th April 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

3 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme and Discretionary Compensation (Local Authority Members in England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1022), dated 7th April 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

4 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicle (EC Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1019), dated 3rd April 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:

7 Broadcasting.—Report and Accounts of the Independent Television Commission for 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Procurement of Vaccines by the Department of Health [by Act]; to be printed [No. 625] [Clerk of the House].

9 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of—
   (1) Barnsley Education Action Zone,
   (2) Barrow Education Action Zone,
   (3) Greenwich Education Action Zone,
   (4) Kingston-upon-Hull Education Action Zone,
   (5) Leigh (Wigan) Education Action Zone,
   (6) Middlesbrough Education Action Zone,
   (7) North Gillingham Education Action Zone,
   (8) North Islington Education Action Zone,
   (9) Sheffield Education Action Zone,
   (10) South Bradford Education Action Zone,
   (11) South East England Virtual Education Action Zone,
   (12) South East Sheffield Education Action Zone,
   (13) South Tyneside Education Action Zone,
   (14) Wednesbury Education Action Zone
for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 610, 602, 603, 604 and 605] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: Pupil Achievement]; to be printed [No. 513-iii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Human Rights,—Eighth 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. 634] [Jean Corston].

3 Public Accounts,—(1) Sixteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Improving Public Services through Innovation: The Invest to Save Budget]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 170];
   (2) Seventeenth Report from the Committee [Helping victims and witnesses: the work of Victim Support]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 635], and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The construction of nuclear submarine facilities at Devonport]; to be printed [No. 636-i]
   [Mr Edward Leigh].

THE SPEAKER’S CERTIFICATE

The Speaker certified that the Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) Bill is a Money Bill within the meaning of the Parliament Act 1911.
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Mersey Tunnels Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 29th April.

2 European Standing Committee C,—Mr John McWilliam reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 12228/02, Commission Communication, draft Directives and draft Council Decision relating to security of energy supply; and supports the Government’s aim of securing practical and proportionate legislation which takes into account the Government’s international obligations in the petroleum sector and contributes to the security of gas supplies within the context of a single energy market.

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

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

London Local Authorities Bill [Lords],—The Lords have passed a Bill to confer further powers upon local authorities in London; and for related purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

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

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

5 Community Prosecution Lawyers Bill,—Mr Frank Field, supported by Kate Hoey, Mr Michael Connarty and Derek Wyatt, presented a Bill to establish the post of Community Prosecution Lawyer for each parliamentary constituency in England and Wales; to provide for the direct election of such Lawyers; to make arrangements for the role of such Lawyers in the prosecution of offences relating to anti-social behaviour; to establish the relationship between such Lawyers and the Crown Prosecution Service; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th June and to be printed [Bill 90].

6 Anti-social Behaviour Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Anti-social Behaviour Bill,

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

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

Health (Wales) Act 2003
Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc.) Act 2003

8 Anti-social Behaviour Bill,—The Question being again proposed, That the Anti-social Behaviour Bill be now read a second time;

And the Question being put:—It was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

9 Anti-social Behaviour Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That the following provisions shall apply to the Anti-social Behaviour Bill:

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

Proceedings in Standing Committee
2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 22nd May 2003.

3. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.
Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced.

6. Sessional Order B (programming committee) made by the House on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—(Mr Fraser Kemp); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Gillian Merron: 338.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Robert Syms: 147.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 Anti-social Behaviour Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Anti-social Behaviour 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-social Behaviour Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(a) amounts ordered to be paid in respect of loss incurred in consequence of prohibition of access to, or the closure of, premises;
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

11 Deferred Divisions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders of the House of 28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002 relating to deferred Divisions, That, at this day’s sitting, the Orders of the House of 28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002 relating to deferred Divisions shall not apply to the Question on the Motion relating to Northern Ireland—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

12 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 27th March, be approved—(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

13 Housing.—Ordered, That the Housing (Right to Buy) (Limits on Discount) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 498) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Joan Ryan.)

14 Social Care.—Ordered, That the Care Homes (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 534) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Joan Ryan.)

15 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) residents of Stafford constituency against unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions; and
(2) Mrs Beryl Rudman and others against unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

16 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) residents of Chesham and Amersham for stronger controls on transfers of arms between countries, and
(2) residents of Chesham and Amersham against unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions
were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Joan Ryan.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.47 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Fee for Initial Assessment for Active Substances for Pesticides Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1052), dated 7th April 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Education,—General Teaching Council for England (Deduction of Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 985), dated 27th March 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

3 Local Government,—Public Airport Companies (Capital Finance) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1035), dated 6th April 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


5 Water Resources,—Surface Waters (Fishlife) (Classification) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1053), dated 2nd April 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

6 Air Force (Constitution),—Amendment List 19 to Air Publication 1269A—The Royal Air Force Manual of Assessment of Medical Fitness [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 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 2002, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 628] [Clerk of the House].

8 Care Standards,—Accounts of the National Care Standards Commission for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 630] [Clerk of the House].

9 Civil Aviation,—Statement of Guarantee given by the Treasury on 8th April 2003 on loans proposed to be raised by the Civil Aviation Authority from the National Westminster Bank plc [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

10 Learning and Skills,—First Report and Accounts of the Learning and Skills Council for the period ended 31st March 2002, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 585] [Clerk of the House].

11 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the Wallace Collection for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 631] [Clerk of the House].

12 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Improving access to, and education about, the moving image through the British Film Institute [by Act]; to be printed [No. 593] [Clerk of the House].

13 National Heritage,—Account of the Board of Trustees of the Armouries for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 629] [Clerk of the House].

14 Public Petitions,—(1) Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs on:

(i) the Petition [14th January] from St Columba’s High School, Dunfermline, Amnesty International Group for the strengthening of controls on arms exports, and

(ii) the Petition [30th January] from Amnesty International, Reading Group, for measures to bring an end to human rights violations in Chechnya, and

(2) Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [13th March] from residents of Coventry for stricter controls on the sale and use of fireworks [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
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15 Reserve Forces,—Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 of a call-out order under section 56(1) of that Act [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

16 Standards in Public Life,—Ninth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life: Defining the Boundaries within the Executive: Ministers, Special Advisers and the permanent Civil Service [by Command] [Cm. 5775] [The Prime Minister].

APPENDIX II

European Standing Committees

The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document No. 12228/02 on the Security of Energy Supply, in place of David Taylor.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Privacy and Media Intrusion]; to be printed [No. 458-vi] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Defence,—Third Report from the Defence Committee [Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill], 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. 321] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Broadband in Rural Areas Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Broadband in Rural Areas]; to be printed [No. 587-ii] [Mr David Borrow], and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Delivery of Education in Rural Areas Sub-Committee of the Committee [Delivery of Education in Rural Areas]; to be printed [No. 467-iii] [Diana Organ].

4 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Trade and Development: Aspects of the Doha Agenda]; to be printed [No. 400-viii] [Tony Baldry].

5 Lord Chancellor’s Department,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department [Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (CAFCASS)]; to be printed [No. 614-i] [Mr A. J. Beith].

6 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 [Reducing Regional Disparities in Prosperity]; to be printed [No. 492-iv] [Andrew Bennett].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Seventeenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xvii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

[No. 80; WH, No. 49.]

Tuesday 8th April 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

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

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.28 p.m.]
Wednesday 9th April 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Transas Group Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transas Group Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 30th April.

2 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 2003, as laid before this House by Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer when opening the Budget.—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

3 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 products duty (Motion No. 2);
   (b) Rate of duty on beer (Motion No. 3);
   (c) Rate of duty on wine and made-wine (Motion No. 4);
   (d) Hydrocarbon oil duties (rebates) (Motion No. 6);
   (e) Vehicle excise duty (tractive units) (Motion No. 12);
   (f) Value added tax (requirement of evidence or security) (Motion No. 13);
   (g) Joint and several liability for unpaid VAT of another trader (Motion No. 14);
   (h) Value added tax (face-value vouchers) (Motion No. 15);
   (i) Employment income (provision of services through intermediary) (Motion No. 28);
   (j) Personal pension schemes (limits on contributions) (Motion No. 45)—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer):—It was agreed to.

4 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) 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—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer);

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

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

5 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

   (1) residents of South Oxhey and others against the development of a hostel for homeless young persons in Gosforth Lane,
   (2) constituents of Rayleigh against the removal of restrictions on the opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions,
   (3) residents of the Vale of York against the removal of restrictions on the opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions,
   (4) the users of dispensing chemists in the Westbury constituency against the removal of restrictions on the opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions,
   (5) users of the Parley Cross Pharmacy in the Christchurch constituency against the removal of restrictions on the opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions, and
(6) residents of the Isle of Wight and others against the closure of the Accident and Emergency Department and certain other services at St Mary’s Hospital, Newport 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 Fraser Kemp.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.37 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


2 Agriculture,—Feeding Stuffs (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1026), dated 3rd April 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

3 Children and Young Persons,—Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults and Care Standards Tribunal (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1060), dated 8th April 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 Education,—Education (Pupil Information) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1006), dated 2nd April 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

5 Local Government,—District of Adur (Scheme for Elections of Specified Council) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 984), dated 1st April 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].


9 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—Statute, dated 3rd December 2002, made by the University of Oxford, amending Statute VI [by Act] [Dr John Reid].

10 Value Added Tax,—(1) Value Added Tax (Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1069), dated 8th April 2003 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly] and

(2) Value Added Tax (Consideration for Fuel Provided for Private Use) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1057) and

(3) Value Added Tax (Increase of Registration Limits) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1058),

dated 9th April 2003 [by Act] [John Healey].

Other Papers:

11 Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report,—Economic and Fiscal Strategy Report and Financial Statement and Budget Report, April 2003, entitled Building a Britain of economic strength and social justice [pursuant to Order this day]; to be printed [No. 500] [Ruth Kelly].

12 Finance,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Audit of Assumptions for Budget 2003 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 627] [Clerk of the House].

13 Miscellaneous (No. 2, 2003),—Protocol, done at Aarhus on 24th June 1998, to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5794] [Mr Secretary Straw].
14 National Audit (Northern Ireland).—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on the Use of Operating Theatres in the Northern Ireland Health and Personal Social Services [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 552] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

15 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the Fourth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2002–03 [by Command] [Cm. 5789] [Ruth Kelly].

16 Superannuation.—(1) Civil Service Supplementary (Earnings Cap) Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2003 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Alexander]; and
   (2) Civil Service Compensation Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2003,
   (3) Civil Service Injury Benefits Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2003,
   (4) Partnership Pension Account Death Benefits Scheme,
   (5) Partnership Pension Account Ill Health Benefits Scheme, and
   (6) Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2003, [by Command] [Mr Douglas Alexander].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Sustainable Energy 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: Gregory Barker, Mr Crispin Blunt, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr David Chaytor, Sue Doughty, Mr David Drew, Mr Huw Edwards, Dr Ian Gibson, Dr Brian Iddon, Alan Simpson, Bob Spink, Ian Stewart, Mr Andrew Stunell, Brian White, Dr Alan Whitehead and Mr Brian Wilson.

2 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) 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: Janet Anderson, Mr Roy Beggs, Ms Hazel Blears, Mr Tim Boswell, Peter Bottomley, Mr Tony Clarke, Mrs Janet Dean, Jim Dowd, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Stephen McCabe, Rosemary McKenna, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Ms Debra Shipley, Mr Hugo Swire and Tony Wright.

3 Anti-social Behaviour Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee G; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Bob Ainsworth, Mrs Liz Blackman, Annette Brooke, Mr James Clappison, Paul Clark, Mr Vernon Coaker, Caroline Flint, Mr Mark Francois, Matthew Green, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr John Heppell, Siobhain McDonagh, Shona McIsaac, Mr Tony McNulty, Laura Moffatt, Mr James Paine, Mr John Randall, Ms Dari Taylor and David Wright.

4 Care Homes (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 534):
   (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: John Austin, Gregory Barker, Mr John Bercow, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Paul Burstow, Mrs Patsy Calton, Mrs Helen Clark, John Cryer, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Stephen Hesford, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Eric Martlew, Ms Debra Shipley, Jacqui Smith and Angela Watkinson.

5 Sea Fisheries (Restrictions on Days at Sea) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 229),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nick Ainger, Rosemary McKenna, Mr Martin Salter, Dr Gavin Strang and Dr Alan Whitehead from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order), and nominated in substitution Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Tony Colman, Judy Mallaber, Ms Meg Munn and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

6 Draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Efficiency Obligations) (Amendment) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Sue Doughty and Mr John Hayes from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Mr James Gray and Sir Robert Smith.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 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. 63-xviii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

2 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee on 8th April 2003 [Sexual Offences Bill]; to be printed [No. 639-i] [Mr Chris Mullin].

3 International Development,—Memoranda laid before the International Development Committee [The Operation of the Special Court for Sierra Leone] [Tony Baldry].

4 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Seventh Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee [The Effectiveness of Government Regeneration Initiatives]; 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. 76-I];

(2) Eighth Report from the Committee [Planning for Sustainable Housing and Communities: Sustainable Communities in the South East]; with the Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee relating to the Report [No. 77-I]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Exchange of letters between Andrew Bennett MP and Rt Hon John Prescott MP with regards to the pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Housing Bill] [Andrew Bennett].

5 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [A Safer Place to Work: Protecting NHS Hospital and Ambulance Staff from Violence and Aggression]; to be printed [No. 641-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [UK Science and Europe: Value for Money?]; to be printed [No. 386-iii] [Dr Ian Gibson]

7 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Empowering Children and Young People in Wales]; to be printed [No. 433-vi] [Mr Martyn Jones]

8 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Childcare for Working Parents]; to be printed [No. 564-iv] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 81; WH, No. 50.]

Wednesday 9th April 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 half-past Eleven o’clock, the sitting was adjourned without Question put, pursuant to Order [26th March], till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.30 a.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill [Lords].—The London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

2 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Sea Fishing (Restrictions on Days at Sea) Order (S. I., 2003, No. 229).

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

3 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr James Cran reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Efficiency Obligations) (Amendment) Order 2003.

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 Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.—Lords Amendments to the Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 91].

6 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) 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;

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed to-morrow.

7 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Golborne, Lowton, Ashton and the surrounding districts for a new railway station in Golborne 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 Gerry Sutcliffe.)

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

[Adjourned at 6.27 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Prisons.—Draft Release of Short-Term Prisoners on Licence (Amendment of Requisite Period) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Charities.—Draft Charities (The Shrubbery) Order 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
3 Health and Safety,—Ammonium Nitrate Materials (High Nitrogen Content) Safety Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1082), dated 9th April 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


Papers subject to Special Parliamentary Procedure:

5 Marriage,—Marriages Validity (Harrogate District Hospital) Order 2003, dated 31st March 2003, together with a Certificate by the Lord Chancellor under section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

Other Papers:

6 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Apple and Pear Research Council for 2001–02 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

7 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) Getting the evidence: Using research in policy making, and
   (2) An international review on Governments’ research procurement strategies
by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 586-I and -II] [Clerk of the House].

8 Parliamentary Commissioner,—Third Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 2002–03, on Individual Learning Accounts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 633] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Fireworks Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

2 Marine Safety Bill,—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E (transferred from Standing Committee C) and has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman.

3 Care Homes (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 534),—The Speaker has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

4 Health Protection Agency (Yr Asiantaeth Diogelu Iechyd) (Establishment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 505) and the Health Protection Agency (Yr Asiantaeth Diogelu Iechyd) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 506),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

5 Draft Electricity and Gas (Energy Efficiency Obligations) (Amendment) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bob Blizzard, Chris McCafferty and Mr Shaun Woodward from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Vera Baird, Julia Drown and Rob Marris.

European Standing Committees

6 The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 13789/02 on the Quality of Bathing Water.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit,—Fifth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Waste—An Audit], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 99] [Mr John Horan].

2 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Ministerial Powers and the Prerogative]; to be printed [No. 642-I] [Tony Wright].
Adjournment (National Institute for Clinical Excellence—Second 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 Phil Woolas);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 29th April, pursuant to Resolution [1st April].

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]

[No. 83.]

Friday 11th April 2003.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, and the Speaker having leave of absence pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker), Sylvia Heal, the First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

2 PRAYERS.

3 The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker.

4 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from electors within the Parliamentary constituency of Brentwood and Ongar against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

5 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 13th June and to be printed [Bill 92].

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 9th 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) 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;

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 on Monday 14th April.

7 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

And the Motion having been made at half-past Two o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday 14th April.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 121) on Invest to Save Budget Round 5 Projects, Local e-Government Programme and e-Voting [by Act]; to be printed [No. 640] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Education (Student Support) (No. 2) Regulations 2002 (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1065), dated 7th April 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].


Other Papers:

4 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the supply within the United Kingdom of prescription-only veterinary medicines [by Command] [Cm. 5781-I and -II] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

5 Home Affairs,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2001–02, on The Conduct of Investigations into Past Cases of Abuse in Children’s Homes [by Command] [Cm. 5799] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

6 Miscellaneous (No. 4, 2003),—Draft Agreement concerning the Shipwrecked Vessel RMS Titanic, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5798] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on the Petition [26th March] from residents of Northern Ireland against the decision to stand down the Band of the Police Service of Northern Ireland [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Smoking (Restaurants),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit smoking in cafés and restaurants; and for connected purposes—(Mr Gareth Thomas (Harrow West));

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 Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Kevin Barron: 115.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Andrew Turner: 43.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr Gareth Thomas, David Taylor, Mr Kevin Barron, Paul Clark, Phil Hope, Colin Burgon, Mr Terry Rooney, Kali Mountford, Mr Mark Todd, Mr Mark Hendrick, Hugh Bayley and Michael Fabricant do prepare and bring in the Bill.

2 Smoking (Restaurants) Bill,—Mr Gareth Thomas accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit smoking in cafés and restaurants; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 93].

3 Ways and Means,—Amendment of the Law,—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 9th 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) 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;

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

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Jim Murphy: 322.

Tellers for the Noes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 187.

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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<tr>
<td>1. Cigarettes</td>
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<td>2. Cigars</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Hand-rolling tobacco</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Other smoking tobacco and chewing tobacco</td>
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</table>

(2) This Resolution shall have effect as from 6 o'clock in the evening of 9th April 2003.
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. Rate of duty on beer

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 36(1AA)(a) of the Alcoholic Liquor Duties Act 1979, for “£11.89” there shall be substituted “£12.22”.

(2) This Resolution shall have effect as from midnight on 13th April 2003.

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. Rates of duty on wine and made-wine

Resolved, That—

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

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<tr>
<th>Description of wine or made-wine</th>
<th>Rates of duty per hectolitre</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Wine or made-wine of a strength not exceeding 4 per cent</td>
<td>£48.91</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 4 per cent but not exceeding 5.5 per cent</td>
<td>£67.25</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 5.5 per cent but not exceeding 15 per cent and not sparkling</td>
<td>£158.69</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sparkling wine or sparkling made-wine of a strength exceeding 5.5 per cent but less than 8.5 per cent</td>
<td>£166.70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sparkling wine or sparkling made-wine of a strength of 8.5 per cent or of a strength exceeding 8.5 per cent but not exceeding 15 per cent</td>
<td>£220.54</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wine or made-wine of a strength exceeding 15 per cent but not exceeding 22 per cent</td>
<td>£211.58</td>
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</table>

(2) This Resolution shall have effect as from midnight on 13th April 2003.

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

5. Hydrocarbon oil duties (rates)

Resolved, That provision may be made altering rates of excise duty under the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979.

6. Hydrocarbon oil duties (rebates)

The Question being put, That—

(1) In section 11(1) of the Hydrocarbon Oil Duties Act 1979—

(a) in paragraph (a), for “£0.0274” there shall be substituted “£0.0382”,
(b) in paragraph (b), for “£0.0313” there shall be substituted “£0.0422”, and
(c) in paragraph (ba), for “£0.0313” there shall be substituted “£0.0422”.

(2) In section 14(1) of that Act, for “£0.0274” there shall be substituted “£0.0382”.

(3) This Resolution shall have effect as from 6 o’clock in the evening of 9th April 2003.

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, Gillian Merron, Mr Jim Murphy: 318.

Tellers for the Noes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 184.

So the Question was agreed to.
7. Liability to general betting duty of betting exchanges

Resolved, That—

(1) Immediately before section 5B of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981 there shall be inserted—

"5AB Betting exchanges
(1) This section applies where—
(a) one person makes a bet with another person using facilities provided by a third person in the course of a business, and
(b) that business is one that does not involve the provision of premises for use by persons making or taking bets.
(2) General betting duty shall be charged on the amounts ("commission charges") that the parties to the bet are charged, whether by deduction from winnings or otherwise, for using those facilities.
(3) No deductions shall be allowed from commission charges.
(4) The amount of duty charged under this section in respect of bets determined in an accounting period shall be 15 per cent of the commission charges relating to those bets.
(5) For the purposes of this section, and section 5B(4) so far as relating to this section, a person who arranges for facilities relating to a bet to be provided by another person shall be treated as providing them himself (and the other person shall not)."

(2) In section 5B—
(a) for subsection (1) there shall be substituted—

"(1) All general betting duty chargeable in respect of—
(a) bets made in an accounting period, or
(b) in the case of duty chargeable under section 5AB, bets determined in an accounting period,
shall become due at the end of that period."
(b) in subsection (4), after “section 4(1) to (3)” there shall be inserted “or 5AB”.

(3) In section 5C—
(a) in subsection (1), after “in the course of a business” there shall be inserted “, other than a betting-exchange business.”;
(b) at the end of that subsection there shall be inserted—

"In paragraph (a) “betting-exchange business” means a business such as is mentioned in section 5AB(1)."
(c) subsections (2) and (3) and, in subsection (4), the words “In the case of a bet which is excluded from subsection (2) by virtue of subsection (3),” shall be omitted.

(4) The amendments made by this Resolution apply in relation to any accounting period beginning on or after 1st June 2003.

(5) Those amendments shall not apply in relation to a bet (a “straddling bet”) that is—
(a) made, using facilities provided by a person (“the broker”), in an accounting period of the broker beginning before 1st June 2003, but
(b) not determined until an accounting period of the broker beginning on or after that date.

(6) Any winnings paid in respect of a straddling bet to which section 5AB of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981 would apply but for paragraph (5) above shall be treated for the purposes of that Act as paid in the broker’s accounting period in which the bet was made (“the earlier accounting period”).

(7) Paragraph (6) above shall not have effect to reduce the general betting duty payable by the broker for the earlier accounting period, but the amount of the reduction that would (but for this paragraph) have been made for that period shall be set against any liability of the broker to general betting duty for accounting periods in the following three years, taking earlier periods before later ones until the amount is exhausted.

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

8. General betting duty (on-course bets)

Resolved, That provision may be made restricting the definition of “on-course bet” in Part 1 of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981.
9. Bingo duty

Resolved, That provision may be made about bingo duty.

10. Amusement machines not operated by coins or tokens

Resolved, That provision may be made—

(a) extending the definition of “amusement machine” for the purposes of the Betting and Gaming Duties Act 1981;
(b) extending the definition of “gaming machine” for the purposes of section 23 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

11. Vehicle excise duty (rates)

The Question being put, That—

(1) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994—
(a) in sub-paragraph (2) for “£160” there shall be substituted “£165”;
(b) in sub-paragraph (2A) for “£105” there shall be substituted “£110”.

(2) For the Table in paragraph 1B of that Schedule there shall be substituted—

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<th>CO₂ emissions figure</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Reduced rate</td>
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<td>Exceeding g/km</td>
<td>Not exceeding g/km</td>
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<td>100</td>
<td>55</td>
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<td>165</td>
<td>135</td>
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</tbody>
</table>

(3) In paragraph 1J of that Schedule—
(a) in paragraph (a) for “£160” there shall be substituted “£165”;
(b) in paragraph (b) for “£105” there shall be substituted “£110”.

(4) This Resolution shall apply to any licence taken out on or after 17th April 2003 for a period beginning on or after 1st May 2003.

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, Gillian Merron, Mr Jim Murphy: 369.

Tellers for the Noes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 134.

So the Question was agreed to.

12. Vehicle excise duty (tractive units)

Resolved, That—

(1) After section 15 of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 there shall be inserted—

“15A Exception for tractive units from charge at higher rate

(1) Where—

(a) a vehicle licence has been taken out for a tractive unit, and
(b) the licence was taken out at a rate of vehicle excise duty applicable to a tractive unit which is to be used with semi-trailers with a minimum number of axles,

duty at a higher rate does not become chargeable under section 15 by reason only that while the licence is in force the tractive unit is used with a semi-trailer with fewer axles than that minimum number, if the condition in subsection (2) is satisfied.

(2) The condition is that the rate of duty at which the licence was taken out is equal to or exceeds the rate which would have been applicable if the revenue weight of the tractive unit had been a weight equal to the actual laden weight, at the time of the use, of the articulated vehicle consisting of the tractive unit and the semi-trailer.”.
(2) Section 16 of that Act shall cease to have effect.

(3) This Resolution has effect in relation to the use of a tractive unit on or after 9th April 2003.

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. Value added tax (requirement of evidence or security)

Resolved, That—

(1) The Value Added Tax Act 1994 shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (7) below.

(2) In section 24(6)(a), after “documents” there shall be inserted “or other information”.

(3) In paragraph 4 of Schedule 11, for sub-paragraph (1) there shall be substituted—

“(1) The Commissioners may, as a condition of allowing or repaying input tax to any person, require the production of such evidence relating to VAT as they may specify.

(1A) If they think it necessary for the protection of the revenue, the Commissioners may require, as a condition of making any VAT credit, the giving of such security for the amount of the payment as appears to them appropriate.”.

(4) For sub-paragraph (2) of that paragraph there shall be substituted—

“(2) If they think it necessary for the protection of the revenue, the Commissioners may require a taxable person, as a condition of his supplying or being supplied with goods or services under a taxable supply, to give security, or further security, for the payment of any VAT that is or may become due from—

(a) the taxable person, or

(b) any person by or to whom relevant goods or services are supplied.

(3) In sub-paragraph (2) above “relevant goods or services” means goods or services supplied by or to the taxable person.

(4) Security under sub-paragraph (2) above shall be of such amount, and shall be given in such manner, as the Commissioners may determine.

(5) The powers conferred on the Commissioners by sub-paragraph (2) above are without prejudice to their powers under section 48(7).”.

(5) In section 72(11) after “supplies” there shall be inserted “or is supplied with”.

(6) In section 83(1) for “paragraph 4(2)” there shall be substituted “paragraph 4(1A), (2) or (3)”.

(7) In section 84, after subsection (4D) there shall be inserted—

“(4E) Where an appeal is brought against a requirement imposed under paragraph 4(2)(b) of Schedule 11 that a person give security, the tribunal shall allow the appeal unless the Commissioners satisfy the tribunal that—

(a) there has been an evasion of, or an attempt to evade, VAT in relation to goods or services supplied to or by that person, or

(b) it is likely, or without the requirement for security it is likely, that VAT in relation to such goods or services will be evaded.

(4F) A reference in subsection (4E) above to evading VAT includes a reference to obtaining a VAT credit that is not due or a VAT credit in excess of what is due.”.

(8) This Resolution shall come into force on 10th April 2003.

And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.
14. Joint and several liability for unpaid VAT of another trader

Resolved, That—

(1) After section 77 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 there shall be inserted—

"Liability for unpaid VAT of another trader

77A Joint and several liability of traders in supply chain where tax unpaid

(1) This section applies to goods of any of the following descriptions—

(a) telephones and any other equipment, including parts and accessories, made or adapted for use in connection with telephones or telecommunication;

(b) computers and any other equipment, including parts, accessories and software, made or adapted for use in connection with computers or computer systems.

(2) Where—

(a) a taxable supply of goods to which this section applies has been made to a taxable person, and

(b) at the time of the supply the person knew or had reasonable grounds to suspect that some or all of the VAT payable in respect of that supply, or on any previous or subsequent supply of those goods, would go unpaid, the Commissioners may serve on him a notice specifying the amount of the VAT so payable that is unpaid, and stating the effect of the notice.

(3) The effect of a notice under this section is that—

(a) the person served with the notice, and

(b) the person liable, apart from this section, for the amount specified in the notice, are jointly and severally liable to the Commissioners for that amount.

(4) For the purposes of subsection (2) above the amount of VAT that is payable in respect of a supply is the lesser of—

(a) the amount chargeable on the supply, and

(b) the amount shown as due on the supplier’s return for the prescribed accounting period in question (if he has made one) together with any amount assessed as due from him for that period (subject to any appeal by him).

(5) The reference in subsection (4)(b) above to assessing an amount as due from a person includes a reference to the case where, because it is impracticable to do so, the amount is not notified to him.

(6) For the purposes of subsection (2) above, a person shall be presumed to have reasonable grounds for suspecting matters to be as mentioned in paragraph (b) of that subsection if the price payable by him for the goods in question—

(a) was less than the lowest price that might reasonably be expected to be payable for them on the open market, or

(b) was less than the price payable on any previous supply of those goods.

(7) The presumption provided for by subsection (6) above is rebuttable on proof that the low price payable for the goods was due to circumstances unconnected with failure to pay VAT.

(8) Subsection (6) above is without prejudice to any other way of establishing reasonable grounds for suspicion.

(9) The Treasury may by order amend subsection (1) above; and any such order may make such incidental, supplemental, consequential or transitional provision as the Treasury think fit.

(10) For the purposes of this section—

(a) “goods” includes services;

(b) an amount of VAT counts as unpaid only to the extent that it exceeds the amount of any refund due.

(2) After paragraph (e) of section 83 of that Act there shall be inserted—

“(ra) any liability arising by virtue of section 77A;”.

(3) This Resolution shall come into force on 10th April 2003.

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. Value added tax (face-value vouchers)

Resolved, That—

(1) After section 51A of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 there shall be inserted—

“51B Face-value vouchers
Schedule 10A shall have effect with respect to face-value vouchers.”.

(2) After Schedule 10 to that Act there shall be inserted—

“SCHEDULE 10A
FACE-VALUE VOUCHERS

Meaning of “face-value voucher” etc.

1 (1) In this Schedule “face-value voucher” means a token, stamp or voucher (whether in physical or electronic form) that represents a right to receive goods or services to the value of an amount stated on it or recorded in it.

(2) References in this Schedule to the “face value” of a voucher are to the amount referred to in sub-paragraph (1) above.

Nature of supply.

2 The issue of a face-value voucher, or any subsequent supply of it, is a supply of services for the purposes of this Act.

Treatment of credit vouchers

3 (1) This paragraph applies to a face-value voucher issued by a person who—

(a) is not a person from whom goods or services may be obtained by the use of the voucher, and

(b) undertakes to give complete or partial reimbursement to any such person from whom goods or services are so obtained.

Such a voucher is referred to in this Schedule as a “credit voucher”.

(2) The consideration for any supply of a credit voucher shall be disregarded for the purposes of this Act except to the extent (if any) that it exceeds the face value of the voucher.

(3) Sub-paragraph (2) above does not apply if any of the persons from whom goods or services are obtained by the use of the voucher fails to account for any of the VAT due on the supply of those goods or services to the person using the voucher to obtain them.

Treatment of retailer vouchers

4 (1) This paragraph applies to a face-value voucher issued by a person who—

(a) is a person from whom goods or services may be obtained by the use of the voucher, and

(b) if there are other such persons, undertakes to give complete or partial reimbursement to those from whom goods or services are so obtained.

Such a voucher is referred to in this Schedule as a “retailer voucher”.

(2) The consideration for the issue of a retailer voucher shall be disregarded for the purposes of this Act except to the extent (if any) that it exceeds the face value of the voucher.

(3) Sub-paragraph (2) above does not apply if—

(a) the voucher is used to obtain goods or services from a person other than the issuer, and

(b) that person fails to account for any of the VAT due on the supply of those goods or services to the person using the voucher to obtain them.

(4) Any supply of a retailer voucher subsequent to the issue of it shall be treated in the same way as the supply of a voucher to which paragraph 6 applies.

Treatment of postage stamps

5 The consideration for the supply of a face-value voucher that is a postage stamp shall be disregarded for the purposes of this Act except to the extent (if any) that it exceeds the face value of the stamp.

Treatment of other kinds of face-value voucher

6 (1) This paragraph applies to a face-value voucher that is not a credit voucher, a retailer voucher or a postage stamp.

(2) A supply of such a voucher is chargeable at the rate in force under section 2(1) (standard rate) except where sub-paragraph (3), (4) or (5) below applies.

(3) Where the voucher is one that can only be used to obtain goods or services in one particular non-standard rate category, the supply of the voucher falls in that category.
(4) Where the voucher is used to obtain goods or services all of which fall in one particular non-standard rate category, the supply of the voucher falls in that category.

(5) Where the voucher is used to obtain goods or services in a number of different rate categories—
   (a) the supply of the voucher shall be treated as that many different supplies, each falling in the category in question, and
   (b) the value of each of those supplies shall be determined on a just and reasonable basis.

Vouchers supplied free with other goods or services

7 Where—
   (a) a face-value voucher (other than a postage stamp) and other goods or services are supplied to the same person in a composite transaction, and
   (b) the total consideration for the supplies is no different, or not significantly different, from what it would be if the voucher were not supplied,

   the supply of the voucher shall be treated as being made for no consideration.

Interpretation

8 (1) In this Schedule—
   “credit voucher” has the meaning given by paragraph 3(1) above;
   “face value” has the meaning given by paragraph 1(2) above;
   “face value voucher” has the meaning given by paragraph 1(1) above;
   “retailer voucher” has the meaning given by paragraph 4(1) above.

(2) For the purposes of this Schedule—
   (a) the “rate categories” of supplies are—
      (i) supplies chargeable at the rate in force under section 2(1) (standard rate),
      (ii) supplies chargeable at the rate in force under section 29A (reduced rate),
      (iii) zero-rated supplies, and
      (iv) exempt supplies;
   (b) the “non-standard rate categories” of supplies are those in sub-paragraphs (ii), (iii) and (iv) of paragraph (a) above;
   (c) goods or services are in a particular rate category if a supply of those goods or services falls in that category.

(3) A reference in this Schedule to a voucher being used to obtain goods or services includes a reference to the case where it is used as part-payment for those goods or services.”.

(3) Paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to that Act shall be omitted.

(4) The amendments made by this Resolution shall apply to supplies of tokens, stamps or vouchers issued on or after 9th April 2003.

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. Value added tax (supplies arising from prior grant of fee simple)

Resolved, That—

(1) After section 96(10A) of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 there shall be inserted—
   “(10B) Notwithstanding subsection (10A) above—
      (a) item 1 of Group 1 of Schedule 9 does not make exempt any supply that arises for the purposes of this Act from the prior grant of a fee simple falling within paragraph (a) of that item; and
      (b) that paragraph does not prevent the exemption of a supply that arises for the purposes of this Act from the prior grant of a fee simple not falling within that paragraph.”.

(2) This Resolution shall apply in relation to any supply that arises for the purposes of the Value Added Tax Act 1994 from the prior grant of a fee simple made on or after 9th April 2003.
And it is hereby declared that it is expedient in the public interest that this Resolution should have statutory effect under the provisions of the Provisional Collection of Taxes Act 1968.

17. Value added tax (business gifts)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994 so far as relating to business gifts.

18. Value added tax (non-business use of business property)

Resolved, That—

(1) After sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994 there shall be inserted——

“(4A) Notwithstanding paragraph 9(1) below, sub-paragraph (4) above does not apply to—

(a) any interest in land,
(b) any building or part of a building,
(c) any civil engineering work or part of such a work, or
(d) any goods incorporated or to be incorporated in a building or civil engineering work (whether by being installed as fixtures or fittings or otherwise).”.

(2) This Resolution shall have effect on and after 9th April 2003.

(3) This Resolution shall not apply in relation to any asset in respect of which the person in question or any of his predecessors became entitled before that date to a credit or repayment as mentioned in paragraph 5(5)(a) or 5(5)(b) of Schedule 4 to the Value Added Tax Act 1994.

(4) In paragraph (3) above—

(a) “the person in question” means the person carrying on the business referred to in sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph 5 of that Schedule;
(b) “predecessor” has the same meaning as in that paragraph;
(c) the reference to an “asset” is to anything falling within any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of the sub-paragraph (4A) inserted into that paragraph by paragraph (1) above.

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

19. Value added tax (special accounting scheme)

The Question being put, That—

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

(2) After section 3 there shall be inserted——

“3A Supply of electronic services in member States: special accounting scheme

(1) Schedule 3B (scheme enabling persons who supply electronically supplied services in any member State, but who are not established in a member State, to account for and pay VAT in the United Kingdom on those supplies) has effect.

(2) The Treasury may by order amend Schedule 3B.

(3) The power of the Treasury by order to amend Schedule 3B includes power to make such incidental, supplemental, consequential and transitional provision in connection with any amendment of that Schedule as they think fit.”.

(3) In Schedule 1, in paragraph 13, at the end there shall be inserted——

“(8) This paragraph is subject to paragraph 18 of Schedule 3B (cancellation of registration under this Schedule of persons seeking to be registered under that Schedule, etc).”.

(4) After Schedule 3A there shall be inserted——

“SCHEDULE 3B

PART 1

REGISTRATION

The register

1 Persons registered under this Schedule are to be registered in a single register kept by the Commissioners for the purposes of this Schedule.
Persons who may be registered

2 (1) A person may be registered under this Schedule if he satisfies the following conditions.

(2) Condition 1 is that the person makes or intends to make qualifying supplies in the course of a business carried on by him.

(3) Condition 2 is that the person has neither his business establishment nor a fixed establishment in the United Kingdom or in another member State in relation to any supply of goods or services.

(4) Condition 3 is that the person is not—

(a) registered under this Act,

(b) identified for the purposes of VAT in accordance with the law of another member State, or

(c) registered under an Act of Tynwald for the purposes of any tax imposed by or under an Act of Tynwald which corresponds to VAT.

(5) Condition 4 is that the person—

(a) is not required to be registered or identified as mentioned in condition 3, or

(b) is required to be so registered or identified, but solely by virtue of the fact that he makes or intends to make qualifying supplies.

(6) Condition 5 is that the person is not identified under any provision of the law of another member State which implements Article 26c.

(7) In this Schedule, “Article 26c” means Article 26c of the 1977 VAT Directive (which is inserted by Article 1(3) of the 2002 VAT Directive).

Qualifying supplies

3 In this Schedule, “qualifying supply” means a supply of electronically supplied services (within the meaning of paragraph 7C of Schedule 5) to a person who—

(a) belongs in the United Kingdom or another member State, and

(b) receives those services otherwise than for the purposes of a business carried on by him.

Registration request

4 (1) If a person—

(a) satisfies the Commissioners that the conditions in paragraph 2 above are satisfied in his case, and

(b) makes a request in accordance with this paragraph (a “registration request”),

the Commissioners must register him under this Schedule.

(2) Sub-paragraph (1) above is subject to paragraph 9 below.

(3) A registration request must contain the following particulars—

(a) the name of the person making the request;

(b) his postal address;

(c) his electronic addresses (including any websites);

(d) where he has been allocated a number by the tax authorities in the country in which he belongs, that number;

(e) the date on which he began, or intends to begin, making qualifying supplies.

(4) A registration request must include a statement that the person making the request is not—

(a) registered under this Act,

(b) identified for the purposes of VAT in accordance with the law of another member State, or

(c) registered under an Act of Tynwald for the purposes of any tax imposed by or under an Act of Tynwald which corresponds to VAT.

(5) A registration request must be made by such electronic means, and in such manner, as the Commissioners may direct or may by regulations prescribe.

Date on which registration takes effect

5 (1) Where a person is registered under this Schedule, his registration takes effect—

(a) on the date on which his registration request is made, or
(b) on such earlier or later date as may be agreed between him and the Commissioners.

(2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) above—
   (a) no registration is to take effect before 1st July 2003, and
   (b) registration requests made before that date are to be treated as if they were made on that date.

Registration number
6 On registering a person under this Schedule, the Commissioners must—
   (a) allocate a registration number to him, and
   (b) notify him electronically of the number.

Obligation to notify changes
7 (1) A person who has made a registration request must notify the Commissioners if subsequently—
   (a) there is a change in any of the particulars contained in his request in accordance with paragraph 4(3) above,
   (b) he ceases to make, or to have the intention of making, qualifying supplies, or
   (c) he ceases to satisfy the conditions in any of sub-paragraphs (3) to (6) of paragraph 2 above.

(2) A notification under this paragraph must be given within the period of 30 days beginning with the date of the change of particulars or of the cessation.

(3) A notification under this paragraph must be given by such electronic means, and in such manner, as the Commissioners may direct or may by regulations prescribe.

Cancellation of registration
8 (1) The Commissioners must cancel a person’s registration under this Schedule if—
   (a) he notifies them that he has ceased to make, or to have the intention of making, qualifying supplies,
   (b) they otherwise determine that he has ceased to make, or to have the intention of making, qualifying supplies,
   (c) he notifies them that he has ceased to satisfy the conditions in any of sub-paragraphs (3) to (6) of paragraph 2 above,
   (d) they otherwise determine that he has ceased to satisfy any of those conditions, or
   (e) they determine that he has persistently failed to comply with his obligations under this Schedule.

(2) In a case falling within sub-paragraph (1)(a) or (c) above, cancellation of a person’s registration under this paragraph takes effect—
   (a) on the date on which the notification is received, or
   (b) on such earlier or later date as may be agreed between him and the Commissioners.

(3) In a case falling within sub-paragraph (1)(b), (d) or (e) above, cancellation of a person’s registration under this paragraph takes effect—
   (a) on the date on which the determination is made, or
   (b) on such earlier or later date as the Commissioners may in his particular case direct.

Registration after cancellation for persistent default
9 (1) The Commissioners—
   (a) are not required by paragraph 4(1) above to register a person under this Schedule if he is a persistent defaulter, but
   (b) shall have the power to do so.

(2) In this paragraph, “persistent defaulter” means a person—
   (a) whose previous registration under this Schedule has been cancelled under paragraph 8(1)(e) above (persistent failure to comply with obligations under this Schedule), or
   (b) who has been excluded from the identification register under any provision of the law of another member State which implements Article 26c(B)(4)(d) of the 1977 VAT Directive (persistent failure to comply with rules concerning the special scheme).
PART 2

OBLIGATIONS FOLLOWING REGISTRATION, ETC

Liability for VAT

10 (1) A person is liable to pay VAT under and in accordance with this Schedule if—
(a) he makes a qualifying supply, and
(b) he is registered under this Schedule when he makes the supply.

(2) The amount of VAT which a person is liable to pay by virtue of this Schedule on any qualifying supply is to be determined in accordance with sub-paragraphs (3) and (4) below.

(3) If the qualifying supply is treated as made in the United Kingdom, the amount is the amount of VAT that would have been charged on the supply under this Act if the person had been registered under this Act when he made the supply.

(4) If the qualifying supply is treated as made in another member State, the amount is the amount of VAT that would have been charged on the supply in accordance with the law of that member State if the person had been identified for the purposes of VAT in that member State when he made the supply.

(5) Where a person is liable to pay VAT by virtue of this Schedule—
(a) any amount falling to be determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (3) above is to be regarded for the purposes of this Act as VAT charged in accordance with this Act, and
(b) any amount falling to be determined in accordance with sub-paragraph (4) above in relation to another member State is to be regarded for those purposes as VAT charged in accordance with the law of that member State.

Obligation to submit special accounting returns

11 (1) A person who is, or has been, registered under this Schedule must submit a return (a “special accounting return”) to the Controller for each reporting period.

(2) Each quarter for the whole or any part of which a person is registered under this Schedule is a “reporting period” in the case of that person.

(3) The special accounting return must state the person’s registration number.

(4) For each member State in which the person is treated as having made qualifying supplies for the reporting period, the special accounting return must specify—
(a) the total value of his qualifying supplies treated as made in that member State in that period, apart from the VAT which he is liable to pay by virtue of this Schedule in respect of those supplies,
(b) the rate of VAT applicable to those supplies by virtue of sub-paragraph (3) or (4) (as the case may be) of paragraph 10 above, and
(c) the total amount of VAT payable by him by virtue of this Schedule in respect of those supplies in that period.

(5) The special accounting return must state the total amount of VAT which the person is liable to pay by virtue of this Schedule in respect of all qualifying supplies treated as made by him in all member States in the reporting period.

(6) If a person is registered under this Schedule for part only of a reporting period, references in this paragraph to his qualifying supplies in that period are references to his qualifying supplies in that part of that period.

(7) In this Schedule, “the Controller” means the Controller, Customs and Excise Value Added Tax Central Unit.

Further obligations with respect to special accounting returns

12 (1) A special accounting return must set out in sterling the amounts referred to in paragraph 11 above.

(2) Any conversion from one currency into another for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) above shall be made by using the exchange rates published by the European Central Bank—
(a) for the last day of the reporting period to which the special accounting return relates, or
(b) if no such rate is published for that day, for the next day for which such a rate is published.

(3) A special accounting return must be submitted to the Controller within the period of 20 days after the last day of the reporting period to which it relates.

(4) A special accounting return must be submitted by such electronic means, and in such manner, as the Commissioners may direct or may by regulations prescribe.
Payment of VAT

13 (1) A person who is required to submit a special accounting return must, at the same time as he submits the return, pay to the Controller in sterling the amount referred to in paragraph 11(5) above in respect of the reporting period to which the return relates.

(2) A payment under this paragraph must be made in such manner as the Commissioners may direct or may by regulations prescribe.

Obligations to keep and produce records

14 (1) A person must keep records of the transactions which he enters into for the purposes of, or in connection with, qualifying supplies made by him at any time when he is registered under this Schedule.

(2) The records to be kept must be such as will enable the tax authorities for the member State in which a qualifying supply is treated as made to determine whether any special accounting return which is submitted in respect of that supply is correct.

(3) Any records required to be kept must be made available—
   (a) to the tax authorities for the member State in which the qualifying supply to which the records relate was treated as made, if they so request, or
   (b) to the Commissioners, if they so request.

(4) Records must be made available electronically under sub-paragraph (3) above.

(5) The records relating to a transaction must be maintained for a period of ten years beginning with the 1st January following the date on which the transaction was entered into.

Commissioners’ power to request production of records

15 (1) The Commissioners may request a person to make available to them electronically records of the transactions entered into by him for the purposes of, or in connection with, qualifying supplies to which this paragraph applies.

(2) This paragraph applies to qualifying supplies which—
   (a) are treated as made in the United Kingdom, and
   (b) are made by the person while he is identified under any provision of the law of another member State which implements Article 26c.

PART 3

Understatements and overstatements of UK VAT

Understatement or overstatement of UK VAT in special scheme return

16 (1) If the Commissioners consider that a person who is or has been a participant in the special scheme has submitted a special scheme return which understates his liability to UK VAT, they may give him a notice—
   (a) identifying the return in which they consider that the understatement was made,
   (b) specifying the amount by which they consider that the person's liability to UK VAT has been understated, and
   (c) requesting him to pay that amount to the Controller within the period of 30 days beginning with the date on which the notice is given.

(2) If the Commissioners consider that a person who is or has been a participant in the special scheme has submitted a special scheme return which overstates his liability to UK VAT, they may give him a notice—
   (a) identifying the return in which they consider that the overstatement was made,
   (b) specifying the amount by which they consider that the person’s liability to UK VAT has been overstated.

(3) Where the Commissioners give a person a notice under sub-paragraph (2) above, they are liable to pay him the amount specified in the notice.

(4) No notice under this paragraph may be given more than 3 years after the end of the period for which the special scheme return in question was made.

(5) In this Schedule, “participant in the special scheme” means a person who—
   (a) is registered under this Schedule, or
   (b) is identified under any provision of the law of another member State which implements Article 26c.
(6) In this paragraph—

“special scheme return” means—

(a) a special accounting return; or

(b) a value added tax return submitted to the tax authorities of another member State;

“UK VAT” means VAT which a person is liable to pay (whether in the United Kingdom or another member State) in respect of qualifying supplies treated as made in the United Kingdom at a time when he is or was a participant in the special scheme;

“value added tax return”, in relation to another member State, means any value added tax return required to be submitted under any provision of the law of that member State which implements Article 26c(B)(5) of the 1977 VAT Directive.

PART 4
APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS RELATING TO VAT

Registration under this Act

17 Notwithstanding any provision in this Act to the contrary, a participant in the special scheme is not required to be registered under this Act by virtue of making qualifying supplies.

De-registration

18 Where a person who is registered under Schedule 1 satisfies the Commissioners that he intends to apply for—

(a) registration under this Schedule, or

(b) identification under any provision of the law of another member State which implements Article 26c,

they may, if he so requests, cancel his registration under Schedule 1 with effect from the day on which the request is made or from such later date as may be agreed between him and the Commissioners.

VAT representatives

19 Section 48(1)(VAT representatives) does not permit the Commissioners to direct a participant in the special scheme to appoint a VAT representative.

Appeals

20 (1) An appeal shall lie to a tribunal with respect to any of the following—

(a) the registration or cancellation of the registration of any person under this Schedule;

(b) a decision of the Commissioners to give a notice under sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 16 above;

(c) the amount specified in any such notice or in a notice under sub-paragraph (2) of that paragraph.

(2) Part 5 (appeals), and any orders or regulations under that Part, have effect in relation to an appeal under this paragraph as if it were an appeal under section 83 (but not under any particular paragraph of that section).

Payments on account of non-UK VAT to other member States

21 (1) Neither—

(a) paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 11, nor

(b) section 10 of the Exchequer and Audit Departments Act 1866, applies to money or securities for money collected or received for or on account of VAT if required to be paid to another member State by virtue of the VAT Co-operation Regulation.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1) above, “the VAT Co-operation Regulation” means the Council Regulation of 27 January 1992 on administrative co-operation in the field of indirect taxation (VAT) (218/92/EEC), as amended by the Council Regulation of 7 May 2002 (792/2002/EC) (which temporarily amends the VAT Co-operation Regulation as regards additional measures regarding electronic commerce).

Refund of UK VAT

22 (1) The provisions which give effect to the 1986 VAT Refund Directive in the United Kingdom have effect in relation to a participant in the special scheme, but with the following modifications.
(2) The provision which gives effect to Article 2(1) of the 1986 VAT Refund Directive (as at 9th April 2003; see regulation 186 of the Value Added Tax Regulations 1995) shall apply in relation to a participant in the special scheme, but only so as to entitle him to a refund of VAT charged on—
(a) goods imported by him into the United Kingdom, and
(b) supplies made to him in the United Kingdom,
in connection with the making by him of qualifying supplies while he is a participant in the special scheme.
(3) The following provisions shall be omitted.
(4) The first provision is that which gives effect to Article 1(1) of the 1986 VAT Refund Directive, so far as it requires a member State to prevent a person who is deemed to have supplied services in that member State during a period from being granted a refund of VAT for that period (as at 9th April 2003; see regulation 188(2)(b) of the Value Added Tax Regulations 1995).
(5) The second provision is that which gives effect to Article 2(2) of the 1986 VAT Refund Directive (which permits member States to make refunds conditional upon the granting by third States of comparable advantages regarding turnover taxes: as at 9th April 2003; see regulation 188(1) of the Value Added Tax Regulations 1995).
(6) The third provision is that which gives effect to Article 2(3) of the 1986 VAT Refund Directive (which permits member States to provide for the exclusion of certain expenditure and to make refunds subject to additional conditions).
(7) The fourth provision is that which gives effect to Article 4(2) of the 1986 VAT Refund Directive (which permits member States to provide for the exclusion of certain expenditure and to make refunds subject to additional conditions).

Part 5
Supplementary

Interpretation

23 (1) In this Schedule—
“the 2002 VAT Directive” means the Council Directive of 7 May 2002 amending and amending temporarily the 1977 VAT Directive as regards the value added tax arrangements applicable to radio and television broadcasting services and certain electronically supplied services (2002/38/EC);
“Article 26c” has the meaning given by paragraph 2(7) above;
“the Controller” has the meaning given by paragraph 11(7) above;
“participant in the special scheme” has the meaning given by paragraph 16(5) above;
“qualifying supply” has the meaning given by paragraph 3 above;
“registration number” means the number allocated to a person on his registration under this Schedule in accordance with paragraph 6(a) above;
“registration request” is to be construed in accordance with paragraph 4(1)(a) above;
“reporting period” is to be construed in accordance with paragraph 11(2) above;
“special accounting return” is to be construed in accordance with paragraph 11(1) above.

(2) References in this Schedule to a qualifying supply being “treated as made” in a member State are references to its being treated as made—
(a) in the United Kingdom, by virtue of any provision which gives effect in the United Kingdom to Article 9(2)(f) of the 1977 VAT Directive (which is inserted by Article 11(1)(a) of the 2002 VAT Directive), or
(b) in another member State, by virtue of any provision of the law of that member State which gives effect to that Article.
(3) The provision which, as at 9th April 2003, is to give effect in the United Kingdom to Article 9(2)(f) of the 1977 VAT Directive (as mentioned in sub-paragraph (2)(a) above) is article 16A of the Value Added Tax (Place of Supply of Services) Order 1992 (which is prospectively inserted by article 3 of the Value Added Tax (Place of Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 2003).”.

(5) The amendments made by this Resolution have effect in relation to qualifying supplies made on or after 1st July 2003.

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, Gillian Merron, Mr Jim Murphy: 364.

Tellers for the Noes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 132.

So the Question was agreed to.

20. Stamp duty land tax

The Question being put, That provision may be made for and in connection with the taxation of transactions involving the acquisition of—

(a) an estate, interest right or power in or over land in the United Kingdom, or
(b) the benefit of an obligation, restriction or condition affecting the value of any such estate, interest, right or power;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Jim Murphy: 318.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Laurence Robertson: 175.

So the Question was agreed to.

21. Stamp duty (withdrawal of group relief)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning with 15th April 2003 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) Section 111 of the Finance Act 2002 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (1)(b) for “two years” there shall be substituted “three years”.

(3) In subsection (1)(c)—

(a) in the opening words—

(i) for “it ceases” there shall be substituted “the transferee company ceases”, and

(ii) for “it holds” there shall be substituted “it or a relevant associated company holds”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (i) for “to it” there shall be substituted “to the transferee company”, and

(c) for the closing words there shall be substituted “and that has not subsequently been transferred at market value by a duly stamped instrument on which ad valorem duty was paid and in respect of which group relief was not claimed”.

(4) In subsection (3)—

(a) after “transferred” there shall be inserted “to the transferee company”, and

(b) for “what the transferee company holds at the time it ceases to be a member” there shall be substituted “what is held by that company or, as the case may be, that company and any relevant associated companies, at the time it or they cease to be members”.

(5) After subsection (4) there shall be inserted—

“(4A) In this section “relevant associated company”, in relation to the transferee company, means a company that—

(a) is a member of the same group as the transferee company immediately before that company ceases to be a member of the same group as the transferor company, and

(b) ceases to be a member of the same group as the transferor company in consequence of the transferee company so ceasing.”.
(6) In paragraph 4(3) of Schedule 34 to the Finance Act 2002, in paragraph (b)—
(a) in the opening words—
(i) for “it ceases” there shall be substituted “the transferee company ceases”, and
(ii) for “it holds” there shall be substituted “it or a relevant associated company (as defined in sub-paragraph (4) below) holds”;
(b) in sub-paragraph (i) for “to it” there shall be substituted “to the transferee company”; and
(c) for the closing words there shall be substituted “and that has not subsequently been transferred at market value by a duly stamped instrument on which ad valorem duty was paid and in respect of which group relief was not claimed”.

(7) In the closing words of that sub-paragraph, for the words from “as if” to the end there shall be substituted “as if the transferee had then ceased to be a member of the same group as the transferor company and had then held the estate or interest referred to in paragraph (b).”.

(8) After that sub-paragraph there shall be inserted—
“(4) In sub-paragraph (3)(b)” relevant associated company”, in relation to the transferee company, means a company that is in the same group as the transferee company immediately before the transferee company ceases to be a member of the new group and which ceases to be a member of the new group in consequence of the transferee company so ceasing.”.

(9) This Resolution shall apply to instruments executed after 14th April 2003.

(10) But this Resolution shall not apply to an instrument giving effect to a contract made on or before 9th April 2003, 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.

(11) This Resolution shall come into force on 15th April 2003.

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.

22. Stamp duty (withdrawal of relief for company acquisitions)

Resolved, That the following provisions shall have effect for the period beginning with 15th April 2003 and ending 31 days after the earliest of the dates mentioned in section 50(2) of the Finance Act 1973—

(1) Section 113 of the Finance Act 2002 shall be amended as follows.
(2) In subsection (1)(b) for “two years” there shall be substituted “three years”.

(3) In subsection (1)(c)—
(a) in the opening words, after “the acquiring company” there shall be inserted “or a relevant associated company”;
(b) in sub-paragraph (i) for “to it” there shall be substituted “to the acquiring company”; and
(c) for the closing words there shall be substituted “and that has not subsequently been transferred at market value by a duly stamped instrument on which ad valorem duty was paid and in respect of which section 76 relief was not claimed”.

(4) In subsection (3) for “what the acquiring company holds” there shall be substituted “what is held by that company or, as the case may be, by that company and any relevant associated companies”.

(5) After subsection (3) there shall be inserted—
“(3A) In this section “relevant associated company”, in relation to the acquiring company, means a company—
(a) that is controlled by the acquiring company immediately before the control of that company changes, and
(b) of which control changes in consequence of the change of control of that company.”.

(6) In Schedule 35 to the Finance Act 2002, in paragraphs 3(3)(b) and 4(3)(b)—
(a) in the opening words, after “the acquiring company” there shall be inserted “or a relevant associated company”,
(b) in sub-paragraph (i) for “to it” there shall be substituted “to the acquiring company”, and
(c) for the closing words there shall be substituted “and that has not subsequently been transferred at market value by a duly stamped instrument on which ad valorem duty was paid and in respect of which section 76 relief was not claimed”.

(7) This Resolution shall apply to instruments executed after 14th April 2003.

(8) But this Resolution shall not apply to an instrument giving effect to a contract made on or before 9th April 2003, 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 15th April 2003.

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.

23. Income tax (charge and rates for 2003–04)

The Question being put, That income tax shall be charged for the year 2003–04, 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, Mr Nick Ainger, Charlotte Atkins: 309.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Syms, Annette Brooke: 171.
So the Question was agreed to.

24. Indexed rate bands for 2003–04: PAYE deductions etc

Resolved, That for the year 2003–04 section 1(5A) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall have effect as if “14th 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.

25. Corporation tax (charge and rate for 2004)

The Question being put, That corporation tax shall be charged for the financial year 2004 at the rate of 30%;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Charlotte Atkins: 337.
So the Question was agreed to.


Resolved, That for the financial year 2003—
(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.

27. Corporation tax (starting rate for 2003)

Resolved, That for the financial year 2003—
(a) the corporation tax starting rate shall be 0%, and
(b) the fraction mentioned in section 13AA 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.

28. Employment income (provision of services through intermediary)

The Question being put, That—

(1) In section 49(1)(a) of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003, for “for the purposes of a business carried on by another person” there shall be substituted “for another person”.

(2) Section 49(2) of that Act shall be omitted.

(3) In section 56(7) of that Act—
   (a) at the end of paragraph (a) there shall be inserted “, and”;
   (b) paragraph (c) and the word “and” preceding it shall be omitted.

(4) This Resolution shall apply in relation to services performed or due to be performed on or after 10th April 2003.

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 Nick Ainger, Charlotte Atkins: 338.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mr Mark Francois: 128.

So the Question was agreed to.

29. CSOP schemes

Resolved, That—

(1) Section 524 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 shall be amended as follows.

(2) For subsection (1)(b) there shall be substituted—

“(b) Condition A or B is met.”.

(3) For subsections (2) and (3) there shall be substituted—

“(2) Condition A is that the option is exercised—
   (a) on or after the third anniversary of the date on which it was granted, but
   (b) not later than the tenth anniversary of that date.

(2A) Condition B is that the option—
   (a) is exercised before the third anniversary of the date on which it was granted, and
   (b) is so exercised by virtue of a provision included in the scheme under paragraph 24 of Schedule 4 (exercise of options after ceasing to be director or employee) in circumstances in which subsection (2B) applies.

(2B) This subsection applies if the individual exercising the option—
   (a) has ceased to be a full-time director or qualifying employee of the scheme organiser (or, in the case of a group scheme, a constituent company) because of injury, disability, redundancy or retirement, and
   (b) exercises the option within 6 months of the day on which he ceases to be such a director or employee.

(2C) In subsection (2B)—

“redundancy” means redundancy within the meaning of ERA 1996 or ER(NI)O1996, and
“retirement” means retirement on or after reaching the retirement age specified in the scheme.”.

(4) For section 525(1)(b) there shall be substituted—

“(b) Condition A or B (as set out in section 524(2) or (2A)) is met.”.

(5) Section 701(2)(c) of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 shall be amended as follows.
(6) In sub-paragraph (i), “or 4 (approved CSOP schemes)” shall be omitted.

(7) After that sub-paragraph there shall be inserted—

“(ia) any shares acquired by the employee (whether or not as a result of the exercise of a right to acquire shares) under a scheme approved under Schedule 4 (approved CSOP schemes), other than shares acquired as a result of the exercise of the right before the third anniversary of the date on which it was granted or later than the tenth anniversary of that date;”

(8) In sub-paragraph (ii), for “such a scheme” there shall be substituted “a scheme such as is mentioned in sub-paragraph (i) or (ia)”.

(9) The amendments made by paragraphs (1) to (4) of this Resolution shall have effect in relation to the exercise of an option on or after 9th April 2003 and the other amendments made by this Resolution shall have effect in relation to shares acquired on or after that date.

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

30. Employee securities and options

Resolved, That provision may be made about securities, and options to acquire securities, acquired pursuant to a right or opportunity available by reason of employment.

31. Payments to third parties for the benefit of employees

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about the allowability of deductions for payments made by employers to third parties for the benefit of employees.

32. PAYE (regulations and notional deductions)

Resolved, That provision may be made—

(a) as to the matters that may be provided for by regulations under section 684 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003;

(b) amending section 710 of that Act.

33. Interest on late payment of amounts required to be deducted from pay

Resolved, That provision may be made about the tax treatment of interest on amounts payable under regulations made under—

(a) section 566 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988,

(b) paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 to the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992 or the Social Security Contributions and Benefits (Northern Ireland) Act 1992, or

(c) section 22 of the Teaching and Higher Education Act 1998 or Article 3 of the Education (Student Support) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998.

34. Corporation tax (permanent establishments of non-resident companies)

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made—

(a) about the taxation of companies that are not resident in the United Kingdom;

(b) about the taxation of profits of UK-resident companies attributable to permanent establishments elsewhere;

(c) replacing references to a branch, or branch or agency, of a company with references to a permanent establishment.

35. Life insurance policies and deferred annuity contracts

Resolved, That provision may be made about chargeable gains on a disposal of, or of an interest in, the rights conferred by a policy of insurance or contract for a deferred annuity on the life of any person.

36. Exercise of options and the market value rule

Resolved, That provision may be made about the application of section 17(1) of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 in relation to the exercise of options.

37. Chargeable gains (earn-out rights)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 138A of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992.
38. Chargeable gains (attribution of gains to beneficiaries and settlers)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 with respect to the attribution of chargeable gains to beneficiaries and settlers.

39. Capital allowances (avoidance affecting proceeds of balancing event)

Resolved, That—

(1) The following section shall be inserted after section 570 of the Capital Allowances Act 2001—

“570A Avoidance affecting proceeds of balancing event

(1) This section applies where an event occurs in relation to an asset (a “balancing event”) as a result of which a balancing allowance would (but for this section) fall to be made to a person (“the taxpayer”) under Part 3, 4, 4A, 5 or 10.

(2) The taxpayer is not entitled to any balancing allowance if, as a result of a tax avoidance scheme, the amount to be brought into account as the proceeds from the event is less than it would otherwise have been.

(3) In subsection (2) a “tax avoidance scheme” means a scheme or arrangement the main purpose, or one of the main purposes, of which is the obtaining of a tax advantage by the taxpayer.

(4) Where this section applies to deny a balancing allowance, the residue of qualifying expenditure immediately after the balancing event is nevertheless calculated as if the balancing allowance had been made.

(5) In this section as it applies for the purposes of Part 5 (mineral extraction allowances)—

(a) the references to the proceeds from the balancing event that are to be brought into account shall be read as references to the disposal value to be brought into account, and

(b) the reference to the residue of qualifying expenditure shall be read as a reference to the unrelieved qualifying expenditure.”.

(2) This Resolution shall apply in relation to any balancing event (within the meaning of section 570A, inserted by paragraph (1) above) occurring on or after 27th November 2002, except where the event—

(a) occurs in pursuance of a contract entered into before that date, and

(b) does not occur in consequence of the exercise on or after that date of an option, right of pre-emption or similar right.

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.

40. Capital allowances (expenditure on software for sub-licensing)

Resolved, That—

(1) In subsection (1) of section 45 of the Capital Allowances Act 2001, at the end of paragraph (d) there shall be inserted “or subsection (4) below”.

(2) After subsection (3) of that section there shall be inserted—

“(4) Expenditure on an item within Class C is not first-year qualifying expenditure under this section if the person incurring it does so with a view to granting to another person a right to use or otherwise deal with any of the software in question.”.

(3) This Resolution shall apply in relation to expenditure incurred on or after 26th March 2003.

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.

41. Research and development (staffing costs)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending paragraph 5 of Schedule 20 to the Finance Act 2000.

42. Tonnage tax (extension of capital allowances restriction on lessors of ships)

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about the entitlement to capital allowances of a person leasing a ship to a company within tonnage tax.
43. Insurance companies

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made about the taxation of insurance companies, including companies which have ceased to be insurance companies after a transfer of business.

44. Life policies etc

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to policies of life insurance, contracts for life annuities and capital redemption policies.

45. Personal pensions schemes (limits on contributions)

Resolved, That—

(1) In section 640A(1) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 for “for the purposes of section 640 above” there shall be substituted “for the purposes of section 638 or 640 above”.

(2) In determining “the permitted maximum” for the purposes of any provision of an existing approved scheme designed to meet the requirements of section 638(3) of that Act, a member’s net relevant earnings for the year shall be taken to be the amount of his net relevant earnings after applying section 640A of that Act.

An “existing approved scheme” means a personal pension scheme approved under Chapter 4 of Part 14 of that Act before 9th April 2003.

(3) In section 641A(1) of that Act, for “A person who pays a contribution under approved personal pension arrangements” there shall be substituted “An individual who under approved personal pension arrangements made by him pays a contribution”.

(4) This Resolution shall have effect in relation to contributions paid on or after 9th April 2003.

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.

46. Charges under life insurance policies etc for exceptional risk of disability

Resolved, That provision may be made about variations in insurance policies in connection with exceptional risks of disability.

47. Currency contracts and currency options

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made in relation to currency contracts and currency options, as defined in Chapter 2 of Part 4 of the Finance Act 1994.

48. 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.

49. Derivative contracts

Resolved, That provision may be made for the purposes of corporation tax in relation to derivative contracts.

50. Sale and repurchase of securities

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to the sale and repurchase of securities.

51. Relevant discounted securities

Resolved, That—

(1) In paragraph 1 of Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1996—

(a) at the end of sub-paragraph (2)(b) there shall be inserted “(no account being taken of any costs incurred in connection with the transfer or redemption of the security or its acquisition)”;

(b) in sub-paragraph (3)(a) the words “reduced by the amount of any relevant costs” shall be omitted;

(c) sub-paragraph (4) shall be omitted.

(2) Paragraph 2 of that Schedule shall be omitted.

(3) In paragraph 6(3) of that Schedule, for “paragraphs 1(1) and 2(1) above do not apply” there shall be substituted “paragraph 1(1) above does not apply”.

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(4) Paragraphs 6(4) to (6), 7, 9A and 11 of that Schedule shall be omitted.

(5) In paragraph 14 of that Schedule—
(a) for the heading there shall be substituted “Strips of government securities”;
(b) in sub-paragraphs (2) and (3), the words “gilt-edged” shall be omitted;
(c) in sub-paragraph (4), the words after paragraph (c) shall be omitted.

(6) After that paragraph there shall be inserted—

“Strips of government securities: losses

14A (1) A person who sustains a loss in any year of assessment from the discount on a strip shall be entitled to relief from income tax on an amount of his income for that year equal to the amount of the loss.

(2) The relief is due only if the person makes a claim before the end of twelve months from the 31st January following that year.

(3) For the purposes of this paragraph a person sustains a loss from the discount on a strip where—
(a) he transfers the strip or becomes entitled, as the person holding it, to any payment on its redemption, and
(b) the amount paid by him for the strip exceeds the amount payable on the transfer or redemption (no account being taken of any costs incurred in connection with the transfer or redemption of the strip or its acquisition).

The loss shall be taken to be equal to the amount of the excess, and to be sustained in the year of assessment in which the transfer or redemption takes place.

(4) In sub-paragraph (3) above the reference to a transfer in paragraph (a) includes a reference to a deemed transfer under paragraph 14(4) above (and paragraph (b) shall be read accordingly).

(5) This paragraph does not apply in the case of—
(a) any transfer of a strip for the time being held under a settlement the trustees of which are not resident in the United Kingdom, or
(b) any redemption of a strip which is so held immediately before its redemption.”.

(7) In the definition of “strip” in paragraph 15(1) of that Schedule, for “is a strip of a gilt-edged security” there shall be substituted “is a strip of a security, or would be if that section had effect with the substitution in subsection (1B) of “issued by or on behalf of the government of any territory” for “issued under the National Loans Act 1968”.”

(8) In section 710(3) of the Taxes Act 1988, after paragraph (e) there shall be inserted—

“(f) any relevant discounted security within the meaning of Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1996 (see paragraphs 3 and 14(1) of that Schedule).”.

(9) Subject to paragraph (10) below—
(a) the amendments made by paragraphs (1) and (5)(c) of this Resolution shall apply in relation to costs incurred on or after 27th March 2003;
(b) the amendments made by paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (6) and (8) of this Resolution shall apply in relation to any loss sustained from the discount on a relevant discounted security transferred or redeemed on or after that date;
(c) the amendments made by paragraphs (5)(a) and (b) and (7) of this Resolution shall apply in relation to any security acquired on or after that date.

(10) The amendments mentioned in paragraph (9)(a) and (b) above shall not apply in relation to costs incurred, or losses sustained, on the transfer or redemption of a relevant discounted security if—
(a) the person transferring or redeeming the security held it continuously since a time before 27th March 2003, and
(b) the security was listed on a recognised stock exchange at any time before that date.
(11) No losses may be carried forward under paragraph 6(6) of Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 1996 to any year of assessment after 2002–03.

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

52. Foster carers

Resolved, That provision may be made in relation to income tax and capital allowances in the case of individuals who provide foster care.

53. Court common investment funds

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 469A of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

54. Rate of landfill tax for year beginning 1st April 2003

Resolved, That—

(1) For the amount specified in subsection (1)(a) of section 42 of the Finance Act 1996, and the corresponding amount in subsection (2) of that section, there shall be substituted “£14”.

(2) This Resolution shall apply in relation to taxable disposals made, or treated as made, on or after 1st April 2003 and before 1st April 2004.

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.

55. Rate of landfill tax from 1st April 2004

Resolved, That, in relation to taxable disposals made, or treated as made, on or after 1st April 2004, for the amount specified in subsection (1)(a) of section 42 of the Finance Act 1996, and the corresponding amount in subsection (2) of that section, there shall be substituted “£15”.

56. Climate change levy (miscellaneous amendments)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 2000 in relation to—

(a) combined heat and power stations;
(b) taxable supplies made on the basis that they are not taxable;
(c) supplies of gas that are deemed to be made under paragraph 24 of that Schedule;
(d) the way in which climate change levy is to be accounted for; and
(e) assessments of climate change levy

57. Climate change levy (deemed supplies of electricity)

Resolved, That—

(1) In paragraph 5(3) of Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 2000, for “paragraph 23(3)” there shall be substituted “paragraph 20(6)(a), 20B(6)(a), 23(3) or 24”.

(2) This Resolution shall have effect in relation to supplies deemed to be made on or after 31st March 2003.

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 (electricity from renewable sources etc)

Resolved, That—

(1) For sub-paragraphs (6) to (8) of paragraph 20 of Schedule 6 to the Finance Act 2000 there shall be substituted—

“(6) If the total mentioned in sub-paragraph (3)(b) exceeds that mentioned in sub-paragraph (3)(a), then—

(a) in a case where, at the time when the balancing period ends, an averaging period also ends because of sub-paragraph (2)(f) or (g), the supplier is for the purposes of this Schedule deemed to make at that time a taxable supply of a quantity of electricity equal to the excess;

(b) in any other case, a balancing debit equal to the excess is carried forward to the next balancing period.”.
(2) For sub-paragraphs (6) to (8) of paragraph 20B of that Schedule there shall be substituted—

“(6) If the total mentioned in sub-paragraph (3)(b) exceeds that mentioned in sub-paragraph (3)(a), then—

(a) in a case where, at the time when the balancing period ends, an averaging period also ends because of sub-paragraph (2)(f) or (g), the supplier is for the purposes of this Schedule deemed to make at that time a taxable supply of a quantity of electricity equal to the excess;

(b) in any other case, a balancing debit equal to the excess is carried forward to the next balancing period.”.

(3) The amendment made by paragraph (1) of this Resolution shall have effect where the end of the balancing period referred to in paragraph (a) of the sub-paragraph (6) substituted by that provision falls on or after 31st March 2003.

(4) The amendment made by paragraph (2) of this Resolution shall have effect where the end of the balancing period referred to in paragraph (a) of the sub-paragraph (6) substituted by that provision falls on or after 1st April 2003.

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.

59. Insurance premium tax (treatment of divided companies)

Resolved, That provision may be made for the purposes of insurance premium tax with respect to companies that are divided so that members and creditors of the company have rights only, or primarily, in relation to particular assets of the company.

60. Stamp duty (company’s acquisition of own shares)

Resolved, That provision may be made amending section 66 of the Finance Act 1986.

61. Companies in administration

Resolved, That provision may be made, for the purposes of corporation tax, about companies which enter, are in or cease to be in administration under Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act 1986 and companies in respect of which any corresponding event occurs, or which are subject to any corresponding procedure, otherwise than under that Act.

62. Controlled foreign companies

Resolved, That provision (including provision having retrospective effect) may be made amending Chapter 4 of Part 17 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

63. Deduction of tax from interest (recognised clearing houses etc)

Resolved, That—

(1) Section 349 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In subsection (3), at the end there shall be inserted “or—

(j) to interest paid by a recognised clearing house or recognised investment exchange carrying on business as provider of a central counterparty clearing service, in the ordinary course of that business, on margin or other collateral deposited with it by users of the service; or

(k) to interest treated by virtue of section 730A(2)(a) or (b) (repos) as paid by a recognised clearing house or recognised investment exchange in respect of contracts made by it as provider of a central counterparty clearing service.”.

(3) In subsection (6), at the appropriate places there shall be inserted—

“central counterparty clearing service” means the service provided by a clearing house or investment exchange to the parties to a transaction where there are contracts between each of the parties and the clearing house or investment exchange (in place of, or as an alternative to, a contract directly between the parties),’’;

“recognised clearing house” and “recognised investment exchange” have the same meaning as in the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (see section 285 of that Act),’’.

(4) The provisions of this Resolution shall have effect in relation to the payment of interest on or after 14th April 2003.

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.
64. Mandatory use of electronic means of payment

Resolved, That provision may be made for requiring the use of electronic or other means for making payments under legislation relating to taxation matters.

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 (VAT on Electronic Services Supplied in any Member State).—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 and in connection with giving effect to Article 26c of Council Directive 77/388/EEC as inserted by Council Directive 2002/38/EC.

Procedure (Donations to Charity).—Resolved, That, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the practice of the House relating to the matters that may be included in Finance Bills, any Finance Bill of the present Session may contain provision for the payment by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue of supplements on sums falling to be paid to charities and other bodies in accordance with schemes approved under section 202 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Procedure (Exchange of Information between United Kingdom and other States or Territories).—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 for and in connection with giving effect to Article 26c of Council Directive 77/388/EEC as inserted by Council Directive 2002/38/EC.

Procedure (Savings Income).—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 authorising the making of regulations for implementing and for dealing with matters arising out of or related to—

(a) any Community obligation created with a view to ensuring the effective taxation of savings income under the law of the United Kingdom and the laws of the other member States, or

(b) any arrangements made with a territory other than a member State with a view to ensuring the effective taxation of savings income under the law of the United Kingdom and the law of the other territory.

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 for corporation tax to be charged for the year 2004-05;

(b) provision relating to the lower threshold in section 139(4) of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003;

(c) provision about assets qualifying as business assets for the purposes of taper relief under Schedule A1 to the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992;

(d) provision about gains treated as arising under Chapter 2 of Part 13 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988;

(e) provision about the rate of landfill tax.

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 deduction from money or securities for money collected or received for or on account of value added tax of sums required by the department of the Commissioners of Customs and Excise for making payments pursuant to Article 9e of Council Regulation 218/92/EEC as inserted by Council Regulation 792/2002/EC;

(b) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of such amounts as are required by the Commissioners of Inland Revenue to make payments under provisions of the Act relating to charities,
(c) 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,
(d) any increase, attributable to any provisions of the Act relating to Schedule 13 to the Finance Act 2002, in the sums deducted from the gross revenues of the department of the Commissioners of Inland Revenue for the purpose of the payment of tax credits under that Schedule.

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 Milburn, Mr Secretary Smith, Ms Secretary Hewitt, Mr Secretary Clarke, Mr Paul Boateng, Dawn Primarolo, Ruth Kelly and John Healey do prepare and bring it in.

4 Finance Bill,—Dawn Primarolo accordingly presented a Bill to grant certain duties, to alter other duties, and to amend the law relating to the National Debt and the Public Revenue, and to make further provision in connection with finance: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 28th April and to be printed [Bill 94].

5 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) (Amendment) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 13th March, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

6 Local Government Finance,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 117) (House of Commons Paper No. 537) on 2003-04 Special Grant for Driving Local Authority Planning Performance, which was laid before this House on 20th March, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

7 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 (Sugar Beet Research and Education) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 17th March, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

8 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 Document No. 12228/02, Commission Communication, draft Directives and draft Council Decision relating to security of energy supply; and supports the Government’s aim of securing practical and proportionate legislation which takes into account the Government’s international obligations in the petroleum sector and contributes to the security of gas supplies within the context of a single energy market—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

9 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
   (1) residents of York against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions,
   (2) pharmacists and their customers in the Tiverton and Honiton Constituency against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions,
   (3) residents of Wooton Basset and others against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions, and
   (4) residents of Thanet for a fast rail service between Thanet and London,
   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—(Derek Twigg);

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And the Question being put;

Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till nine minutes past Twelve o’clock on Tuesday morning, adjourned till Monday 28th April, pursuant to Resolution [1st April].

[Adjourned at 12.09 a.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. 118) on Special Grant for Local Authorities Rated Excellent and 3rd Education Performers under the Audit Commission’s 2002 Comprehensive Performance Assessment, and
(2) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 119) on Special Grant for the Excellence in Cities and Excellence Cluster Programmes [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 534 and 535] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4 Social Security,—(1) Social Security and Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1050), dated 7th April 2003, and
(2) Social Security (Incacity Benefit) (Her Majesty’s Forces) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1068), dated 10th April 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Other Papers:

5 Education and Skills,—Department for Education and Skills Minute, dated 14th April 2003, concerning a contingent liability in respect of arrangements to allow the appointment of a receiver to manage the affairs of former Training and Enterprise Councils [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Anti-social Behaviour Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Bill.

2 Anti-social Behaviour Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bob Ainsworth, Annette Brooke, Paul Clark, Caroline Flint, Mr Mark Francois, Mr John Heppell and Mr James Paice members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee G in respect of the Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Home Affairs.—Fourth Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Asylum Removals], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 654] [Mr Chris Mullin].

2 Northern Ireland Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee on 7th April [Peace II]; to be printed [No. 653-i]; and
(2) Minutes of evidence taken before the Committee on 8th April [The Illegal Drugs Trade and Drug Culture in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 353-v] [Mr Michael Mates].

3 Treasury.—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Responses to the Third Report from the Committee, on Split Capital Investment Trusts]; to be printed [No. 651]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The 2003 Budget]; to be printed [Nos. 652-i and -ii] [Mr John McFall].
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 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

2 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill to be considered to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 93].

3 European Parliament (Representation) Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That the following provisions shall apply to the European Parliament (Representation) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 10th December 2002—

   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. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question put and proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Gerry Sutcliffe).—It was agreed to.

4 European Parliament (Representation) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the European Parliament (Representation) Bill.

   Lords Amendment No. 1.

   A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House agrees with the Lords in the said Amendment;

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Fraser Kemp: 270.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Hugh Robertson: 113.

   So the Question was agreed to.

   Lords Amendment Nos. 2 and 3 were agreed to.

   Lords Amendment No. 4.

   A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House agrees with the Lords in the said Amendment;

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Joan Ryan: 280.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Hugh Robertson: 113.

   So the Question was agreed to.

   Lords Amendments Nos. 5 to 14 were agreed to.

   Lords Amendment No. 15.

   An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

   The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

   Lords Amendment Nos. 16 to 20 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 17.

5 National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

   The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

6 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 1st May, do adjourn till Tuesday 6th May—(Mr Jim Murphy).—It was agreed to.
7 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Jim Murphy);
And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

8 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Gillian Merron);
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 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 25th April 2003
1 Dominican Republic (No. 1, 2003),—Agreement, done at Santo Domingo on 18th February 2003, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Dominican Republic on the Transfer of Prisoners [Cm. 5806] [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:

Tuesday 15th April 2003
2 Companies,—Companies (Acquisition of Own Shares) (Treasury Shares) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1116), dated 14th April 2003 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
3 Consumer Protection,—Pedal Bicycles (Safety) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1101), dated 9th April 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].
6 Road Traffic,—Motor Cycles Etc. (EC Type Approval) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1099), dated 14th April 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Wednesday 16th April 2003
9 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (General Medical Services) and (Charges for Drugs and Appliances) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1084), dated 9th April 2003 [Mr Secretary Milburn].
11 Public Passenger Transport,—Road Transport (International Passenger Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1118), dated 14th April 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].
12 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1113), dated 14th April [Mr Secretary Darling].

Wednesday 23rd April 2003
13 Housing,—Housing (Right to Buy) (Designated Rural Areas and Designated Region) (England) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1105), dated 11th April 2003 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 28th April 2003.

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

15 Contracting Out.—Draft Contracting Out (Administration of the Teachers’ Pensions Scheme) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

16 Defence.—(1) Draft Armed Forces (Review of Search and Seizure) Order 2003, and
   (2) draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2003 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

17 European Communities.—(1) Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States and the Republic of Chile) Order 2003, and
   (2) draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Arab Republic of Egypt) Order 2003 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

18 Regulatory Reform.—Draft Regulatory Reform (British Waterways Board) Order 2003, together with a statement by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:

19 Air Force (Constitution).—Amendment List 7 to Air Publication 1269 — The Royal Air Force Manual of Medical Management and Administration [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

20 Broadcasting.—Report and Financial Statements of the Channel Four Television Corporation for 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

21 Criminal Justice and Court Services.—Accounts of the National Probation Service: Consolidated Accounts of the Local Probation Boards Account for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 281] [Clerk of the House].

22 European Communities (No. 2, 2003).—Treaty, done at Athens on 16th April 2003, between the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Denmark, the Federal Republic of Germany, the Hellenic Republic, the Kingdom of Spain, the French Republic, Ireland, the Italian Republic, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the Republic of Austria, the Portuguese Republic, the Republic of Finland, the Kingdom of Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (Member States of the European Union) and the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic, concerning the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the European Union, including the Protocols and Final Act with Declarations, with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon [by Command] [Cm. 5805-I, -II, -III, -IV, -V, -VI, -VII, -VIII, -IX, -X and -XI] [Mr Secretary Straw].

23 Housing.—Statement of Guarantee, given by the Treasury on 28th April 2003, in respect of temporary borrowing by the Housing Corporation from Barclays Bank plc [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

24 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on:—
   (1) A Safer Place to Work: Improving the management of health and safety risks to staff in NHS trusts, and
   (2) Purchasing and Managing Software Licences [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 623 and 579] [Clerk of the House].

25 Northern Ireland.—Financial Statements of the Training and Employment Agency for 1999–2000, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 632] [Mr Secretary Murphy].
26 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Account of the United Kingdom Central Council 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. 637] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

27 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee on Planning, Competitiveness and Productivity [by Command] [Cm. 5809] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

28 Police (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of the:—

(1) Northern Ireland Policing Board for 2001–02,
(2) Police Authority for Northern Ireland for 2000–01,
(3) Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland for 6th November 2000 to 31st March 2002, and
(4) Police Service Northern Ireland (Police Grant) for 2001–02

with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 663, 661, 664 and 660] [Clerk of the House].

29 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petitions [12th March] from residents of Chesham and Amersham against proposals for a larger role for supermarkets in dispensing National Health Service prescriptions; and residents of Hertfordshire against unrestricted opening of pharmacies [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

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

(1) Dudley Education Action Zone, and
(2) Slough Education Action Zone

for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 643 and 644] [Clerk of the House].

31 Social Security Administration,—Accounts of the:—

(1) National Insurance Fund, and
(2) Social Fund

for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 658 and 662] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

Marine Safety Bill.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Edward O’Hara from Standing Committee E (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Dave Watts.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Human Rights,—Ninth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [The Case for a Children’s Commissioner for England], together with the 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. 666] [Jean Corston].

2 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 [Reducing Regional Disparities in Prosperity]; to be printed [No. 492-v] [Andrew Bennett].

3 Treasury,—(1) Sixth Report from the Treasury Committee [The UK and the Euro], and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 187] (ordered to be printed in the adjournment pursuant to S.O. No. 137 (Select Committees (adjournment of the House))); [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The UK and the Euro] [Mr John McFall].
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Mersey Tunnels Bill, as amended in the Committee;
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 6th May.

2 Waste and Emissions Trading Bill [Lords].—Mr David Amess reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Waste and Emissions Trading Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereto.
   
   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 97].
   
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 670].

3 Marine Safety Bill.—Mr Alan Hurst reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Marine Safety Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.
   
   Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 16th May.
   
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 669].

4 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Care Homes (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 534).
   
   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 Amendment made by this House to the National Minimum Wage (Enforcement Notices) Bill [Lords], without Amendment.
   
   The Lords have agreed to the Amendment made by this House to a Lords Amendment to the European Parliament (Representation) Bill, without Amendment.

6 National Community Service,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for a national scheme of community service for 16 and 17 year olds: And that Mr Tony Banks do prepare and bring it in.

7 National Community Service Bill,—Mr Tony Banks accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for a national scheme of community service for 16 and 17 year olds: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 96].

8 Opposition Day [5th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.
   
   Impact of Government Policies on Community Services,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses its deep concern at the collapse of community services in Britain and the adverse effect on social inclusion, neighbourhood renewal, regional prosperity, and the quality of community life; condemns the policies of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, which have resulted in the unfair distribution of local authority grant, causing divisive regional disparities, and centralised decision-making and services; regrets that the only solution the Government has to these problems is an expensive unnecessary additional layer of regional government; further condemns the Government’s failure to improve local health care provision by tackling the necessary reform of NHS services; deplores the absence of policies to protect rural communities from the effects of the deep recession in farming; and recognises the Government’s total failure to protect community services, resulting in a crisis in school funding, an increase in violent crime, a deteriorating transport system, and a threat to important local services including community pharmacies, sub-post offices and residential care homes.
   
   An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘commends the Government’s policies on community services and applauds its commitment to neighbourhood renewal, social inclusion and the quality of urban and rural community life through the protection and enhancement of key local services; further applauds the Government’s achievements of a stable economy, improved economic prosperity and social justice, increased
community services investment, reduced crime and safer communities; welcomes this year’s increased funding for education of over £2.6 billion, 11.6% extra, and more than £250 million greater than pressures; notes that since 1997–98 spending per pupil has risen in real terms every year compared with a 4% real terms cut between 1992–93 and 1997–98; further welcomes the Government’s NHS and social services modernisation to devolve power and resources locally to Primary Care Trusts and to end delayed discharges from hospital; notes that between 2003–04 and 2005–06 social care funding will grow in real terms by 6% per annum on average, building on the improvements already made to community services through the 20% real terms increase since 1997; welcomes this year’s fairer funding of local government, producing, for the first time ever, an above inflation grant increase for every local authority and region in England, with a 25% real terms increase in grant since 1997, compared with a 7% cut under the last 4 years of the last Conservative government; notes that Conservative councils have imposed on average 16.2% increase in council tax; and condemns the cynical opportunism of trying to blame the Government for irresponsible tax increases by Conservative councils’, 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, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Robert Syms: 139.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Ivor Caplin: 327.

So the Question was negatived.

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Ivor Caplin: 298.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Robert Syms: 162.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House commends the Government’s policies on community services and applauds its commitment to neighbourhood renewal, social inclusion and the quality of urban and rural community life through the protection and enhancement of key local services; further applauds the Government’s achievements of a stable economy, improved economic prosperity and social justice, increased community services investment, reduced crime and safer communities; welcomes this year’s increased funding for education of over £2.6 billion, 11.6% extra, and more than £250 million greater than pressures; notes that since 1997–98 spending per pupil has risen in real terms every year compared with a 4% real terms cut between 1992–93 and 1997–98; further welcomes the Government’s NHS and social services modernisation to devolve power and resources locally to Primary Care Trusts and to end delayed discharges from hospital; notes that between 2003–04 and 2005–06 social care funding will grow in real terms by 6% per annum on average, building on the improvements already made to community services through the 20% real terms increase since 1997; welcomes this year’s fairer funding of local government, producing, for the first time ever, an above inflation grant increase for every local authority and region in England, with a 25% real terms increase in grant since 1997, compared with a 7% cut under the last 4 years of the last Conservative government; notes that Conservative councils have imposed on average 16.2% increase in council tax; and condemns the cynical opportunism of trying to blame the Government for irresponsible tax increases by Conservative councils.

9 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from:

(1) residents of South West Bedfordshire against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions,

(2) electors within the Parliamentary Constituency of Brentwood and Ongar and nearby district councils for a fairer method of distributing local government grants,

(3) the Wells and District Hospital Support Group against the proposed closure of Wells and District Hospital, and
(4) residents of Gloucester and others for continued Government support for British Energy 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—(Gillian Merron);

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 one minute past Eight o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.01 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Competition,—(1) Draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Anticipated Mergers) Order 2003,
(2) draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003, and
(3) draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Supply of Services) Order 2003 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Consumer Protection,—Draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Part 8 Domestic Infringements) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Lands Tribunal,—Lands Tribunal (Salaries) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 227), dated 10th April 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].


Other Papers:

5 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Progress on 15 major capital projects funded by Arts Council England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 622] [Clerk of the House].

6 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petitions [13th March] from Pam Challis and others against proposals for the unrestricted opening of pharmacies; and pharmacy users in Putney against any legislation which may threaten the viability of local pharmacies [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Care Homes (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 534),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Eric Martlew from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations), and nominated in substitution Jon Cruddas.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [British Film Industry]; to be printed [No. 667-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Fifth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [The Biological Weapons Green Paper]; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 671]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 405-iv].

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3 Health.—Second Report from the Health Committee [Foundation Trusts], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 395]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Foundation Trusts] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

4 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Sexual Offences Bill]; to be printed [No. 639-ii] [Mr Chris Mullin].

5 House of Lords Reform.—Second Report from the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform [House of Lords Reform]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 668] [Dr Jack Cunningham].

6 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Trade and Development: Aspects of the Doha Agenda]; to be printed [No. 400-ix] [Tony Baldry].

7 Lord Chancellor’s Department.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department [Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (CAFCASS)]; to be printed [No. 614-ii] [Mr A. J. Beith].

[No. 86; WH, No. 52.]

Tuesday 29th April 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4.29 p.m.]

[No. 87.]

Wednesday 30th April 2003.

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:

London Local Authorities Bill [Lords]

Bill to be read a second time.

2 Transas Group Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transas Group Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 7th May.

3 Fireworks Bill.—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Fireworks Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 16th May; and to be printed [Bill 100].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 675].

4 European Union (Accessions) Bill.—Mr Secretary Straw, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Blunkett, Secretary Margaret Beckett, Mr Secretary Hoon and Ms Secretary Hewitt, presented a Bill to make provision consequential on the treaty concerning the accession of the Czech Republic, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Cyprus, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, the Republic of Hungary, the Republic of Malta, the Republic of Poland, the Republic of Slovenia and the Slovak Republic to the European Union, signed at Athens on 16th April 2003; and to make provision in relation to the entitlement
of nationals of certain acceding States to enter or reside in the United Kingdom as workers: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 98].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the European Union (Accessions) Bill be printed [Bill 98-EN].

5 Park Home Reform,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to Park Homes in order to introduce transparency and consistency into their acquisition and disposal; to amend the model standards relating to Park Homes residents to bring them into line with the standards practised in local authority and housing association property; to give statutory recognition to Park Homes Residents Associations; and to make provision in respect of the accounts of the parks and the homes situate thereon: And that Mrs Angela Browning, Mr David Atkinson, Mr Christopher Chope, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Michael Jack, Mrs Eleanor Lang, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Martin Salter and Angela Watkins do prepare and bring it in.

6 Park Home Reform Bill,—Mrs Angela Browning accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law relating to Park Homes in order to introduce transparency and consistency into their acquisition and disposal; to amend the model standards relating to Park Homes residents to bring them into line with the standards practised in local authority and housing association property; to give statutory recognition to Park Homes Residents Associations; and to make provision in respect of the accounts of the parks and the homes situate thereon: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 99].

7 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill [Money](No. 2),—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill [Money] (No. 2);

Resolved, That, for the purpose of any Act resulting from the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure of a Minister of the Crown in connection with a referendum held about proposals for the reorganisation of local government.—(Dan Norris.)

8 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill (Programme) (No. 4),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That the following provisions shall apply to the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 26th November 2002:

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion four hours after their commencement.

Subsequent stages

2. Any Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question put.

3. The proceedings on any Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.—(Dan Norris)—It was agreed to.

9 Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 35 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 3, 17, 18 and 34.

10 Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That the following provisions shall apply to the Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 27th January 2003—

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

Subsequent stages

2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question put and proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Phil Woolas).—It was agreed to.

11 Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 3 were agreed to.
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12 Modernisation of the House of Commons.—Ordered, That Mr Robin Cook and Lorna Fitzsimons be discharged from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons and Dr John Reid and Caroline Flint be added.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

13 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents from the Stoke-on-Trent South constituency against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Lilbourne, Northamptonshire, for measures by the Secretary of State for Transport in relation to proposals for a freight railway and marshalling yard near Lilbourne 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 twenty minutes to Seven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.40 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—(1) Statutory Paternity Pay (Adoption) and Statutory Adoption Pay (Adoptions from Overseas) (Administration) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1192), dated 23rd April 2003,

(2) Statutory Paternity Pay (Adoption) and Statutory Adoption Pay (Adoptions from Overseas) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1194), dated 29th April 2003, and

(3) Statutory Paternity Pay (Adoption) and Statutory Adoption Pay (Adoptions from Overseas) (Persons Abroad and Mariners) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1193), dated 28th April 2003,

[by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

3 European Community Finances,—Paper, entitled Statement on the 2003 EC Budget and measures to counter fraud and financial mismanagement [by Command] [Cm. 5800] [Ruth Kelly].

4 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Children: Their Non-accidental Death or Serious Injury (Criminal Trials) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 650] [Yvette Cooper].

5 Transport,—Report of the Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Female Genital Mutilation 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: Hilary Benn, Mrs Anne Campbell, Paul Clark, Ann Clwyd, Mrs Ann Cryer, Sandra Gidley, Mr Robert Key, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Mr Peter Luff, Chris McCafferty, Miss Anne McIntosh, Alice Mahon, Julie Morgan, Dr Jenny Tonge, Angela Watkinson and Mrs Betty Williams.

2 Dealing in Cultural Objects (Offences) 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 Allan, Hugh Bayley, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Roger Casale, Mr Tony Colman, Sir Patrick Cormack, Ross Cranston, Mr Edward Garnier, Dr Kim Howells, Mr Jon Owen Jones, Mr Robert Key, Martin Linton, Tim Loughton, Shona McIsaac, Mr Edward O’Hara and Brian White.
3 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 120) (House of Commons Paper No. 578) on Grants for local authorities classed as ‘excellent’ under the comprehensive assessment framework:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: John Austin, Sir Paul Beresford, Ms Karen Buck, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Edward Davey, Linda Gilroy, Matthew Green, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr David Kidney, Mr Christopher Leslie, Mr Eric Martlew, Mr James Plaskitt, Mr Marshall Singh, Mr Clive Soley, Mr Desmond Swayne and Mr Phil Woolas.


(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 Richard Bacon, Mr John Baron, Mr David Chaytor, Paul Farrell, Mr Howard Flight, John Healey, Norman Lamb, Mr David Laws, Estelle Morris, Linda Perham, Mr Chris Pond, Mr Martin Salter, Rachel Squire, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr David Wilshire.

5 Housing (Right to Buy) (Limits on Discount) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 498):

(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: Hugh Bayley, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Christopher Chope, Tony Cunningham, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Angela Eagle, Matthew Green, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Ivan Henderson, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Tony McNulty, Mr Desmond Swayne, Paddy Tipping and Mr Phil Woolas.

6 Value Added Tax (Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1055):

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Virginia Bottomley, Kevin Brennan, Mr Chris Bryant, Mr John Burnett, Mr Jim Cunningham, Valerie Davey, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr Derek Foster, John Healey, Mr David Laws, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Chris Pond, Christine Russell, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr David Wilshire.

7 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 118) on Special Grant for Local Authorities Rated Excellent and 3* Education Performers and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 119) on Special Grant for the Excellence in Cities and Excellence Cluster Programmes:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Reports to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Brady, Mr Ian Cawsey, Tom Cox, Mr Nick Gibb, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr David Miliband, Mr Archie Norman, Mr Greg Pope, Dr John Pugh, Mr Laurence Robertson, Geraldine Smith, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Derek Twigg and Mr Phil Willis.

European Standing Committees

8 European Union Document No. 15829/02, relating to the identification of sheep and goats, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [The Budget 2003 and Aviation]; to be printed [No. 672-i] [Mr John Horam].

2 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. 63-xix] [Mr Jimmy Hood].
3 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Government’s Response to the Fourth Report of the Committee, the Control of Firearms in Northern Ireland and the draft Firearms (Northern Ireland) Order 2002]; to be printed [No. 677]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Peace II]; to be printed [No. 653-ii]
   [Mr Michael Mates].

4 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 [Reducing Regional Disparities in Prosperity]; to be printed [No. 492-vi]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Living Places: Cleaner, Safer, Greener], to be printed [No. 673-II]
   [Andrew Bennett].

5 Public Accounts,—(1) Eighteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Reaping the Rewards of Agricultural Research]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 414]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Modernising procurement in the Prison Service]; to be printed [No. 676-i]
   [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Work of the Natural Environment Research Council]; to be printed [No. 674-i] [Dr Ian Gibson].

7 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Aviation]; to be printed [No. 454-v] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

8 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The 2003 Budget]; to be printed [No. 652-iii][Mr John McFall].

[No. 87; WH, No. 53.]

Wednesday 30th April 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4.26 p.m.]

[No. 88.]

Thursday 1st May 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 High Hedges Bill [Lords].—The Order for reading the High Hedges Bill [Lords] a second time on Friday 16th May was read and discharged.

   Bill to be read a second time on Friday 4th July.

2 Adjournment (Broadband).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Derek Twigg);

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

3 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from the constituents of Eccles against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

4 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Keith Hill)

   And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes to Six o’clock, adjourned till Tuesday 6th May, pursuant to Resolution [28th April].

[Adjourned at 5.50 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Broadcasting.—Draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) (Amendment) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

2 Criminal Law.—Draft Referral Orders (Amendment of Referral Conditions) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Immigration,—Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1185), dated 30th April 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

4 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 30th April 2003, concerning the gifting of historic aircraft to the Royal Air Force Museum for onward loan to the Spitfire and Hurricane Memorial Building Trust [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

5 National Health Service.—(1) Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 17th March 2003 on loans proposed to be raised by—
   (i) Epsom and St Helier National Health Service Trust,
   (ii) Gateshead Health National Health Service Trust,
   (iii) Heatherwood and Wexham Park National Health Service Trust,
   (iv) Northampton General Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (v) North Hampshire Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (vi) Nottingham City Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (vii) Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham University Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (viii) Rotherham General Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (ix) Sheffield Teaching Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (x) Southampton University Hospitals National Health Service Trust,
   (xi) South of Tyne and Wearside Mental Health National Health Service Trust,
   (xii) Tees and North East Yorkshire National Health Service Trust,
   (xiii) United Bristol Healthcare National Health Service Trust,
   (xiv) United Lincolnshire Hospital National Health Service Trust,
   (xv) University Hospitals of Leicester National Health Service Trust, and
   (xvi) West Hampshire National Health Service Trust;

(2) Statements of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 15th April 2003 on loans proposed to be raised by—
   (i) East Anglian Ambulance National Health Service Trust, and
   (ii) Norfolk and Norwich University Hospitals National Health Service Trust;

(3) Statement of Guarantee given by the Secretary of State for Health on 22nd April 2003 on loans proposed to be raised by Norfolk Mental Health Care National Health Service Trust

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 Special Procedure Orders,—Report by the Chairman of Ways and Means in the House of Commons, under section 3 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act 1945, That no Petitions have been presented against the Marriages Validity (Harrogate District Hospital) Order 2003 [by Act] [Chairman of Ways and Means].

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:

   Social Security and Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1050)

[by Standing Order] [The Speaker].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 National Lottery (Funding of Endowments) Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

2 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill.—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E (transferred from Standing Committee C) and has appointed Derek Conway Chairman.

3 High Hedges (No. 2) Bill.—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee F (transferred from Standing Committee C) and has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman.

4 Anti-social Behaviour Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Bill.

5 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 120) (HC 578) on Grants for local authorities classed as ‘excellent’ under the comprehensive performance assessment framework.—The Speaker has appointed Miss Ann Begg Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report.


7 Housing (Right to buy) (Limits on Discount) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2000, No. 498).—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

8 Value Added Tax (Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

9 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 118) on Special Grant for Local Authorities Rated Excellent and 3* Education Performers and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 119) on Special Grant for the Excellence in Cities and Excellence Cluster Programmes.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Reports.

European Standing Committees

10 The Speaker has appointed Nigel Beard Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 7280/03 on Racism and Xenophobia.

11 The Speaker has appointed Peter Atkinson Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document No. 13982/02 on Better Environment for Business.

[No. 88; WH, No. 54.]

Thursday 1st May 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (The Financing of Terrorism in Northern Ireland—Fourth Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, Session 2001–02, and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Derek Twigg.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 6th May.

[Adjourned at 2.30 p.m.]
Tuesday 6th May 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Mersey Tunnels Bill, as amended in Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 13th May.

2 National Lottery (Funding of Endowments) Bill,—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the National Lottery (Funding of Endowments) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 20th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 681].

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Anne Begg reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 120) (House of Commons Paper No. 578) on grants for local authorities classed as 'excellent' under the comprehensive performance assessment framework.

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 Industrial Development (Financial Assistance) Bill, without Amendment.

5 Fireworks Bill,—The Order for considering the Fireworks Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, on Friday 16th May, was read and discharged.

Bill to be considered on Friday 13th June.

6 Children's Television (Advertising),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prevent food and drink advertising during pre-school children's television programmes and related scheduling: And that Debra Shipley, Dr Howard Stoate, Margaret Moran, Linda Perham, Vera Baird, Ann Clwyd, Ms Karen Buck, Dr Brian Iddon, Glenda Jackson, Brian White, Mr Jim Cunningham and Andrew Mackinlay do prepare and bring it in.

7 Children’s Television (Advertising) Bill,—Debra Shipley accordingly presented a Bill to prevent food and drink advertising during pre-school children’s television programmes and related scheduling: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 101].

8 Finance Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Finance Bill;

And a Motion being made, and the Question being 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 of 447 pages increase the burden of taxation on the economy, fail to take account of the effects of inflation and will lead to a further decline in the competitiveness and relative attractiveness of the UK as a location for investment', instead thereof.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Sym, Mr Mark Hoban: 149.

Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Jim Fitzpatrick: 379.

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.

9 Finance Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Finance Bill:
Committal

1.—(1) Clauses Nos. 1, 4, 5, 9, 14, 42, 56, 57, 124, 130 to 135, 138, 139, 148 and 184 and Schedules Nos. 5, 6, 19, 21, 22 and 25, and any new Clauses and Schedules tabled by Friday 9th May 2003 relating to excise duty on spirits or R&D tax credits for oil exploration, shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.

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

2. Proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be completed in two days.

3.—(1) Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on 12th June 2003.

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

4. When the provisions of the Bill considered, respectively, by the Committee of the whole House and by the Standing Committee have been reported to the House, the Bill shall be proceeded with as if it had been reported as a whole to the House from the Standing Committee.

Other proceedings

5. Any other proceedings on the Bill may be programmed—(Mr John Heppell).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Dan Norris: 331.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Robert Syms: 198.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 Work and Pensions,—Ordered, That Mr Andrew Mitchell be discharged from the Work and Pensions Committee and Mr Nigel Waterson be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

Wednesday 7th May 2003

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

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

[Adjourned at 12.39 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

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 2nd May 2003

1 Health Care and Associated Professions,—Health Professions Council (Practice Committees) (Constitution) Rules Order of Council 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1209), dated 1st May 2003 [Dr John Reid].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 6th May 2003:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

4 Companies,—Draft Uncertificated Securities (Amendment) (Eligible Debt Securities) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ruth Kelly].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Agriculture.—Organic Farming (England Rural Development Programme) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1235), dated 6th May 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6 Education.—(1) Education (Prohibition from Teaching or Working with Children) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1184), and
   (2) General Teaching Council for England (Disciplinary Functions) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1186),
   dated 29th April 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

7 Food.—Sweeteners in Food (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1182), dated 29th April 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

8 Social Security.—Social Security (Hospital In-Patients and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1195), dated 30th April 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Other Papers:


10 Government Resources and Accounts.—Treasury Minute, dated 6th May 2003, directing the application of certain amounts as appropriations in aid of the Estimates for the year ending 31st March 2004 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

11 National Audit.—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) PPP in practice: National Savings and Investments' deal with Siemens Business Services, four years on, and
   (2) The New Electricity Trading Arrangements in England and Wales
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 626 and 624] [Clerk of the House].

12 Police (Northern Ireland).—Seventh Report of the Oversight Commissioner [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

13 Public Expenditure.—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure: Statistical Analyses 2003–04 [by Command] [Cm. 5901] [Mr Paul Boateng].

14 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petitions [26th March] [three Petitions] from Asif Moledina and others; Bill Sharp and others; and Ms Patel and others; [27th March] [one Petition] from residents of the Bolton South East constituency; [28th March] [two Petitions] from users of St Ives Pharmacy, Ashley Heath and other residents; and users of local pharmacies in the Christchurch community; [31st March] [one Petition] from Mr Ramanlal Patel and others; [1st April] [four Petitions] from residents of Huntingdon, Brampton and Kibworth; constituents of Central Angus; residents of Coventry; and residents of Brandon, Suffolk and others; and [2nd April] [five Petitions] from Mr Robert Smith and others; residents of Abercromby, Aigburth, Arundel, Dingle, Everton, Granby, Smithdown and Vauxhall; residents of Brechin and district; pharmacists and their customers in the Brighton and Hove area and pharmacists and their customers in the Epsom and Ewell area against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

15 Road Traffic Reduction.—Reports prepared for the Secretary of State by—
   (1) Middlesbrough Council,
   (2) Northumberland County Council,
   (3) Southampton City Council, and
   (4) the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead,
   containing assessments of levels of local road traffic, forecasts of traffic growth and targets for the reduction in levels of traffic or traffic growth [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

16 Supply Estimates, 2003–04.—(1) Main Supply Estimates and Summary Request for Supply for Central Government for 2003–04 [by Command]; to be printed [No. 648] [Mr Paul Boateng],
   (2) Supplementary Budgetary Information to the Supply Estimates for 2003–04 for Central Government [by Command] [Cm. 5797] [Mr Paul Boateng], and
(3) Main Supply Estimates for 2003–04 for—
(a) the Electoral Commission [by Command]; to be printed [No. 657] [The Speaker],
(b) House of Commons Administration [by Act]; to be printed [No. 655] [The Speaker], and
(c) the National Audit Office [by Act]; to be printed [No. 656] [Mr Alan Williams].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 National Lottery (Funding of Endowments) Bill.—The Committee of Selection has
discharged Mr Malcolm Moss and Tony Wright from Standing Committee C
(nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Richard Bacon and
Mr Anthony D. Wright.

2 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill.—The Committee of Selection
has discharged Tony Wright from Standing Committee E (nominated in respect of the
Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Anthony D. Wright.

3 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 120) (House of Commons
Paper No. 578) on Grants for local authorities classed as ‘excellent’ under the
comprehensive performance assessment framework.—The Committee of Selection has
discharged John Austin and Karen Buck from the First Standing Committee on
Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in
substitution Ross Cranston and Huw Irranca-Davies.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport
Committee [British Film Industry]; to be printed [No. 667-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry.—(1) First
Joint Report from the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade
and Industry Committees [The Government’s Proposals for Secondary Legislation
under the Export Control Act] [being the Fourth Report from the Defence Committee,
the Sixth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, the Fifth Report from the
International Development Committee and the Seventh Report from the Trade and
Industry Committee], with the Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the
Committees; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No.
620]; and

(2) Second Joint Report from the Committees [Strategic Export Controls: Annual
Report for 2001, Licensing Policy and Parliamentary Scrutiny] [being the Fifth Report
from the Defence Committee, the Seventh Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee,
the Sixth Report from the International Development Committee and the Eighth Report
from the Trade and Industry Committee], with the Appendices to the Minutes of
Evidence taken before the Committees, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings
relating to the Report [No. 474]
[Mr Roger Berry].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Broadband
in Rural Areas Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee
[Broadband in Rural Areas]; to be printed [No. 587-iii] [Mr David Borrow].

4 Lord Chancellor’s Department.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the
Lord Chancellor’s Department [Children and Family Court Advisory and Support
Service (CAFCASS)]; to be printed [No. 614-iii] [Mr A. J. Beith].

5 Statutory Instruments.—Eighteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory
Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No.
96-xviii] [Mr David Tredinnick].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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. 90.]

Wednesday 7th May 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Transas Group Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transas Group Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 14th May.

2 Regulatory Reform,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the draft Regulatory Reform (British Waterways Board) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 28th April, should be approved.

The Committee came to this Resolution without a Division.

3 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill,—Derek Conway reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill, and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 13th June; and to be printed [Bill 103].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 683].

4 High Hedges (No. 2) Bill,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the High Hedges (No. 2) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 20th June. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 687].


6 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Value Added Tax (Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1055). Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Standing Committee on the Convention,—Frank Cook reported from the Standing Committee on the Convention the following Resolution:

That the Committee has considered the Eighth Report (14th March) and Ninth Report (6th May) from the United Kingdom Representatives to the Convention on the Future of Europe.

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

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

Nottingham City Council Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to confer powers on Nottingham City Council for the registration of second-hand goods dealers in the city of Nottingham; for the control of occasional sales and squat trading in the city; and for other purposes.
9 Nottingham City Council Bill [Lords].—The Nottingham City Council Bill [Lords] was read the first time.

Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

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 Terry Davis, Annette Brooke, Mr John Butterfill, Mr John Battle, Mr Henry Bellingham, Nick Harvey, Julie Morgan, Michael Fabricant, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr John Randall and Mr Kevin McNamara 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 20th June and to be printed [Bill 102].

12 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill;

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

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, to leave out from the word ‘That’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘this House declines to give a Second Reading to a Bill which, by establishing Foundation Trusts and introducing other layers of bureaucracy, would increase disparities between hospitals and detract from the Government’s commitment to a primary care led NHS, free from excessive bureaucracy, and believes that alternative ways of encouraging accountability in the NHS should be considered and a consensus established before legislation is introduced’; instead thereof.—(Mr David Hinchliffe.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Julia Drown, Dr Desmond Turner: 117.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr John Heppell: 297.

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 Ivor Caplin, Mr John Heppell: 304.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 230.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

13 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That the following provisions shall apply to the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill:

Committal

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

Standing Committee

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 19th June 2003.

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

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced.

6. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made by the House on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.
Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords amendments or any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—

(Joan Ryan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr John Heppell: 326.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Desmond Swayne: 204.

So the Question was agreed to.

14 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) 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 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill, it is expedient to authorise—

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

(i) any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State by virtue of the Act, and

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

(b) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—

(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

15 Crime (International Co-operation) Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the Order of 1st April (Crime (International Co-operation) Bill [Lords] (Programme)) be amended by the substitution in paragraph 2 (time for conclusion of proceedings in Standing Committee) of the words ‘26th June’ for the words ‘22nd May’—

(Joan Ryan)—It was agreed to.

16 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents living near Beecroft Lower School for the introduction of road safety measures to prevent haphazard parking of cars outside the school was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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

[Adjourned at 8.09 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 122) on Local Authorities with Autonomy on Formulaic Capital Allocations [by Act]: to be printed [No. 665] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Legal Services,—Conditional Fee Agreements (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1240), dated 30th April 2003 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

3 Merchant Shipping,—Pilotage (Recognition of Qualifications and Experience) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1230), dated 5th May 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


5 Water Resources,—Bathing Waters (Classification) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1238), dated 4th May 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Other Papers:


7 Development of Tourism,—Statement of appointment and salary of Digby Jones, Alan Parker, Viscountess Penelope Cobham and Martin George as members of the British Tourist Authority Board [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Public Bodies) Order 2003, the draft Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Rights of Access of Comptroller and Auditor General) Order 2003 and the draft Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Health Service Bodies) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Healey, Linda Perham, Rachel Squire and Dr Gavin Strang from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders), and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Dr Nick Palmer and Dawn Primarolo.

European Standing Committees

2 European Union Document No. 7623/03, relating to the Implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Sixth Report from the Defence Committee [A New Chapter to the Strategic Defence Review], 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. 93] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: Pupil Achievement]; to be printed [No. 513-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit,—Third Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on The Pre-Budget Report 2002]; to be printed [No. 688] [Mr John Horam].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Gangmasters], to be printed [No. 691-i] and (2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [The Future of Waste Management];

(3) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Home Grown Cereals Authority]

[Mr David Curry].

5 European Scrutiny,—Twentieth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63-xx] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 International Development,—Fourth Special Report from the International Development Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, on The Humanitarian Crisis in Southern Africa]; to be printed [No. 690] [Tony Baldry].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Sixth Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Illegal Drugs Trade and Drug Culture in Northern Ireland: Interim Report on Cannabis], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 353-I]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Peace II]; to be printed [No. 653-iii]

[Mr Michael Mates].

8 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 [Living Places: Cleaner, Safer, Greener]; to be printed [No. 673-ii] [Andrew Bennett].
9 Procedure,—Second Report from the Procedure Committee [Delegated Legislation: Proposals for a Sifting Committee: the Government’s Response to the Committee’s First Report]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 684] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].

10 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Improving access to, and education about, the moving image through the British Film Institute]; to be printed [No. 685-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

11 Regulatory Reform,—Twelfth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [Draft Regulatory Reform (British Waterways Board) Order 2003]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 682] [Mr Peter Pike].

12 Select Committees (Choice of Chairmen).—Dr John Reid reported from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons, That he had been chosen as Chairman of the Committee.

13 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Future of the UK Steel Industry]; to be printed [No. 686-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

14 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Aviation]; to be printed [No. 454-vi] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

15 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Empowering Children and Young People in Wales]; to be printed [No. 433-vii] [Mr Martyn Jones].

16 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [European Social Fund]; to be printed [No. 680-i] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 90; WH, No. 56.]

Wednesday 7th May 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] be read a second time on Thursday 15th May.

2 Royal Assent.—The Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses:
   - European Parliament (Representation) Act 2003
   - Electricity (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2003
   - Regional Assemblies (Preparations) Act 2003

3 Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Bill.—Mr Secretary Murphy, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Secretary Blankett, Dr John Reid and Mr Desmond Browne, presented a Bill to make further provision about the election of the next Northern Ireland Assembly; to make further provision about periods when section 1 of the Northern Ireland Act 2000 is in force; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 12th May and to be printed [Bill 104].
   Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Bill be printed [Bill 104–EN].

4 Fire Services Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Fire Services 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 Phil Woolas, Gillian Merron: 284.
   Tellers for the Noes, Tom Brake, Annette Brooke: 59.
   So the Question was agreed to.
   The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

5 Fire Services Bill (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Fire Services Bill—
   **Committal**
   1. The Bill shall be committed to a Committee of the whole House.
   2. Proceedings in Committee, any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be completed at one day’s sitting.
   3. Proceedings in Committee and any proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.
   4. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.
   **Programming Committee**
   5. Sessional Order B (programming committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings in Committee, any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading.
Other proceedings

6. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—(Mr Ivor Caplin);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Phil Woolas: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Mark Hoban: 90.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Fire Services Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Fire Services 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 Fire Services Bill ("the Act"), it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which are payable out of money so provided under any other Act—(Mr Ivor Caplin)—It was agreed to.

7 Finance Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the programme order of 6th May 2003 shall be amended by the substitution in paragraph 1(1) (provisions committed to Committee of the whole House) of the words ‘Schedules Nos. 5, 6, 19 and 25’ for the words ‘Schedules Nos. 5, 6, 19, 21, 22 and 25’—(Mr Ivor Caplin)—It was agreed to.

8 Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Bill.—Ordered, That, in respect of the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) 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 Ivor Caplin.)

9 Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That at the sitting on Wednesday 14th May—

(i) the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any message from the Lords has been received;

(ii) the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Committee to draw up Reasons which has been appointed at that sitting has reported.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

10 Sittings of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 15th May, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until he has reported the Royal Assent to any Act agreed upon by both Houses.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

11 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Fareham and Southampton against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions 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 Ivor Caplin);

And the Motion having been made after Six 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 Seven o’clock, till Monday 12th May.

[Adjourned at 6.58 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Disabled Persons.—Draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

2 Race Relations.—Draft Race Relations Act 1976 (Amendment) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

3 Religion or Belief Discrimination.—Draft Employment Equality (Religion or Belief) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


4 Sexual Orientation Discrimination,—Draft Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Children and Young Persons,—Adoption (Bringing Children into the United Kingdom) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1173), dated 28th April 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

6 Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages,—Registration of Foreign Adoptions Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1255), dated 7th May 2003 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

7 Social Services,—(1) Carers and Disabled Children (Vouchers) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1216), dated 1st May 2003, and

(2) Community Care (Delayed Discharges etc) Act (Qualifying Services) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1196), dated 30th April 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


Other Papers:

9 Home Office,—Home Office Minute, dated 8th May 2003, concerning a proposed contingent liability for the appointment of a managed security provider for the Security Industry Authority [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Home Office on the Petition [26th February] from residents of Burton upon Trent and South Derbyshire for a review of the reduction of the sentence for murder passed on David Bond [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Finance Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Howard Flight, Mr David Laws, Ms Meg Munn, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr David Wilshire members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Finance Bill (except specified Clauses and Schedules):

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Sir Nicholas Winterton and Mr John McWilliam Chairmen; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated thirty-three Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Baron, Mr Paul Boateng, Kevin Brennan, Mr John Burnetti, Jon Cruddas, Mr Jim Cunningham, Tony Cunningham, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Paul Farrelly, Mr Howard Flight, John Healey, Mr Mark Hendrick, Mr George Howarth, Mr Michael Jack, Norman Lamb, Mr David Laws, Ian Lucas, Ann McKechin, Judy Mallaber, Rob Marrs, Gillian Merron, Kali Mounceford, Ms Meg Munn, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr George Osborne, Mr Chris Pond, Adam Price, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Mark Prisk, Lawrie Quinn, Helen Southworth, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr David Wilshire.

3 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Simon Burns, Roger Casale, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Evan Harris, Mr John Hutton and Claire Ward members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

4 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E, and has appointed Mr Win Griffiths and Mr Peter Atkinson Chairmen; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-eight Members to serve on the Committee: Janet Anderson, Mr Adrian Bailey, Ms Hazel Blears, Andy Burnham, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Paul Burstow, Mrs Patsy Calton, Roger Casale, Jim Dowd, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Chris Grayling, Mr Mike Hall, Dr Evan Harris,
5 Dealing in Cultural Objects (Offences) Bill.—The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee F (transferred from Standing Committee C) and has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman.

6 Equine Welfare (Ragwort Control) Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee F; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Peter Bradley, Mr Michael Clapham, Harry Cohen, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Jeff Ennis, Sandra Gidley, Mr James Gray, Mr John Greenway, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Shona McIsaac, John Mann, Mr Alan Meale, Alun Michael, Mr Bill Wiggin and Richard Younger-Ross.

7 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 121) on Invest to Save Budget Round 5 Projects, Local e-Government Programme and e-Voting:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr George Stevenson Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Allan, John Austin, Gregory Barker, Mr John Battle, Alistair Burt, Mr Iain Coleman, Mr Edward Davey, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr David Drew, Linda Gilroy, Mr Philip Hammond, Mr Christopher Leslie, Linda Perham, Mr Marshall Singh, Mr Desmond Swayne and Mr Phil Woolas.

8 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Arab Republic of Egypt) Order 2003 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Chile) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders 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: Dr Vincent Cable, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Tom Clarke, Brian Cotter, Mr David Curry, Mr Doug Henderson, Helen Jackson, Ms Melanie Johnson, Ms Oona King, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Andrew Robathan, Hugh Robertson, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mr Bill Tynan and Mr James Wray.

10 Draft Release of Short-Term Prisoners on Licence (Amendment of Requisite Period) Order 2003:
   (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: Mr Harry Barnes, Hilary Benn, Annette Brooke, Ms Karen Buck, Mr James Claptrap, Harry Cohen, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Roger Goddard, Paul Goggins, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr David Heath, Mr John Heppell, Mr Paul Truswell, Dr Rudi Vis and Mr Robert Walter.

   (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: Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Michael Connarty, Brian Cotter, Mr David Curry, Mr David Heyes, Mrs Joan Humble, Glenda Jackson, Miss Melanie Johnson, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Jim Murphy, Joyce Quinn, Mr Andrew Robathan, Hugh Robertson and Mr Graham Stringer.

12 Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2003 and the draft Armed Forces (Review of Search and Seizure) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Roger Berry, Mr Colin Breed, Mr George Foulkes, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Mark Hoban, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Dr Lewis Moonie, Dan Norris, Syd Rapson, Mr Ernie Ross, Jim Sheridan, Rachel Squire, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Hugo Swire and Ms Dari Taylor.

Programming Committees

13 Finance Bill (Programming Committee).—Pursuant to Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) [28th June 2001, renewed 29th October 2002], the Speaker has appointed Mr Howard Flight, Mr David Laws, Ms Megg Munn, Mr Chris Pond, Dawn Primarolo, Lawrie Quinn, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr David Wilshire members of the Programming Committee in respect of the Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit. — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education for Sustainable Development Sub-Committee of the Environmental Audit Committee [Learning the Sustainability Lesson]; to be printed [No. 472-v] [Mr John Horam].

2 Home Affairs. — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Asylum Applications]; to be printed [No. 692-i] [Mr Chris Mullin].

3 Public Administration. — Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Ministerial Powers and the Prerogative]; to be printed [No. 642-ii] [Tony Wright].

[No. 91; WH, No. 57.]

Thursday 8th May 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (‘These Unfortunate Events’: Lessons of Recent Events at the former DTLR—Eighth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, 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 13th May.

[Adjourned at 5.17 p.m.]
Monday 12th May 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Derek Conway reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Housing (Right to Buy) (Limits on Discount) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 498).

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

2 Finance Bill,—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Programming Committee that it had come to a Resolution in respect of the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 1, 4, 5, 9, 14, 22, 42, 56, 57, 124, 130 to 135, 138, 139, 148 and 184 and Schedules Nos. 5, 6, 19, and 25, and any new Clauses and Schedules tabled by Friday 9th May 2003 relating to excise duty on spirits or R&D tax credits for oil exploration), which it had directed him to report to the House:

That, pursuant to the Programme Order of 6th May relating to the Finance Bill (proceedings in Committee), as amended by the Order of 8th May—

(1) proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be taken on each of the two days allowed by the Order as shown in the second column of the following Table, and shall be taken in the order so shown;

(2) proceedings on the first day shall be brought to a conclusion six and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on a Motion relating to this Resolution or, if earlier, at the conclusion of the proceedings set down for that day; and

(3) proceedings on the second day shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion six and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill.

Day Proceedings
First day Clauses Nos. 1, 4, 5, 9, 14, 22, 42 and 56, Schedule No. 5, Clause No. 57, Schedule No. 6, Clause No. 124, Schedule No. 19
Second day new Clauses tabled by Friday 9th May 2003 relating to excise duty on spirits or R&D tax credits for oil exploration.

Report to lie upon the Table.

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

Equality Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision making it unlawful to discriminate on the grounds of age, gender reassignment, religion or belief or sexual orientation; to make new provision with respect to discrimination on the grounds of disability, race or sex; to make provision making it unlawful to harass or victimise another person on any of those grounds; to make provision facilitating progress towards the achievement of equality as between persons of certain descriptions; to establish and provide for the functions of the Equality Commission for Great Britain; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Equality Bill [Lords].—The Equality Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 16th May and to be printed [Bill 105].

5 Human Fertilisation and Embryology Amendment Bill,—The Order for reading the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Amendment Bill a second time on Friday 16th May was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

6 Northern Ireland Assembly ( Elections and Periods of Suspension) Bill ( Allocation of Time).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the following provisions shall apply to the proceedings on the Northern Ireland Assembly ( Elections and Periods of Suspension) Bill—

Timetable

1. Proceedings on Second Reading, in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading shall be completed at this day’s sitting and shall be brought to a conclusion, if not previously concluded, at Ten o’clock.
Timing of proceedings and 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) proceedings on the Bill shall stand postponed while the Question is put, in accordance with paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 52 (Money resolutions and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), on any financial resolution relating to the Bill;
   (c) on the conclusion of proceedings on any financial resolution relating to the Bill, proceedings on the Bill shall be resumed and the Speaker shall leave the Chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

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.

Consideration of Lords Amendments

6.—(1) Any Lords Amendments to the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(2) Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall be brought to a conclusion, if not previously concluded, one hour after their commencement.

7.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 6.

(2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question already proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.

(3) If that Question is for the amendment of a Lords Amendment the Speaker shall then put forthwith—
   (a) a single Question on any further Amendments to the Lords Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown, and
   (b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees to the Lords Amendment or (as the case may be) to the Lords Amendment as amended.

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith—
   (a) a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to a Lords Amendment, and
   (b) the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House agrees or disagrees to the Lords Amendment or (as the case may be) to the Lords Amendment as amended.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown, That this House disagrees to a Lords Amendment.

(6) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees to all the remaining Lords Amendments.

(7) As soon as the House has agreed or disagreed to a Lords Amendment, or disposed of an Amendment relevant to a Lords Amendment which has been disagreed to, the Speaker shall put forthwith a single Question on any Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown and relevant to the Lords Amendment.

Subsequent stages

8.—(1) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.

(2) Proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.
9.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 8.

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

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

(4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on or relevant to any of the remaining items in the Lords Message.

(5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

Reasons Committee

10.—(1) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons in relation to the Bill and the appointment of its Chairman.

(2) A Committee appointed to draw up Reasons shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.

(3) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.

(4) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-paragraph (3) the Chairman shall—

(a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair but not yet decided, and

(b) then put forthwith successively Questions on motions which may be made by a Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in any of their Amendments.

(5) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question being put.

Miscellaneous

11. Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business) shall apply to any proceedings to which this Order applies.

12. The proceedings on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for varying or supplementing the provisions of this Order shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement and paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 15 shall apply to those proceedings.

13. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply in relation to any proceedings to which this Order applies.

14. No Motion shall be made to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill are taken or to re-commit the Bill.

15. No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to proceedings to which this Order applies except by a Minister of the Crown, and the Question on any such Motion shall be put forthwith.

16.—(1) This paragraph applies if—

(a) a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24 (Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent consideration) has been stood over to Seven o’clock, Three o’clock or Four o’clock (as the case may be), but

(b) proceedings to which this Order applies have begun before then.

(2) Proceedings on that Motion shall stand postponed until the conclusion of those proceedings.

17. If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the conclusion of any proceedings to which this Order applies, 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.

18. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House—(Mr Secretary Murphy); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Gillian Merron: 274

Tellers for the Noes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Mark Francois: 175.

So the Question was agreed to.
Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Bill,

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

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Mr Fraser Kemp: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gregory Campbell, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson: 22.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Further proceedings on the Bill stood postponed, pursuant to Order [this day].

Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) 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 Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) 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,
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr Ivor Caplin)—It was agreed to.

Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Bill,—The House, pursuant to Order [this day], resolved itself into a Committee on the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Bill.

(In the Committee)

It being after Ten o’clock, the Chairman proceeded, pursuant to Order [this day], to put the Questions necessary to conclude proceedings in Committee.

Clause No. 1 (Election of next Assembly).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Mr Fraser Kemp: 289.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mrs Iris Robinson: 21.

Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Remuneration of members of the Assembly).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Mr Fraser Kemp: 291.

Tellers for the Noes, David Burnside, Mr Andrew Hunter: 13.

Clause No. 5 agreed to.

Clause No. 6 (Modification of enactments).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Joan Ryan: 285.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Gregory Campbell, Mrs Iris Robinson: 12.

Clause No. 7 agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Ivor Caplin reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, without Amendment.
The Deputy Speaker then put the remaining Question necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at Ten o’clock.

And the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Joan Ryan: 256.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nigel Dodds, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson: 17.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

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 (Supply of Services) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1055), dated 9th April 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 9th April, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

11 Government Resources and Accounts,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Public Bodies) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 3rd April, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

12 Government Resources and Accounts,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Rights of Access of Comptroller and Auditor General) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 3rd April, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

13 Government Resources and Accounts,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Government Resources and Accounts Act 2000 (Audit of Health Service Bodies) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 2nd April, 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. 120) (House of Commons Paper No. 578) on Grants for local authorities classed as ‘excellent’ under the comprehensive performance assessment framework, a copy of which was laid before this House on 3rd April, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin):—It was agreed to.

15 Minutes of Evidence of Select Committees,—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 131 (Entry of questions asked) be amended by leaving out the words ‘, and at the beginning of each page of the minutes of evidence,’.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

16 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 15th May, notwithstanding paragraph (2)(c)(i) of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the Motion in the name of the Leader of the Opposition may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Four o’clock or for three hours, whichever is the longer period, and shall then lapse if not previously disposed of and the Orders of the House of 28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002 relating to deferred Divisions shall not apply.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

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

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

[Adjourned at 11.25 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 9th May 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 European Communities (No. 3, 2003).—Euro-Mediterranean Agreement, done at Valencia on 27th April 2002, establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States, of the one part, and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria of the other part, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5804] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Treaty Series (No. 58, 2002),—Second Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2002 [Cm. 5814] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 9th May 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


6 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1246), dated 8th May 2003 [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 Immigration,—Immigration Employment Document (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1277), dated 9th May 2003 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


9 Local Government,—Police Authorities (Best Value) Performance Indicators (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1265), dated 8th May 2003 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

10 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Redcar and Cleveland) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1261), and (2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Buckinghamshire) (District of Aylesbury Vale) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1262), dated 8th May 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].

11 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland),—Rules of the Supreme Court (Northern Ireland) (Amendment No. 2) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 263), dated 8th May 2003 [Ms Rosie Winterton].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 12th May 2003:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

13 Competition,—Draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Supply of Services) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
14 Consumer Protection,—Draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Part 8 Domestic Infringements) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

15 Justice,—Draft Lay Magistrates (Eligibility) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon [by Command] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

16 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events,—Football Spectators (Seating) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1280), dated 1st May 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Other Papers:

17 Department for Transport,—Department for Transport Minute, dated 12th May 2003, concerning a proposed contingent liability for the Strategic Rail Authority: South Central Rail franchise [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

18 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Departmental Reports 2003: The Government’s Expenditure Plans for 2003–04 to 2005–06 for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office [by Command] [Cm. 5913] [Mr Secretary Straw].

19 Osteopaths,—Report and Accounts of the General Osteopathic Council for 2001–02 [by Act] [Dr John Reid].

20 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Home Department on the Petition [30th January] from Robert Wrigley and other residents of Sittingbourne, Kent, against using the Coniston Hotel as a centre for asylum seekers [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

21 Transport,—Government Response to the First Report of the Transport Committee, on Urban Charging Schemes [by Command] [Cm. 5818] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers withdrawn:

22 Competition,—Draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Supply of Services) Order 2003 [laid 29th April]


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Finance Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Kali Mountford and Mr Mark Prisk in place of Ms Meg Munn and Mr Howard Flight as members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 118) on Special Grant for Local Authorities Rated Excellent and 3* EducationPerformers and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 119) on Special Grant for the Excellence in Cities and Excellence Cluster Programmes,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Archie Norman from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Reports); and nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Mitchell.

Programming Committees

3 Finance Bill (Programming Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Kali Mountford and Mr Mark Prisk in place of Ms Meg Munn and Mr Howard Flight as members of the Programming Committee in respect of the Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—(1) Fourth Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: diversity of provision], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 94]; and

(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Secondary Education: diversity of provision]

[Mr Barry Sheerman].
2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Vets and Veterinary Services Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Vets and Veterinary Services]; to be printed [No. 703-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Public Accounts,—(1) Nineteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The PFI Contract for the redevelopment of West Middlesex University Hospital]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 153];

(2) Twentieth Report from the Committee [Better public services through call centres]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 373];

(3) Twenty-first Report from the Committee [The Operations of HM Customs and Excise in 2001–02]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 398];

(4) Twenty-second Report from the Committee [PFI Refinancing update]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 203]; and

(5) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [A Safer Place to Work: Improving the management of health and safety risks to staff in NHS Trusts]; to be printed [No. 704-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

4 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [The Work of the Child Support Agency Centre in Scotland]; to be printed [No. 693-i] [Mrs Irene Adams].

[No. 93.]

Tuesday 13th May 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read for consideration of the Mersey Tunnels Bill, as amended in Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 20th May.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr George Stevenson reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 121) on Invest to Save Budget Round 5 Projects, Local e-Government Programme and e-Voting.

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

3 Food Colouring and Additives Bill,—The Order for reading the Food Colouring and Additives Bill a second time on Friday 16th May was read and discharged.

Bill to be read a second time on Friday 20th June.

4 Street Furniture (Graffiti),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for local authorities to remove graffiti from street furniture owned by statutory undertakers; to enable local authorities to recover costs from the statutory undertakers, and for connected purposes: And that Siobhain McDonagh, Laura Moffatt, Barbara Follett, Mr Barry Gardiner, Jeff Ennis, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Tom Watson, Jonathan Shaw, John Mann, Geraint Davies, Mr Gareth Thomas (Harrow West) and Shona McIsaac do prepare and bring it in.

5 Street Furniture (Graffiti) Bill,—Siobhain McDonagh accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for local authorities to remove graffiti from street furniture owned by statutory undertakers; to enable local authorities to recover costs from the statutory undertakers, and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 106].

6 Finance Bill (Programme) (No. 3),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That in accordance with the Resolution of the Programming Committee of 12th May and pursuant to the Programme Order of 6th May relating to the Finance Bill (proceedings in Committee), as amended by the Order of 8th May—

(1) proceedings in Committee of the whole House shall be taken on each of the two days allowed by the Order as shown in the second column of the following Table, and shall be taken in the order so shown;
(2) proceedings on the first day shall be brought to a conclusion six and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the motion for this Order or, if earlier, at the conclusion of the proceedings set down for that day; and

(3) proceedings on the second day shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion six and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill

Day       | Proceedings
First day  | Clauses Nos. 1, 4, 5, 9, 14, 22, 42 and 56, Schedule No. 5, Clause No. 57, Schedule No. 6, Clause No. 124, Schedule No. 19
Second day | new Clauses tabled by Friday 9th May 2003 relating to excise duty on spirits or R&D tax credits for oil exploration—(Dawn Primarolo);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Phil Woolas: 244.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Mark Hoban: 137.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Finance Bill [1st allotted day].—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 1, 4, 5, 9, 14, 22, 42, 56, 57, 124, 130 to 135, 138, 139, 148 and 184 and Schedules Nos. 5, 6, 19 and 25, and any new Clauses and Schedules tabled by Friday 9th May relating to excise duty on spirits or R&D tax credits for oil exploration).

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 (Rates of tobacco products duty).
Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 2, line 4, to leave out ‘£141.10’ and insert ‘£137.26’.—(Mr Stephen O’Brien.)

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

Clause No. 4 (Rates of hydrocarbon oil duties).
Amendment (No. 60) proposed, in page 3, line 20, to leave out ‘£0.2710’ and insert ‘£0.1890’.—(Mr Michael Jack.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Syms, Hugh Robertson: 175.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Derek Twigg: 289.
Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 5 (Rebates on hydrocarbon oil duties).
Amendment (No. 4) proposed, in page 3, line 27, to leave out ‘£0.0422’ and insert ‘£0.0322’.—(Mr Stephen O’Brien.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Syms, Hugh Robertson: 174.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Derek Twigg: 281.
Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 9 (Bingo duty).
Amendment (No. 6) proposed, in page 6, line 22, to leave out the words ‘15 per cent’ and insert the words ‘4 per cent’.—(Mr Stephen O’Brien.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 134.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 336.
Amendments (Nos. 70 and 71) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 14 agreed to.
Clause No. 22 (Non-business use of business property).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Charlotte Atkins: 304.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 168.

It being more than six and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Finance Bill (Programme) (No. 3), the Chairman proceeded to put forthwith the remaining questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001, 29th October 2002 and this day].

Question put, That the Clauses Nos. 42 and 56, Schedule No. 5 and Clause No. 57 stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Charlotte Atkins: 309.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Mark Hoban: 163.

Schedule No. 6 (Stamp duty land tax: disadvantaged areas relief).
Amendment (No. 72) proposed, in page 165, line 11, to leave out the words ‘appointed day’ and insert the words ‘implementation date’.—(Dawn Primarolo.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Charlotte Atkins: 305.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Robert Syms: 163.

Question put, That Schedule No. 6, as amended, Clause No. 124 and Schedule No. 19 stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Charlotte Atkins: 300.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Robert Syms: 158.

The Chairman left the Chair to report progress and ask leave to sit again.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Jim Murphy 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.

8 Adjournment (Whitsun).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Thursday 22nd May, do adjourn until Tuesday 3rd June—(Mr Jim Murphy).—It was agreed to.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.38 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

3 Development of Tourism,—(1) Statement of appointment and salary of Martin George as a member of the British Tourist Authority Board, and
(2) Statement of appointment and salary of Suzanne Bond, Tim Cantle-Jones, John Govett and Brian Summers as members of the English Tourist Board [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].


(1) Department for International Development [by Command] [Cm. 5914] [Ms Sally Keeble], and

(2) National Savings and Investments [by Command] [Cm. 5930] [Mr Paul Boateng].

Papers withdrawn:

5 Development of Tourism,—Statement of appointment and salary of Martin George as a member of the British Tourist Authority Board [laid 7th May].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 118) on Special Grant for Local Authorities Rated Excellent and 3* Education Performers and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 119) on Special Grant for the Excellence in Cities and Excellence Cluster Programmes,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Greg Pope and Geraldine Smith from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Reports); and nominated in substitution Mr George Howarth and Mr Dave Watts.

2 Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2003 and The Armed Forces (Review of Search and Seizure) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mike Hancock from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Paul Keetch.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [British Film Industry]; to be printed [No. 667-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Defence Procurement]; to be printed [No. 694-i] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Draft Corruption Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Corruption Bill; to be printed [No. 705-i] [Mr Richard Shepherd].

4 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education for Sustainable Development Sub-Committee of the Environmental Audit Committee [Learning the Sustainability Lesson]; to be printed [No. 472-vi] [Mr John Horam].

5 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Maternity Services Sub-Committee of the Health Committee [Inequalities in Access to Maternity Services]; to be printed [No. 696-i] [Julia Drown].

6 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Asylum Applications]; to be printed [No. 692-ii] [Mr Chris Mullin].

7 International Development,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee on 7th May [Trade and Development: Aspects of the Doha Agenda]; to be printed [No. 400-x and -xi].

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 8th May [Trade and Development: Aspects of the Doha Agenda]; to be printed [No. 400-xii, xiii and -xiv]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Trade and Development: Aspects of the Doha Agenda]; to be printed [No. 400-xv] [Tony Baldry].

8 Statutory Instruments,—Nineteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xix] [Mr David Tredinnick].

9 Treasury,—(1) Seventh Report from the Treasury Committee [The 2003 Budget], 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. 652].
(2) Fifth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, on The Handling of the Joint Inland Revenue/Customs and Excise STEPS PFI Project], to be printed [No. 706]; and

(3) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 3rd July, 23rd October and 18th December 2002 [Regional Spending], to be printed [No. 234-ii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 93; WH, No. 58.]

Tuesday 13th May 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o'clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.51 p.m.

[No. 94.]

Wednesday 14th May 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Transas Group Bill,—The Order of the day being read for the Second Reading of the Transas Group Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 21st May.

2 Dealing in Cultural Objects (Offences) Bill,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Dealing in Cultural Objects (Offences) Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 13th June.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 709].

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 118) on Special Grant for Local Authorities rated Excellent and 3* Education Performers and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 119) on Special Grant for the Excellence in Cities and Excellence Cluster Programmes.

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

4 European Standing Committee B,—Mr Nigel Beard reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 7280/03, draft Council Framework Decision on combating racism and xenophobia; agrees with the Government that it is appropriate to establish minimum standards in the criminal law to tackle racism and xenophobia at a European level, that this proposal strikes the right balance between protecting our communities from racial hatred and violence whilst respecting our right to freedom of expression, and supports the Government’s efforts to secure agreement on this Framework Decision.

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

5 European Standing Committee C,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 13982/02 and Addenda 1 to 3, Commission Communication and Staff Working Papers on a better environment for enterprises in the European Union, and No. 5765/03, Commission Green Paper on Entrepreneurship in Europe, and supports the Government’s approach to creating a favourable environment, particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises and, more specifically, its approach to the consultation on the Green Paper seeking to achieve a robust and effective action plan which will address the barriers which face enterprises in the European Union today.

Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.
6 Criminal Justice Bill.—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Programming Committee, That it had come to a further Resolution in respect of the Criminal Justice Bill, which it had directed him to make to the House:

That the Order of the House of 2nd April 2003 (Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill) be amended by omitting the entries in the Table for the second and third day and inserting the following:

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Report to lie upon the Table.

7 Telecommunications Masts (Railways).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to restrict the permitted development rights of railway or light railway undertakings in respect of telecommunications masts: And that Mrs Patsy Calton, Vera Baird, Norman Baker, Tom Brake, Annette Brooke, Sue Doughty, Mr Don Foster, Paul Holmes, Julie Morgan, Mr Andrew Stunell, Ann Winterton and Mr Crispin Blunt do prepare and bring it in.

8 Telecommunications Masts (Railways) Bill.—Mrs Patsy Calton accordingly presented a Bill to restrict the permitted development rights of railway or light railway undertakings in respect of telecommunications masts: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 20th June and to be printed [Bill 107].
9 Finance Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, again resolved itself into a Committee on the Finance Bill (Clauses Nos. 1, 4, 5, 9, 14, 22, 42, 56, 57, 124 to 135, 138, 139, 148 and 184 and Schedules Nos. 5, 6, 19 and 25, and any new Clauses and Schedules tabled by Friday 9th May relating to excise duty on spirits or R&D tax credits for oil exploration).

(In the Committee)

Clauses Nos. 130 to 134 agreed to.

Clause No. 135 ( Provision of services through intermediary).

Amendment (No. 8) proposed, in page 80, line 30, to leave out the words ‘10th April’ and insert the words ‘1st October’.—(Mr. Stephen O’Brien.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Wilshire: 172.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Jim Murphy: 283.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 138 (Approved share plans and schemes).

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Jim Murphy: 291.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Mark Francois: 155.

Clause No. 139 (Employee securities and options).

Amendment (No. 12) proposed, in page 81, line 38, at the end, to add the words ‘from a date to be appointed by resolution of the House of Commons, such resolution not to be passed until after the Chancellor of the Exchequer shall have reported to Parliament on consultation with employers and employee representatives as to the likely effect of the provisions contained within the Schedule’.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 172.

Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr Jim Murphy: 289.

Clause agreed to.

Clause No. 148 (Non-resident companies: basis of charge to corporation tax).

Amendment (No. 66) proposed, in page 87, to leave out lines 20 to 27.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

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

Clause agreed to.

Schedule No. 25 agreed to.

Clause No. 184 agreed to.

A Clause (Rate of duty on spirits)—(Angus Robertson)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Pete Wishart, Mr Alistair Carmichael: 174.

Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 292.

It being more than six and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Jim Murphy reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill (Clauses Nos. 1, 4, 5, 9, 14, 22, 42, 56, 57, 124, 130 to 135, 138, 139, 148 and 184 and Schedules Nos. 5, 6, 19 and 25, and any new Clauses and Schedules tabled by Friday 9th May relating to excise duty on spirits or R&D tax credits for oil exploration), and made Amendments thereunto.

Ordered, That the Bill (Clauses Nos. 1, 4, 5, 9, 14, 22, 42, 56, 57, 124, 130 to 135, 138, 139, 148 and 184 and Schedules Nos. 5, 6, 19 and 25), as amended in the Committee, do lie upon the Table.
10 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have agreed to the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Bill, with Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

11 Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Bill,—Ordered, That the Lords Amendments to the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Bill be printed [Bill 108].

12 Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Bill,—The House, pursuant to Order [12th May], proceeded forthwith to consider the Lords Amendments to the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Desmond Browne);

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [12th May], put the Question—

It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) citizens of the United Kingdom for improvements in diagnosis of autism and in services available to people with autism; (2) electors within the Parliamentary constituency of North West Leicestershire against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions were presented and read; 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 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 Race Relations,—Draft Race Relations Act 1976 (Seamen Recruited Abroad) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Social Security,—Draft State Pension Credit (Decisions and Appeals—Amendments) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

4 European Communities (No. 4, 2003),—Euro-Mediterranean Agreement, done at Luxembourg on 17th June 2002, establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States of the one part, and the Republic of Lebanon, of the other part, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5812] [Mr Secretary Straw].


(1) Department for Education and Skills, and (2) Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED) [by Command] [Cmns. 5902 and 5903] [Mr Secretary Clarke]; and (3) Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [by Command][Cm. 5919] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
Northern Ireland,—Accounts for—
(1) Charities and Donations and Bequests,
(2) Mineral Development, and
(3) Petroleum Production
for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 647, 645 and 646] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Public Petitions,—(1) Observations by the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth
Affairs on the Petition [8th April] from residents of Chesham and Amersham for stronger
controls on transfers of arms between countries; and
(2) Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [10th April]
from residents of Golborne, Lowton, Ashton and the surrounding districts for a new
railway station in Golborne
[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

Telecommunications,—Report of the Director General of Telecommunications for 2002 [by
Act]; to be printed [No. 659] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Finance Bill:
(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale an additional Chairman of Standing
Committee B in respect of the Bill; and
(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Kevin Brennan from Standing
Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Jon
Trickett.

2 Retirement Income Reform 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 Allan, Dr Vincent Cable, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr
Frank Field, Mr Howard Flight, Mr Edward Garnier, Kate Hoey, Alan Howarth, Lynne
Jones, Ruth Kelly, Mr Chris Pond, Mr David Ruffley, David Taylor, Mr David Wilshire
and Derek Wyatt.

3 Equine Welfare (Ragwort Control) Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley
Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill.

4 Draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) (Amendment) Order 2003:
(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 Jim Cousins, Clive Efford, Michael Fabricant, Mr
Adrian Flood, Mr Mark Francois, Mr John Greenway, Nick Harvey, Mr Mark Hoban,
Dr Kim Howells, Mr Fraser Kemp, Martin Linton, Chris McCafferty, Mr Kevin
McNamara, Mr Adrian Sanders and Mr Gerry Steinberg.

5 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement
establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member
States and the Arab Republic of Egypt) Order 2003 and the draft European Communities
(Definition of Treaties) (Agreement establishing an Association between the European
 Communities and its Member States and the Republic of Chile) Order 2003:
(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: Virginia Bottomley, Mr Colin Breed, Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr David Drew, Mr
Huw Edwards, Paul Flynn, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Helen Jones, Ann Keen, Mr Calum
MacDonald, Rosemary McKenna, Mr Paul Marsden, Mr Denis Murphy, Mr Richard
Page, Mr Richard Spring and Dr Phyllis Starkey.

6 Draft Contracting Out (Administration of the Teachers’ Pensions Scheme) Order 2003:
(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: John Austin, Mr Harold Best, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr
Edward Garnier, David Hamilton, Mr John Lyons, Alice Mahon, Mr David Miliband,
Anne Picking, Dr John Pugh, Mr David Rendel, Mr Laurence Robertson, Derek Twigg,
Mr Nigel Waterson and Tony Worthington.
7 Draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment) Regulations 2003:
   (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 Amess, Charlotte Atkins, Mr John Baron, Mr Tim Boswell, Mr Tony Clarke, Mr Ian Davidson, Jim Dobbie, Maria Eagle, Paul Holmes, Mr Brian Jenkins, Margaret Moran, Diana Organ, Mr Greg Pope, Mr John Smith, Angela Watkinson and Steve Webb.

8 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 118) on Special Grant for Local Authorities Rated Excellent and 3* Education Performers and the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 119) on Special Grant for the Excellence in Cities and Excellence Cluster Programmes.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Ian Cawsey, Tom Cox and Mr Khalid Mahmood from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Reports), and nominated in substitution Mr Tom Harris, Mr Kevin Hughes and Mr Gareth Thomas (Harrow West).

Programming Committees

9 Criminal Justice Bill (Programming Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Paul Goggins, Ian Lucas and John Mann in place of Hilary Benn, Ms Dari Taylor and Paul Clark as members of the Programming Committee in respect of the Bill.

European Standing Committees

10 The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 15831/02 on Control of Foot and Mouth Disease.

11 European Union Document No. 8475/03, relating to the Broad Economic Policy Guidelines, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Lessons in Iraq]; to be printed [No. 695-i] [Rachel Squire].

2 Draft Corruption Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Corruption Bill; to be printed [No. 705-ii] [Mr Richard Shepherd].

3 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [The Export Credits Guarantee Department and Sustainable Development]; to be printed [No. 689-i] [Mr John Horam].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) Eighth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Future of Waste Management], together with Appendices 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. 385-I and -II]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Animal By-Products Regulations]; to be printed [No. 707] [Mr David Curry].

5 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. 63-xxi] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Procedure.—Minute of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Procedure for debates, Private Members’ Bills, and the powers of the Speaker]; to be printed [No. 333-vii] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].

7 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Improving Service Delivery: The Food Standards Agency]; to be printed [No. 708-ii] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Scientific Response to Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 415-iii] [Dr Ian Gibson].

9 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Future of the UK Steel Industry]; to be printed [No. 686-ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

10 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Aviation]; to be printed [No. 454-vii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 5.09 p.m.]

[No. 95.]

Thursday 15th May 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and committed.

2 Equine Welfare (Ragwort Control) Bill (changed to Ragwort Control Bill).—Mr Eric Illsley reported from Standing Committee F: That it had gone through the Equine Welfare (Ragwort Control) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows:

A Bill to amend the Weeds Act 1959 in relation to ragwort.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 11th July; and to be printed [Bill 110].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 710].

3 Opposition Day [6th 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 (Arrangements of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

School Funding.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government’s handling of the school funding crisis; regrets that the jobs of teachers, teaching assistants and other support staff have been put at risk; further regrets that these teacher redundancies, together with other cut backs imposed by the funding crisis, will have a negative impact on the education of school children; notes that Labour councils have been as badly affected as Conservative councils by the funding crisis; condemns the Government for seeking to blame local authorities for this crisis; further notes the statements of head teachers and governors across England who no longer trust the Government’s ability to administer school funding; recognises the impact of the funding crisis on the Government’s teacher workload agreement; believes that the Government’s flawed reforms of school funding are to blame for the crisis; and calls on the Government to simplify the school funding system, giving more money direct to schools and giving head teachers more control over how to spend that money—(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 increased funding that the Government has made available to LEAs since 1997, which is up in real terms from £2,800 per pupil to £3,600 for 2003–04, with further planned increases to almost £3,800 by 2005–06; notes that the increase in funding for 2003–04, at £2.7 billion, more than covers the additional cost pressures from pay, pension and price increases, recognises that the new LEA funding formula constitutes a welcome move towards a fairer distribution between LEAs, but coupled with the changes to the Standards Fund has resulted in some turbulence in the system; endorses the action the Government has taken in response, namely to provide a further £11 million to London authorities and £28 million to authorities with the lowest overall increases; further notes that the performance pay grant for 2003–04 has been increased to meet all of schools’ commitments arising from the grant provided in 2002–03, and to cover the costs of similar progress for teachers becoming eligible for performance pay in September; welcomes the decision by the great majority of LEAs to pass on in full the increase in schools funding to their schools budgets; supports the work the Government is doing with LEAs to understand the decisions they have taken in distributing their funding between central services and the individual budgets of schools; welcomes the further measures the Secretary of State is taking to provide LEAs and schools with flexibilities to avoid excessive instability within schools; and calls on the Government to consider what changes are needed for next year’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Clarke.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question,
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:
Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Act 2003.

5 Opposition Day [6th allotted day: first part].—School Funding.—The Question being again 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 Laurence Robertson, Angela Watkinson: 128.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Joan Ryan: 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 Ivor Caplin, Joan Ryan: 263.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Laurence Robertson, Angela Watkinson: 144.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Deputy Speaker forthwith declared the Main Question, as amended, to be agreed to.

Resolved, That this House applauds the increased funding that the Government has made available to LEAs since 1997, which is up in real terms from £2,800 per pupil to £3,600 for 2003–04, with further planned increases to almost £3,800 by 2005–06; notes that the increase in funding for 2003–04, at £2.7 billion, more than covers the additional cost pressures from pay, pension and price increases; recognises that the new LEA funding formula constitutes a welcome move towards a fairer distribution between LEAs, but coupled with the changes to the Standards Fund has resulted in some turbulence in the system; endorses the action the Government has taken in response, namely to provide a further £11 million to London authorities and £28 million to authorities with the lowest overall increases; further notes that the performance pay grant for 2003–04 has been increased to meet all of schools’ commitments arising from the grant provided in 2002–03, and to cover the costs of similar progress for teachers becoming eligible for performance pay in September; welcomes the decision by the great majority of LEAs to pass on in full the increase in schools funding to their schools budgets; supports the work the Government is doing with LEAs to understand the decisions they have taken in distributing their funding between central services and the individual budgets of schools; welcomes the further measures the Secretary of State is taking to provide LEAs and schools with flexibilities to avoid excessive instability in schools; and calls on the Government to consider what changes are needed for next year.

6 Adjournment (Developing a national skills strategy).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, that this House do now adjourn—(Mr Phil Woolas);

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

7 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), that, at this day’s sitting, the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Seven o’clock—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

8 Adjournment (Developing a national skills strategy).—The Question being again proposed, that this House do now adjourn;

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

9 Standards and Privileges.—Ordered, That Mr Derek Foster be added to the Committee on Standards and Privileges.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from citizens of the United Kingdom against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table, and to be printed.

11 Adjournment.—Resolved, 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:

Other Papers:

   (1) HM Customs and Excise [by Command] [Cm. 5924] [John Healey];
   (2) Department for Culture, Media and Sport [by Command] [Cm. 5920] [Secretary Tessa Jowell];
   (3) Department of Trade and Industry, and
   (4) Export Credits Guarantee Department [by Command] [Cm. 5917 and 5916] [Ms Secretary Hewitt];
   (5) Department for Transport [by Command] [Cm. 5907] [Mr Secretary Darling];
   (6) Department for Work and Pensions [by Command] [Cm. 5921] [Mr Secretary Smith]; and
   (7) Northern Ireland Office [by Command] [Cm. 5929] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

2 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [14th April] from the residents of Thanet requesting a fast train service between Thanet and London [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) (Amendment) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Francois from the Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Dr Hywel Francis.

2 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Arab Republic of Egypt) Order 2003 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Chile) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders, in place of David Taylor; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Keen from the Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Alan Keen.

3 Draft Contracting Out (Administration of the Teachers’ Pensions Scheme) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

4 Draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment) Regulations 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

5 Draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Supply of Services) Order 2003 and the draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Part 8 Domestic Infringements) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders.

European Standing Committees

6 The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 13789/02 on Quality of Bathing Water, in place of Mr John Cummings.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education for Sustainable Development Sub-Committee of the Environmental Audit Committee [Learning the Sustainability Lesson]; to be printed [No. 472-vii] [Mr John Horam].
2 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Responsibilities of David Lammy MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Health]; to be printed [No. 697] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

[No. 95; WH, No. 60.]

Thursday 15th May 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (The case for a Human Rights Commission—Sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Session 2002–03).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Joan Ryan).

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 20th May.

[Adjourned at 5.55 p.m.

[No. 96.]

Friday 16th May 2003.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence.—The House being met, and the Speaker having leave of absence pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker), Sir Alan Haselhurst, 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 the Standing Order.

3 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of Ilford North against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions, and

(2) electors within the Parliamentary constituency of Ryedale against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions

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

4 Sunday Working (Scotland) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Sunday Working (Scotland) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) proposed to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

5 Aviation (Offences) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Aviation (Offences) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 2) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
6 Marine Safety Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Marine Safety Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

7 Disabled People (Duties of Public Authorities) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Disabled People (Duties of Public Authorities) Bill,

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

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 13th June.

8 Government Powers (Limitations) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government Powers (Limitations) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 13th June.

9 Equality Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Equality Bill [Lords].

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th June.

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 19th May.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Consumer Protection,—Motor Vehicle Tyres (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1316), dated 15th May 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Legal Aid and Advice,—Civil Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1312), dated 14th May 2003 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

Other Papers:

3 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the merger situation between Scottish Radio Holdings plc and GWR Group plc and Galaxy Radio Wales and the West Limited [by Command] [Cm. 5811] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


(1) HM Treasury, and
(2) Office for National Statistics [by Command] [Cmns. 5922 and 5931] [Mr Paul Boateng],

(3) British Trade International [by Command] [Cm. 5915] [Ms Secretary Hewitt],
(4) Cabinet Office [by Command] [Cm. 5926] [Mr Douglas Alexander],
(5) Food Standards Agency [by Command] [Cm. 5905] [Mr Secretary Milburn],
(6) Government Actuaries’ Department [by Command] [Cm. 5923] [Ruth Kelly],
(7) Home Office [by Command] [Cm. 5908] [Mr Secretary Blunkett],
(8) Inland Revenue [by Command] [Cm. 5925] [Dawn Primarolo],

(9) Lord Chancellor’s Departments [by Command] [Cm. 5910] [Ms Rosie Winterton],
(10) Ministry of Defence [by Command] [Cm. 5912] [Mr Secretary Hoon],
(11) Office of the Deputy Prime Minister [by Command] [Cm. 5906] [Mr Secretary Prescott],

(12) Scotland Office [by Command] [Cm. 5927] [Mrs Secretary Liddell], and
(13) Wales Office [by Command] [Cm. 5928] [Secretary Peter Hain].
5 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [7th May] from residents living near Beecroft Lower School for the introduction of road safety measures to prevent haphazard parking of cars outside the school [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

6 Treaty Series (No. 15, 2003),—Four Agreements (with Ukraine, Thailand, Portugal and Mexico), done at London on 17th August 2001 and 20th February 2002, on 17th August 2001 and 31st July 2002, on 3rd and 25th July 2002 and on 23rd September and 14th October 2002, extending treaties to the Isle of Man [by Command] [Cm. 5816] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment) Regulations 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Amess from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Bob Spink.
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:

Nottingham City Council Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, — Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) (Amendment) Order 2003.

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:

Harbours Bill [Lords], — The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the procedure for dealing with applications for orders under section 14 or 16 of the Harbours Act 1964 and for making orders under section 15 of that Act; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

4 Criminal Justice Bill (Programme) (No. 5), — A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That, in accordance with the Resolution of the Programming Committee of 14th May, the Order of the House of 2nd April 2003 (Proceedings on consideration and Third Reading of the Criminal Justice Bill) be amended by omitting the entries in the Table for the second and third day and inserting the following:

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Criminal Justice Bill [2nd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Criminal Justice Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

5 A Clause (Taking fingerprints without consent)—(Mr Bob Ainsworth)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being one and a quarter hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Criminal Justice Bill (Programme) (No. 5), the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Orders [2nd April and this day]—It was agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on an Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate Division.

Another Amendment (No. 169) proposed, in page 6, line 2, to leave out Clause No. 9.—(Mr David Heath.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Annette Brooke, Mr Alan Reid: 40.

Tellers for the Noes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Jim Murphy: 317.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on the remaining new Clause moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Another Clause (Taking non-intimate samples without consent)—(Mr Bob Ainsworth)—brought up.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Jim Murphy: 323.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Desmond Swayne, Hugh Robertson: 178.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on the remaining Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Another Amendment (No. 231) made to the Bill.

It being two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Criminal Justice Bill (Programme) (No. 5), the Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Question on the new Clauses and Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Another Clause (Absconding by persons released on bail)—(Ms Harriet Harman)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Supplementary amendments to the Bail Act 1976)—(Ms Harriet Harman)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 443 to 448, 232, 449 to 451 and 72 to 93) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Rules of court)—(Mr Secretary Blankett)—brought up and read the first time.
Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being four and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Criminal Justice Bill (Programme) (No. 5), the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.—It was agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Questions on Amendments selected by the Speaker for separate Division.

Another Amendment (No. 2) proposed to the Bill, in page 25, line 10, to leave out Clause No. 37.—(Mr Oliver Letwin.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 227.

Tellers for the Noes, Gillian Merron, Derek Twigg: 299.

Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 25, line 38, to leave out Clause No. 38.—(Mr Oliver Letwin.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 223.

Tellers for the Noes, Gillian Merron, Derek Twigg: 304.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 203 to 211) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 41, line 7, to leave out the words ‘a qualifying offence’ and insert the words ‘murder or rape, contrary to section 1 of the Sexual Offences Act 1956’, instead thereof.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made;

And it being six and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Criminal Justice Bill (Programme) (No. 5), the Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Desmond Swayne: 189.

Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 330.

The Speaker proceeded to put forthwith the Questions on the remaining Amendments and new Clauses moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 462 to 465, 357, 466, 467, 423 to 425, 474, 475, 468, 469, 358 to 373, 470 to 472 and 374 to 420) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Restrictions on publication in the interests of justice)—(Mr John Heppell)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Revocation of bail)—(Mr John Heppell)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Armed Forces: Part 10)—(Mr John Heppell)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Application of Part 10 to Northern Ireland)—(Mr John Heppell)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Bill to be further considered to-morrow.

6 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 121) (House of Commons Paper No. 640) on Invest to Save Budget Round 5 Projects, Local e-Government Programme and e-Voting, which was laid before this House on 11th April, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick)—It was agreed to.

7 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 (British Waterways Board) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 28th April, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick)—It was agreed to.
8 Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That—
   (1) the matter of the Economy in Wales be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration;
   (2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Tuesday 24th June at five minutes to Nine o’clock and between Two o’clock and Four o’clock to take questions under Standing Order No. 103 (Welsh Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)), and to consider the matter of the Economy in Wales under Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales)). (Jim Fitzpatrick.)

9 Business of the House,—Ordered, That at the sitting on Thursday 22nd May, 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, or until Six o’clock, whichever is the later, and shall then lapse. (Jim Fitzpatrick.)

10 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
   (1) residentsofCanveyIslandforthe provision of police foot patrols in the Winter Garden area of Canvey Island,
   (2) Mrs Hughes and others for greater control by local communities over the siting of mobile phone masts, and
   (3) Frank Round and Paula Sharrock for an increase in the maximum sentence for causing death by dangerous driving 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—(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 nine minutes to Eleven o’clock, till tomorrow.

[Adjourned at 10.51 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis), the Feeding Stuffs (Enforcement) and the Feeding Stuffs (Establishments and Intermediaries) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1296), dated 13th May 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].


3 Education,—North Birmingham College (Dissolution) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1293), dated 9th May 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].


Other Papers:

6 Culture, Media and Sport,—Department for Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 19th May 2003, concerning a contingent liability relating to the ‘Home and Garden’ exhibition at the Geffrye Museum from 10th September 2003 to 18th July 2004 [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

7 Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration,—Thirty-second Report of the Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration [by Command] [Cm. 5721] [The Prime Minister].
8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Through-Life Management [by Act]; to be printed [No. 698] [Clerk of the House].

9 National Health Service,—Statement of Guarantee, given by the Secretary of State for Health on 6th May 2003, on loans proposed to be raised by Mid Yorkshire Hospitals National Health Service Trust [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

10 New Towns,—Statement of Guarantee, given by HM Treasury on 16th May 2003, in respect of temporary borrowing by the Commission of the New Towns from Barclays Bank PLC [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petitions [8th April] [three Petitions] from Mrs Beryl Rudman and others; residents of Chesham and Amersham; residents of Stafford Constituency; and [9th April] [four Petitions] from constituents of Rayleigh; residents of the Vale of York; users of dispensing chemists in the Westbury constituency and users of the Parley Cross Pharmacy in the Christchurch constituency against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Health and Social Care Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has discharged Claire Ward from the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill and nominated in substitution Mr Mike Hall.

2 Draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) (Amendment) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tony Banks, Dr Hywel Francis and Mr Gerry Steinberg from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr Alan Campbell and Mr Kevan Jones.

3 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Arab Republic of Egypt) Order 2003 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and its Member States and the Republic of Chile) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Virginia Bottomley from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Peter Bottomley.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: Teacher Retention], to be printed [No. 714-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Innovation in the NHS—the acquisition of the Heart Hospital], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 299].

(2) Twenty-fourth Report from the Committee [Community Legal Service: the introduction of contracting]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 185]; and

(3) Twenty-fifth Report from the Committee [Protecting the public from waste]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 352]

[Mr Edward Leigh].
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the consideration of the Mersey Tunnels Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 10th June at Four o’clock.

2 Regulatory Reform,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolution:

That the proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Gaming Machines) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 13th March, should be amended before a draft Order is laid before the House.

3 Licensing Bill [Lords],—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Licensing Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 109].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 716].

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement Establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Arab Republic of Egypt) Order 2003 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement Establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States and the Republic of Chile) Order 2003.

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:

Courts Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision about the courts and their procedure and practice; about judges and magistrates; about fines and the enforcement processes of the courts; about periodical payments of damages; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Courts Bill [Lords],—The Courts Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 112].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Courts Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 112–EN].

7 Harbours Bill [Lords],—The Harbours Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 13th June and to be printed [Bill 113].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Harbours Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 113–EN].

8 Medical Practitioners and Dentists (Professional Negligence Insurance),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require the holding of professional negligence insurance as a condition of registration to practise in medicine or dentistry: And that Dr Desmond Turner, Mr David Lepper, Dr Ian Gibson, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr David Hinchcliffe, Vera Baird and Mr David Heath do prepare and bring it in.

9 Medical Practitioners and Dentists (Professional Negligence Insurance) Bill,—Dr Desmond Turner accordingly presented a Bill to require the holding of professional negligence insurance as a condition of registration to practise in medicine or dentistry: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 111].

10 Criminal Justice Bill [3rd allotted day].—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Criminal Justice Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee;

Another Clause (Determination of minimum term in relation to mandatory life sentence)—(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, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Phil Woolas: 325.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Richard Younger-Ross: 52.
It being more than two and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Orders [2nd April and yesterday], put the Question that the Clause be added to the Bill:—It was agreed to.

Another Clause (Duty to give reasons)—(Paul Goggins)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Appeals)—(Paul Goggins)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Review of minimum term on reference by Attorney General)—(Paul Goggins)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Life prisoners transferred to England and Wales)—(Paul Goggins)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Further provisions about references relating to transferred life prisoners)—(Paul Goggins)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Duty to release certain life prisoners)—(Paul Goggins)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Mandatory life sentences: transitional cases)—(Paul Goggins)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Increase in penalties for certain driving-related offences causing death)—(Paul Goggins)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Minimum sentence for certain firearms offences)—(Paul Goggins)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Certain firearms offences to be triable only on indictment)—(Paul Goggins)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to sentence young offender to detention in respect of certain firearms offences: England and Wales)—(Paul Goggins)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to sentence young offender to detention in respect of certain firearms offences: Scotland)—(Paul Goggins)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power by order to exclude application of minimum sentence to those under 18)—(Paul Goggins)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Increase in penalty for offences relating to importation or exportation of certain firearms)—(Paul Goggins)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Sentencing Guidelines Council: supplementary provisions)—(Yvette Cooper)—brought up, and 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 a new Clause and an Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate Division.

Another Clause (Increase in sentences for hate crimes)—(Mr David Heath)—brought up.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Tom Brake: 53.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Phil Woolas, Mr Nick Ainger: 326.

Another Amendment (No. 67) proposed to the Bill, in page 81, line 8, to leave out Clause No. 140.—(Mr Dominic Grieve.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 197.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Phil Woolas, Joan Ryan: 320.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on the remaining Amendments and new Clause moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.
Another Clause (Mode of trial for certain firearms offences: transitory arrangements)—(Paul Goggins)—brought up and added to the Bill.


Another Clause (Limit on period of detention without charge of suspected terrorists)—(Beverley Hughes)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

It being five and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Deputy Speaker put the Questions on the remaining new Clauses, new Schedules and Amendment moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Question put, That Clauses (Criminal record certificates: amendments of Part 5 of Police Act 1997) and (Offence of outraging public decency triable either way) and Schedules (Criminal record certificates: amendments of Part 5 of Police Act 1997), (Determination of minimum term in relation to mandatory life sentence) and (Mandatory life sentences: transitional cases) be added to the Bill.

The House proceeded to a Division.

Joan Ryan and Charlotte Atkins were appointed Tellers for the Ayes, but no Member being willing to act as Teller for the Noes, the Deputy Speaker declared that the Ayes had it.

Another Amendment (No. 196) made to the Bill.

Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to make provision about criminal justice (including the powers and duties of the police) and about dealing with offenders; to amend the law relating to jury service; to amend Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and Part 5 of the Police Act 1997; and for connected purposes.

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

And it being six and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Deputy Speaker put the Question pursuant to Order [2nd April].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Dan Norris, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 296.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Desmond Swayne: 183.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

11 Local Government Finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 118) on Special Grant for Local Authorities Rated Excellent and 3* Education Performers under the Audit Commission’s 2002 Comprehensive Performance Assessment, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th April, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin)—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. 119) on Special Grant for the Excellence in Cities and Excellence Cluster Programmes, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th April, be approved—(Mr Ivor Caplin)—It was agreed to.

13 Racism and Xenophobia.—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. 7280/03, draft Council Framework Decision on combating racism and xenophobia; agrees with the Government that it is appropriate to establish minimum standards in the criminal law to tackle racism and xenophobia at a European level and that this proposal strikes the right balance between protecting our communities from racial hatred and violence whilst respecting our right to freedom of expression; and supports the Government’s efforts to secure agreement on this Framework Decision—(Mr Ivor Caplin)—It was agreed to.
14 Better Environment for Business in the EU.—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. 13982/02 and Addenda 1 to 3, Commission Communication and Staff Working Papers on a better environment for enterprises in the European Union, and No. 5765/03, Commission Green Paper on Entrepreneurship in Europe; and supports the Government’s approach to creating a favourable environment, particularly for small and medium-sized enterprises and, more specifically, its approach to the consultation on the Green Paper seeking to achieve a robust and effective action plan which will address the barriers which face enterprises in the European Union at present—(Mr Ivor Caplin).—It was agreed to.

15 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Ordered, That—
(1) the matter of the Reinvestment and Reform Initiative: Investing in Northern Ireland’s Future be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;
(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Monday 9th June at Five o’clock; and
(3) at that sitting—
(a) the Committee shall take questions under Standing Order No. 110 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)), and shall then consider the matter referred to it under paragraph (1) above;
(b) the Chairman shall interrupt proceedings not later than two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the matter referred to the Committee; and
(c) at the conclusion of those proceedings, a motion for the adjournment of the Committee may be made by a Minister of the Crown, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 116 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (sittings)).—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)

16 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
(1) users of Knights Pharmacy, Longbridge, Birmingham, and other residents against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions; and
(2) residents of Buckinghamshire against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions
were presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Ivor Caplin.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till eighteen minutes to Nine o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

APPENDIX I

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Categorisation of Registries of Relevant British Possessions) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1248), dated 8th May 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


3 Social Security.—Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1337), dated 19th May 2003 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

4 Broadcasting.—Report and Financial Statements of the Radio Authority for 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

5 Extradition.—(1) Extradition (Safety of Maritime Navigation) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1244), and
(2) Extradition (Torture) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1251), dated 8th May 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


7 National Heritage.—Permanent allocations of items accepted in lieu of inheritance tax made in the Financial Year 2002–03 under sections 9(3) and (4) of the National Heritage Act 1980 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
8 Regulatory Impact Assessments.—List of Regulatory Impact Assessments for 1st July to 31st December 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5813] [Mr Douglas Alexander].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Anti-social Behaviour Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr George Stevenson an additional Chairman of Standing Committee G in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Arab Republic of Egypt) Order 2003 and the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement establishing an Association between the European Community and its Member States and the Republic of Chile) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Huw Edwards, Alan Keen and Mr Calum MacDonald from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr David Stewart, Brian White and Dr Alan Whitehead.

3 Draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 and draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Anticipated Mergers) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Jim Murphy and Ms Gisela Stuart from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Charlotte Atkins and Mr Roger Godsiff.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [British Film Industry]; to be printed [No. 667-iv] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Draft Corruption Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Corruption Bill; to be printed [No. 705-iii] [Mr Richard Shepherd].

3 Foreign Affairs.—Eighth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Zimbabwe]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 339] [Donald Anderson].

4 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Maternity Services Sub-Committee of the Health Committee [Inequalities in Access to Maternity Services]; to be printed [No. 696-ii] [Julia Drown].

5 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Asylum Applications]; to be printed [No. 692-iii] [Mr Chris Mullin].

6 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 [Living Places: Cleaner, Safer, Greener]; to be printed [No. 673-ii] [Chris Mole].

7 Regulatory Reform.—Thirteenth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [Proposal for the Regulatory Reform (Gaming Machines) Order 2003], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 715] [Mr Peter Pike].

8 Scottish Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Job Creation Potential of the Modernised Forth, Clyde and Union Canal]; to be printed [No. 717-i] [Mrs Irene Adams].

9 Statutory Instruments.—Twentieth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xx] [Mr David Tredinnick].

10 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Impact of the Introduction of ‘Direct Payment’ on Post Office Business]; to be printed [Nos. 718-i and -ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4.44 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 Transas Group Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transas Group Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 4th June.


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

3 European Standing Committee A,—Mr David Amess reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 15831/02, draft Directive on Community measures for the control of foot-and-mouth disease and amending Directive 92/46/EEC; and supports the Government’s objective of agreeing measures for the control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease which allows the European Union’s foot-and-mouth disease-free status to be maintained, including the possible use of emergency vaccination from the start of an outbreak.

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

4 Dealing in Cultural Objects (Offences) Bill,—The Order for considering the Dealing in Cultural Objects (Offences) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, on Friday 13th June was read and discharged.

Bill to be considered on Friday 4th July.

5 Draft Constitutional Treaty on the Future of Europe (Referendum) Bill,—Mr Frank Field, supported by Mr Graham Allen, Tony Wright, Mr Geoffrey Robinson, Kate Hoey, Alan Howarth, Mr Graham Stringer, John Cryer, Mr David Drew, Mr Ian Davidson, Denzil Davies and Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody, presented a Bill to make provision for a referendum on the draft Constitutional Treaty on the Future of Europe: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 114].

6 European Communities (Regulations),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision in respect of the effects on persons and businesses of regulations made under section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972: And that Mr Mark Field, Mr Richard Bacon, Gregory Barker, Mr John Baron, Mr Adrian Flook, Mr Boris Johnson, Mr George Osborne, Mr Mark Simmonds, Mr Nigel Waterson and Mr Bill Wiggin do prepare and bring it in.

7 European Communities (Regulations) Bill,—Mr Mark Field accordingly presented a Bill to make provision in respect of the effects on persons and businesses of regulations made under section 2 of the European Communities Act 1972: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 115].

8 European Union (Accessions) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the European Union (Accessions) 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, Dan Norris, Joan Ryan: 491.
Tellers for the Noes, David Maclean, Mr Patrick McLoughlin: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

# European Union (Accessions) Bill (Programme)—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the European Union (Accessions) Bill—

**Committal**

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

   *Proceedings in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading*

2. Proceedings in Committee, any proceedings on consideration and proceedings on Third Reading shall be completed at one day’s sitting.

3. Proceedings in Committee and any proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 6.00 p.m. on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

4. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at 7.00 p.m. on that day.

**Other proceedings**

5. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—*(Jim Fitzpatrick)*—It was agreed to.

# Broadcasting—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Broadcasting (Independent Productions) (Amendment) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 1st May, be approved—*(Jim Fitzpatrick)*—It was agreed to.

# Public Petitions—Public Petitions from—

   1. Ruth M. Ingham and others against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions, and

   2. residents of the village of Ward Green in the constituency of Barnsley West and Penistone against the proposed closure of the village Post Office

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

# Adjournment—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn—*(Jim Fitzpatrick)*

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

[Adjourned at 7.47 p.m.]

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**APPENDIX I**

*Papers presented or laid upon the Table:*

**Papers subject to Negative Resolution:**


**Other Papers:**


3. Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2002–03, on Annual Report on Human Rights 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5820] [Mr Secretary Straw].

4. Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Fifth, Sixth and Ninth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2002–03 [by Command] [Cm. 5801] [Ruth Kelly].
5 School Standards and Framework.—Accounts of the—
   (1) Hackney Education Action Zone for 2000–01, and
   (2) Hackney Education Action Zone for 2001–02,
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed
   [No. 719 and 720] [Clerk of the House]

6 Treaty Series (No. 16, 2003).—Exchange of Notes, done at Islamabad on 6th March 2003,
   between the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the
   Government of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan concerning Certain Commercial Debts
   (The United Kingdom/Pakistan Debt Agreement No. 3 (2001)) [by Command] [Cm. 5824] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 Treaty Series (No. 17, 2003).—Fourth Protocol, done at Paris on 4th December 2002, to the
   Convention of 19th January 1967, as amended by the Protocol of 6th July 1971, between the
   Government of the French Republic and the Government of the Federal Republic
   of Germany on the Construction and Operation of a Very High Flux Reactor as further
   amended by the Agreements of 19th July 1974 between the above-mentioned Governments and the
   Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland concerning that Government’s Accession to the Convention and by the Protocol of 27th July 1976, the Second Protocol of 9th December 1981 and the Third
   Protocol of 25th March 1993 between the above-mentioned three Governments [by
   Command] [Cm. 5825] [Mr Secretary Straw].

8 United States (No. 1, 2003).—Extradition Treaty, done at Washington on 31st March 2003,
   between the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the
   Government of the United States of America, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by
   Command] [Cm. 5821] [Mr Secretary Straw].

9 Video Recordings.—Report and Accounts of the British Board of Film Classification for
   2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell]

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Crime (International Co-operation) Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee A; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the
   Committee: Mr Bob Ainsworth, David Cairns, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Barry
   Gardiner, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr David Heath, Mr John Heppell, Lady Hermon,
   Stephen Hesford, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Andy King,
   Jim Knight, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr James Paze, Mr Mark Simmonds, Mr Robert
   Symns, Mark Tami, Mr Bill Wiggin and Mr Shaun Woodward.

2 Municipal Waste Recycling 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, Gregory Barker, Peter Bottomley, Sue Doughty, Mr David
   Drew, Julia Drown, Clive Ellford, Mr James Gray, Glenda Jackson, Mr David Kidney,
   Mr Michael Meacher, Julie Morgan, Joan Ruddock, Mr Jonathan Sayeed, Mr Simon
   Thomas and Joan Walley.

3 Draft Uncertificated Securities (Amendment) (Eligible Debt Securities) Regulations 2003:
   (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: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Peter Ainsworth, Virginia Bottomley, Ann Clwyd,
   Jeff Ennis, Mr Howard Flight, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr David Laws, Mr Tony
   McWalter, Mr Chris Pend, Dawn Primarolo, Alan Simpson, Sir Robert Smith, Mr
   Gerry Sutcliffe, Mr Bill Tynan and Mr David Wilshire.

4 Draft Race Relations Act 1976 (Amendment) Regulations 2003:
   (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: Annette Brooke, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr David Cameron, Mr Martin Caton,
   Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Neil Gerrard, Mr
   Dominic Grieve, Mr John Heppell, Beverley Hughes, Simon Hughes, Mr Kerry Pollard,
   Andrew Selous, Mr Chris Smith and Joan Walley.
5 Draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003 and draft
Enterprise Act 2002 (Anticipated Mergers) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection
has discharged Mr Tom Clarke from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated
Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution
Phil Sawford.

6 Draft Lay Magistrates (Eligibility) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003:
(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 Tony Banks, Mr David Cameron, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr David Heath,
Lady Hermon, Mr Fraser Kemp, Andrew Mackinlay, John Mann, Laura Moffatt, Mr
Frank Roy, Jonathan Shaw, Mr Paul Stinchcombe, Sir Teddy Taylor, Dr Desmond
Turner, Angela Watkinson and Ms Rosie Winterton.

7 Draft Release of Short-Term Prisoners on Licence (Amendment) Order.—The Committee of
Selection has discharged Hilary Benn and Mr John Heppell from the Fourth Standing
Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and
nominated in substitution Mr Nick Ainger and Mr Barry Gardiner.

8 Draft Referral Orders (Amendment of Referral Conditions) Regulations 2003:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Sixth Standing Committee
on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the
Committee: Ms Candy Atherton, Annette Brooke, Paul Clark, Mrs Claire Curtis-
Thomas, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Mark Francois, Paul Goggins,
Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr David Heath, Mr John Heppell, Lynne Jones, Mr Edward
Leigh, Mr John MacDougall, Mr Brian Sedgemore and Mr Robert N. Wareing.

European Standing Committees

9 European Union Document No. 7115/03 relating to the Programme for Action on the 3 major
communicable diseases, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

10 European Union Document No. 7229/03 relating to the Annual Policy Strategy for 2004, has
been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and
Sport Committee [Privacy and Media Intrusion]; to be printed [No. 458-vii];
(2) Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 4th March
[Privacy and Media Intrusion]; to be printed [No. 458-viii]; and
(3) Fifth Report from the Committee [Privacy and Media Intrusion], together with
Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with
the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 458];
[Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Defence Procurement];
to be printed [No. 694-ii] [Mr Bruce George].

3 Draft Corruption Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft
Corruption Bill; to be printed [No. 705-iv] [Mr Richard Shepherd].

4 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit
Committee [The Export Credits Guarantee Department and Sustainable Development];
to be printed [No. 689-ii] [Mr John Horam].

5 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Ninth Report from the Environment, Food and
Rural Affairs Committee [Delivery of Education in Rural Areas], together with
Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Delivery of Education in Rural
Areas Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings
of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 467] [David Curry];
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Broadband in Rural Areas Sub-Committee of the
Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Broadband in Rural Areas]; to be
printed [No. 587-iv] [Mr David Borrow]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Gangmasters]; to be printed
[No. 691-ii] [Mr David Curry].
European Scrutiny,—Twenty-second Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63-xxii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Government's Response to the Fifth Report of the Committee, Session 2002-03, Forensic Science Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 722]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Peace II]; to be printed [No. 653-iv]
[Mr Michael Mates].

Science and Technology,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Scientific Response to Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 415-iv]; and
(2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Scientific Response to Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 415-II]
[Dr Ian Gibson].

Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Aviation]; to be printed [No. 454-viii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

Treas.,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Appointment Hearing: the Chairman of the Statistics Commission]; to be printed [No. 721] [Mr John McFall].

Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [European Social Fund]; to be printed [No. 680-ii] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 99; WH, No. 62.]
Wednesday 21st May 2003.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
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 4.29 p.m.)

[No. 100.]
Thursday 22nd May 2003.
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Anti-social Behaviour Bill,—Mr James Cran reported from Standing Committee G, That it had gone through the Anti-social Behaviour Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.
   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Tuesday 3rd June, and to be printed [Bill 116].
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 725].

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Eric Illsley reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Release of Short-Term Prisoners on Licence (Amendment of Requisite Period) Order 2003.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Clergy Discipline Measure,—Resolved, That the Clergy Discipline Measure, passed by the General Synod of the Church of England, be presented to Her Majesty for Her Royal Assent in the form in which the said Measure was laid before Parliament.—(Mr Stuart Bell.)

4 Municipal Waste Recycling Bill [Money],—Her Majesty's Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Municipal Waste Recycling Bill [Money],
   Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Municipal Waste Recycling 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 Michael Meacher.)
5 Adjournment (Matters to be considered before the forthcoming adjournment).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Joan Ryan).

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

6 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) residents of South Swindon against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions;
(2) Michael Morrell against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions;
(3) Mr Richard Else against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions;
(4) Anthony Milward against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions;
(5) Judith Hagan against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions;
(6) Hollowood Chemists against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions;
(7) Derek Blackford for restrictions on the period during which fireworks may be sold to the public; and
(8) Mr Stephen Jones for restrictions on the period during which fireworks may be sold to the public.

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

7 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Liz Hill and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till two minutes past Six o'clock, adjourned till Tuesday 3rd June, pursuant to Resolution [13th May].

[Adjourned at 6.02 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Children and Young Persons,—Adoption Support Services (Local Authorities) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1348), dated 21st May 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

2 Local Government,—(1) Local Government (Assistants for Political Groups) (Remuneration) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1295), dated 12th May 2003, and
(2) Local Government (Assistants for Political Groups) (Remuneration) (Revocation) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1359), dated 22nd May 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

3 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on the Northern Ireland Court Service, PFI: The Laganside Courts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 649] [Clerk of the House].

4 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [30th April] from the residents of Lilbourne, Northamptonshire for measures by the Secretary of State for Transport in relation to proposals for a freight railway and marshalling yard near Lilbourne [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

5 Water Industry,—Report of the Director General of Water Services for 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 679] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Uncertificated Securities (Amendment) (Eligible Debt Securities) Regulations 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Howard Flight from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations), and nominated in substitution Mr Stephen O’Brien.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education for Sustainable Development Sub-Committee of the Environmental Audit Committee [Learning the Sustainability Lesson]; to be printed [No. 472-viii] [Mr John Horam].

2 Health,—(1) Third Report from the Health Committee [Sexual Health], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 69]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Sexual Health] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

3 Human Rights,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Criminal Justice Bill]; to be printed [No. 724-i] [Jean Corston].

4 Lord Chancellor’s Department,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department [Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (CAFCASS)]; to be printed [No. 614-iv] [Mr A. J. Beith].

5 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Ministerial Powers and the Prerogative]; to be printed [No. 642-iii] [Tony Wright].

[No. 100; WH, No. 63.]

Thursday 22nd May 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Urban Charging Schemes—First Report from the Transport Committee, Session 2002–03, and the Government’s response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned. — (Charlotte Atkins.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 3rd June. [Adjourned at 5.29 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Fire Services Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Order of 8th May 2003 (Fire Services Bill (Programme)) shall be varied as follows—

Proceedings in Committee, on consideration and Third Reading
1. Paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Order shall be omitted.
2. Proceedings in Committee and any proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion five and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.
3. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion six and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order—(Mr Nick Raynsford).
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Mr Jim Murphy: 284.
Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Mark Hoban: 184.
So the Question was agreed to.

2 Fire Services Bill. — The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the Fire Services Bill.

(In the Committee)
Clause No. 1 (Powers of the Secretary of State).
Amendment (No. 35) proposed, in page 1, line 2, after the word ‘instrument’, to insert the words ‘within eighteen months of the commencement of this Act’.—(Mr Philip Hammond.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 32) proposed, in page 1, line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) (a) Before making an order under section 1(1) the Secretary of State shall conduct a postal ballot of all Fire Brigade members for the purpose of ascertaining their views in relation to any order to be made under section 1(1) or any related matters which appears to the Secretary of State to be relevant.
(b) The Secretary of State may direct any fire authority to supply him with such information as he may require to enable him to conduct a ballot under subsection 1(1A)(a).
(c) It shall be the duty of a fire authority to comply with a direction given under subsection 1(1A)(b).’—(Mr Philip Hammond.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Mark Hoban: 166.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Derek Twigg: 291.
Another Amendment (No. 3) proposed, in page 1, line 5, to leave out the words ‘or disposal’.—(John McDonnell.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) The provision that may be made by virtue of subsection (1)(a) includes the power to make provision about conditions of service relating to—
(a) membership of trades unions by fire brigade members; and
(b) disciplinary offences by fire brigades members.’.—(Mr Philip Hammond.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.
And it being five and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Fire Services Bill (Programme) (No. 2), the Chairman proceeded to put the Questions necessary to bring proceedings in Committee to a conclusion, pursuant to Orders [8th May and this day].

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mrs Cheryl Gillan: 112.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Charlotte Atkins: 335.

Amendment (No. 17) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.
Clause No. 2 (Supplemental provisions).
Amendments (Nos. 18 to 20) made.
Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Amendment (No. 21) made.
Title accordingly amended as follows: A Bill to confer power to set or modify the conditions of service of members of fire brigades and to give directions to fire authorities.
Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill to the House, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001, 29th October 2002 and this day].

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Dan Norris reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and had made Amendments thereunto.

The House, according to Order [this day], proceeded to consider the Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Bill be now read the third time—(Mr Nick Raynsford),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr John Heppell: 263.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr Mark Hoban: 198.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

3 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) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Arab Republic of Egypt) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 28th April, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

4 European Communities,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Agreement establishing an association between the European Community and its Member States and the Republic of Chile) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 28th April, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

5 Competition,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Anticipated Mergers) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 29th April, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

6 Competition,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Protection of Legitimate Interests) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 29th April, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.

7 Prisons,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Release of Short-Term Prisoners on Licence (Amendment of Requisite Period) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 10th April, be approved—(Mr Phil Woolas):—It was agreed to.
8 Control of Foot and Mouth Disease.—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. 15831/02, draft Directive on Community measures for the control of foot-and-mouth disease and amending Directive 92/46/EEC; and supports the Government’s objective of agreeing measures for the control and eradication of foot-and-mouth disease which allows the European Union’s foot-and-mouth disease-free status to be maintained, including the possible use of emergency vaccination from the start of an outbreak.—(Mr Phil Woolas)—It was agreed to.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

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 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 28th May 2003

1 Tribunals and Inquiries,—Report entitled, School Admission and Exclusion Appeal Panels Special Report [Cm. 5788] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

Thursday 29th May 2003

2 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [Cm. 5829] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Friday 30th May 2003

3 Miscellaneous (No. 6, 2003),—Agreement, done at Canberra on 19th June 2001, on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5826] [Mr Secretary Straw].

4 Treaty Series (No. 18, 2003),—Exchange of Notes, done at Sarajevo on 6th and 17th December 1999, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Bosnia and Herzegovina Debt Agreement No. 1 (1998))[Cm. 5828][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:

Friday 23rd May 2003


Tuesday 27th May 2003

6 Competition,—(1) Competition Appeal Tribunal Rules 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1372),

(2) Competition Commission (Penalties) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1371),

(3) Enterprise Act 2002 (Merger Fees and Determination of Turnover) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1370), and


dated 23rd May 2003 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


(2) Enterprise Act 2002 (Part 8 Notice to OFT of Intended Prosecution Specified Enactments, Revocation and Transitional Provision), Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1376), and


dated 23rd May 2003 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

9 Social Security.—Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (State Pension Credit) (Abolition of Benefit Periods) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1338), dated 21st May 2003 [Mr Secretary Smith].

Wednesday 28th May 2003

10 Tax Credits.—Tax Credits (Employer Penalty Appeals) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1382), dated 23rd May 2003 [Dawn Primarolo].

Thursday 29th May 2003

11 Competition.—(1) Enterprise Act 2002 (Consequential and Supplemental Provisions) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1398), and


Friday 30th May 2003


14 Social Security.—Fines (Deductions from Income Support) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1360), dated 22nd May 2003 [Mr Secretary Smith].

Monday 2nd June 2003

15 Food.—Food Supplements (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1387), dated 9th May 2003 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Tuesday 3rd June 2003:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


17 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland).—Crown Court (Amendment No. 2) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 279), dated 27th May 2003 [by Act] [Ms Rosie Winterton].

Other Papers:

18 France (No. 1, 2003).—Treaty, done at Le Touquet on 4th February 2003, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the French Republic concerning the Implementation of Frontier Controls at the Sea Ports of both Countries on the Channel and North Sea, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5832] [Mr Secretary Straw].

19 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The English national stadium project at Wembley [by Act]; to be printed [No. 699] [Clerk of the House].

20 Public Petitions.—Observations by:—
(1) the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [14th May] from citizens of the United Kingdom for improvements in diagnosis of autism and in services available to people with autism, and
(2) the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [29th April] from residents of Gloucester and other for continued Government support for British Energy [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

21 Railways.—Report of the Office of the Rail Regulator for 2002-03 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].
22 Social Services (Training).—Account of the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 729] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Legal Deposit Libraries Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee F (transferred from Standing Committee C); and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Derek Wyatt from Standing Committee F (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Brian White.

Programming Committees

2 European Union (Accessions) Bill (Programming Committee).—Pursuant to Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) [28th June 2001, renewed 29th October 2002], The Speaker has appointed Mr Ivor Caplin, Mr Roger Casale, Ms Cheryl Gillan, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Michael Moore, Ms Kali Mountford and Mr Richard Spring members of the Programming Committee in respect of the Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Corruption Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Corruption Bill on 2nd June; to be printed [No. 705-v] [Clerk of the House].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 405-v] [Donald Anderson].

3 Health,—(1) Fourth Report from the Health Committee [Maternity Services], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Maternity Services Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 464]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Sub-Committee [Maternity Services] [Julia Drown].

4 International Development,—Memoranda laid before the International Development Committee [Iraq] [Tony Baldry].

5 Lord Chancellor’s Department,—First Report from the Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department [Courts 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. 526-I and -II] [Mr A. J. Beith].

6 Statutory Instruments,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments [Draft Employment Equality (Religion or Belief) Regulations 2003 and draft Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2003]; to be printed [No. 740-i] [Mr David Tredinnick].

[No. 101; WH, No. 64.]

Tuesday 3rd June 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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—(Joan Ryan);

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

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

PRAYERS.

1 Nottingham City Council Bill [Lords].—The Nottingham City Council Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

2 Transas Group Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transas Group Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 11th June.

3 Legal Deposit Libraries Bill,—Mr Joe Benton reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Legal Deposit Libraries Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 4th July; and to be printed [Bill 118].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 753].

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—David Taylor reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Contracting Out (Administration of the Teachers' Pensions Scheme) Order 2003. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Bill Olner reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Supply of Services) Order 2003 and the draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Part 8 Domestic Infringements) Order 2003.

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

6 European Standing Committee A,—Derek Conway reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 13789/02, draft Directive concerning the quality of bathing water; and supports the Government's objective that effective, practical and proportionate measures are applied across the European Union to monitor and regulate the quality of bathing water.

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

7 Fishery Limits (United Kingdom) Amendment,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide that the Fishery Limits Act 1976 shall have effect regardless of the provisions of the European Communities Act 1972; that Part II of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988 shall have effect as though it had not been repealed by the Merchant Shipping (Registration etc) Act 1993; to confer upon the Secretary of State powers to license fishing vessels to fish within United Kingdom waters; to exclude vessels of specified nations or specified vessels from fishing United Kingdom waters; to negotiate common policies with other countries to preserve fish stocks; to invalidate any provisions of the Common Fisheries Policy of the European Community; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Austin Mitchell, David Burnside, John Cryer, Mr Frank Field, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Lawrie Quinn, Mr Alex Salmond, Sir Teddy Taylor, Ann Winterton and Mrs Iris Robinson do prepare and bring it in.

8 Fishery Limits (United Kingdom) Amendment Bill,—Mr Austin Mitchell accordingly presented a Bill to provide that the Fishery Limits Act 1976 shall have effect regardless of the provisions of the European Communities Act 1972; that Part II of the Merchant Shipping Act 1988 shall have effect as though it had not been repealed by the Merchant Shipping (Registration etc) Act 1993; to confer upon the Secretary of State powers to license fishing vessels to fish within United Kingdom waters; to exclude vessels of specified nations or specified vessels from fishing United Kingdom waters; to negotiate common policies with other countries to preserve fish stocks; to invalidate any provisions of the Common Fisheries Policy of the European Community; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 117].

9 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.

Iraq.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House recalls the Prime Minister's assertion that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction capable of being used at 45 minutes’ notice; further recalls the Government’s contention that these weapons posed an imminent danger to the United Kingdom and its forces, notes
that to date no such weapons have been found; and calls for an independent inquiry into the handling of the intelligence received, its assessment and the decisions made by ministers based upon it—(Mr Menzies Campbell).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘believes that the Intelligence and Security Committee established by Parliament is the appropriate body to carry out any inquiry into intelligence relating to Iraq; and notes in relation to Iraq’s disarmament obligations the terms of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1483’, 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, Richard Younger-Ross, Annette Brooke: 203.

Tellers for the Noes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr Phil Woolas: 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 believes that the Intelligence and Security Committee established by Parliament is the appropriate body to carry out any inquiry into intelligence relating to Iraq; and notes in relation to Iraq’s disarmament obligations the terms of United Nations Security Council Resolution 1483.

Pensions.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government’s extensive delay in appointing a new Minister for Pensions at a time of pensions crisis; further condemns the Government for pursuing a strategy of mass means testing of pensioners; notes that the Department for Work and Pensions will have satisfied its PSA target even if a million pensioners are still missing out on their entitlement to Pension Credit by 2006; further notes that the Pension Credit will be run on a computer system described by the previous Secretary of State as ‘very decrepit’; believes that the Pensions Green Paper was an inadequate response to a range of pensions problems including the large number of people of working age who are facing financial insecurity in retirement, particularly many women; further notes the continued insecurity of many members of defined benefit pension schemes and the lack of protection for working age scheme members when schemes are wound up; calls on the Government to address these issues as a matter of urgency, and further calls on the Government urgently to simplify the state pension system and to ensure that the basic state pension provides a firm foundation for income in retirement, with particular reference to the needs of older pensioners—(Steve Webb);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘recognises that the UK has the largest stock of private pension saving in Europe and a tradition of pension partnership at the workplace which leaves it well placed to rise to the challenge of longer lives, welcomes the conclusion of the Work and Pensions Committee that the UK pensions system is “basically sound”; further recognises that there are pressures on pension systems at the moment and supports the Government’s proposals, as outlined in the recent Green Paper, to renew the UK pensions partnership, to introduce further measures to bolster the UK system which better focus regulation on contemporary anxieties, and to increase security without increasing the overall costs of running pensions; strongly endorses the Work and Pensions Committee’s judgement that “current policies have been successful in reducing pensioner poverty”, further recognises that this is of particular benefit to women; welcomes the state second pension which will provide lower earners, disabled people and carers, some 18 million people most of whom are women, with a better pension; believes that good pensions policy must be built on a foundation of the basic state pension, which has increased in real terms for three years in a row; and looks forward to the Pension Credit reform in October which will ensure that those with modest savings are properly rewarded for the first time’, instead thereof.—(Maria Eagle.)

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, Tom Brake, Mr Alan Reid: 202.

Tellers for the Noes, Dan Norris, Mr Nick Ainger: 313.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Dan Norris: 305.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Reid, Tom Brake: 195.

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 the UK has the largest stock of private pension saving in Europe and a tradition of pension partnership at the workplace which leaves it well placed to rise to the challenge of longer lives; welcomes the conclusion of the Work and Pensions Committee that the UK pensions system is 'basically sound'; further recognises that there are pressures on pension systems at the moment and supports the Government's proposals, as outlined in the recent Green Paper, to renew the UK pensions partnership, to introduce further measures to bolster the UK system which better focus regulation on contemporary anxieties, and to increase security without increasing the overall costs of running pensions; strongly endorses the Work and Pensions Committee’s judgement that 'current policies have been successful in reducing pensioner poverty'; further recognises that this is of particular benefit to women; welcomes the state second pension which will provide lower earners, disabled people and carers, some 18 million people most of whom are women, with a better pension; believes that good pensions policy must be built on a foundation of the basic state pension, which has increased in real terms for three years in a row; and looks forward to the Pension Credit reform in October which will ensure that those with modest savings are properly rewarded for the first time.

10 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 Government’s assessment as set out in the Budget 2003 shall be treated as if it were an instrument subject to the provisions of Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation).—(Gillian Merron.)

11 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 10th June, Private Business set down for Four o'clock by the Chairman of Ways and Means shall be entered upon at the conclusion of Government business (whether before, at or after Four o'clock), and may then be proceeded with, though opposed, for a period of three hours, after which the Speaker shall interrupt the business.—(Gillian Merron.)

12 Finance Bill (Programme) (No. 4),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the Programme Order of 6th May 2003, as amended by the Order of 8th May 2003, shall be further amended by the substitution in paragraph 3(1) of ‘17th June 2003’ for ‘12th June 2003’—(Gillian Merron.)—It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Mrs Margaret Todd and others for restrictions on the days on which fireworks can be used, except at licensed displays, was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Gillian Merron.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit 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 Negative Resolution:

1 Disabled Persons,—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Furness Railway Trust North London Coach) Exemption Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1436), dated 3rd June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:

4 Coroner Services,—Paper, entitled Death Certification and Investigation in England, Wales and Northern Ireland: the Report of a Fundamental Review 2003 [by Command] [Cm. 5831] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [2nd April] from ‘Consumers for Health Choice’ and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Municipal Waste Recycling Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill (transferred from Standing Committee C).

2 Legal Deposit Libraries Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft Race Relations Act 1976 (Seamen Recruited Abroad) Order 2003:
   (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: Tom Brake, David Cairns, Mr Christopher Chope, Geraint Davies, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr Don Foster, Mr George Foulkes, Mike Gapes, Mr John Grogan, Mr David Jameson, Joyce Quin, Mr John Redwood, Mr Andy Reed, Joan Ryan, Mr Robert Syms and Mr Dave Watts.

4 Draft Uncertificated Securities (Amendment) (Eligible Debt Securities) Regulations 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

5 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 122) on Local Authorities with Autonomy on Formulic Capital Allowances:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr James Arbuckle, Mr Richard Bacon, Mr David Borrow, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Stephen Byers, Mr Martin Caton, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mrs Janet Dean, Mr Piaras Khabra, John Mann, Mr David Miliband, Dr John Pugh, Mr Laurence Robertson, Mr Simon Simon, Derek Twigg and Mr Phil Willis.

6 Draft Race Relations Act 1976 (Amendment) Regulations 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Francois from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr James Clappson.

7 Draft Contracting Out (Administration of the Teachers’ Pensions Scheme) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mr Peter Atkinson; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Anne Picking from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Jim Sheridan.

8 Draft State Pension Credit (Decisions and Appeals—Amendment) Regulations 2003:
   (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: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Julian Brazier, Mr David Clelland, Tom Cox, Mr David Crausby, Mr David Curry, Maria Eagle, Dr Hywel Francis, Mr Paul Goodman, Paul Holmes, Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Margaret Moran, Mr Ken Purchase, Angela Watkinson and Steve Webb.

9 Draft Employment Equality (Religion or Belief) Regulations 2003 and draft Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2003:
   (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 Michael Clapham, Mr Edward Davey, Barbara Follett, Mr Philip Hammond, Dr Evan Harris, Mr Eric Joyce, Mr Edward Leigh, Tom Levitt, Sandra Osborne, Joyce Quin, Mrs Barbara Roche, Andrew Selous, Dr Gavin Strang, Mr Desmond Swayne, Mrs Betty Williams and Mr Phil Woolas.

10 Draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Supply of Services) Order 2003 and draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Part 8 Domestic Infringements) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mr Joe Benton.

11 Draft Referral Orders (Amendment of Referral Conditions) Regulations 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr George Stevenson Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Lessons of Iraq]; to be printed [No. 695-ii] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Draft Corruption Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Corruption Bill; to be printed [No. 705-vi] [Mr Richard Shepherd].

3 Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Budget 2003 and Aviation]; to be printed [No. 672-ii] [Mr John Horam].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—(1) Fifth Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Government’s Reply to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000]; to be printed [No. 748];

(2) Sixth Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Reply to the Fourth Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on The Water Framework Directive]; to be printed [No. 749]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Gangmasters]; to be printed [No. 691-iii] [Mr David Curry].

5 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. 63-xxiii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions.—(1) 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 [Living Places: Cleaner, Safer, Greener]; to be printed [No. 673-ii] [Chris Mole];

(2) First Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report of the Committee, Session 2002–03, on the Licensing Bill [Lords] and the Evening Economy]; to be printed [No. 750] [Andrew Bennett]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [draft Housing Bill]; to be printed [No. 751-II] [Andrew Bennett].

7 Public Accounts.—(1) Twenty-sixth Report from the Committee [Safety, quality, efficacy: regulating medicines in the UK]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 505];

(2) Twenty-seventh Report from the Committee [The Management of Substitution Cover for Teachers]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 473]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Fisheries Enforcement in England]; to be printed [No. 752-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The Impact of the Introduction of ‘Direct Payment’ on Post Office Business]; to be printed [No. 718-iii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

9 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [HM Customs and Excise Spring Departmental Report 2003]; to be printed [No. 746-i] [Mr John McFall].
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4th—5th June 2003

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 Jim Murphy).

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]

[No. 103.]

Thursday 5th June 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr George Stevenson reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Referral Orders (Amendment of Referral Conditions) Regulations 2003.

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

2 European Union (Accessions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee on the European Union (Accessions) Bill.

(In the Committee)

Clause No. 1 agreed to.

Clause No. 2 (Freedom of movement for workers).

Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 2, line 5, at the end, to insert the words, ‘but no such regulations shall be made within two years of the passing of this Act’.—(Mr Richard Spring.)

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.

3 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the West of Scotland Seniors Forum against local post office closures was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-eight minutes past Five o’clock, adjourned till Monday 9th June.

[Adjourned at 5.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Customs and Excise.—Tobacco Products (Descriptions of Products) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1471), dated 5th June 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [John Healey].
2 Financial Services and Markets,—(1) Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment) Order 2003,
   (2) draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Exemption) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2003,
   (3) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (No. 1) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1475), dated 5th June 2003, and
   (4) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1476), dated 5th June,
   [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Paul Boateng].

3 Immigration,—Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

4 Insolvency,—Draft Insolvency Act 1986 (Amendment) (Administrative Receivership and Urban Regeneration etc.) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

5 Prisons,—Draft Release of Short-Term Prisoners on Licence (Repeal of Age Restriction) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Dangerous Drugs,—Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1432), dated 5th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

7 Financial Services and Markets,—(1) Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Misleading Statements and Practices) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1474), and

8 Highways,—Highways, Crime Prevention etc. (Special Extinguishment and Special Diversion Orders) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1479), dated 5th June 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

   [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


11 Police,—Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1418), dated 30th May 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Crime (International Co-operation) Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton and Mr Alan Hurst Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Sustainable Energy Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

3 Crime (International Co-operation) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bob Ainsworth, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr David Heath, Mr John Heppell, Mr Robert Syms and Mr Shaun Woodward members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

4 Draft Race Relations Act 1976 (Seamen Recruited Abroad) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.
Draft Race Relations Act 1976 (Amendment) Regulations 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

Draft State Pension Credit (Decisions and Appeals-Amendment) Regulations 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

Draft Lay Magistrates (Eligibility) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

Draft Referral Orders (Amendment of Referral Conditions) Regulations 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Kelvin Hopkins.

Grand Committees

9 The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Monday 9th June.

European Standing Committees

10 The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 8475/03, relating to Broad economic policy guidelines.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—Second Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government’s Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on the Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill] to be printed [No. 754] [Mr Bruce George].

2 European Scrutiny.—Twenty-fourth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee [The Convention on the Future of Europe and the Role of National Parliaments]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63-xxiv] [Mr Michael Connarty].

3 Health,—(1) Fifth Report from the Health Committee [Office of Fair Trading Report into the Control of Entry Regulations and Retail Pharmacy Services in the UK], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 571]; and (2) Sixth Report from the Committee [The Victoria Climbie Inquiry]; to be printed with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 570] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

4 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Asylum Applications]; to be printed [No. 692-iv] [Mr Chris Mullin].

5 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Ministerial Powers and the Prerogative]; to be printed [No. 642-iv] [Tony Wright].

[No. 103; WH, No. 66.]

Thursday 5th June 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Human Rights Annual Report 2002—Fourth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Joan Ryan.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.21 p.m.]
Monday 9th June 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Cran reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Race Relations Act 1976 (Seamen Recruited Abroad) Order 2003. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of the Reinvestment and Reform Initiative: Investing in Northern Ireland’s Future, referred to it on 20th May.

3 Courts Bill [Lords],—The Courts Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

4 Courts Bill [Lords] (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Courts Bill [Lords]—  

Committal
1. The Bill shall be committed to a Standing Committee.
   Standing Committee
2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on 10th July 2003.
3. The Standing Committee shall have leave to sit twice on the first day on which it meets.
   Consideration and Third Reading
4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion five and a half hours after their commencement.
5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion six and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on consideration.
6. Sessional Order B (programming committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.
   Other proceedings
7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further message from the Lords) may be programmed—(Mr Nick Ainger);
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Charlotte Atkins, Dan Norris: 291.
   Tellers for the Noes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Laurence Robertson: 82.
   So the Question was agreed to.

5 Courts Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Courts 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 Courts Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
   (a) any expenses of the Lord Chancellor under that Act, and
   (b) any increase attributable to that Act in the sums payable under any other Act out of money so provided—(Mr Ivor Caplin)—It was agreed to.

6 Courts 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 Courts Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—
   (a) provision amending section 329AA of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988, and
(b) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Dan Norris)—It was agreed to.

7 Consumer Protection.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Part 8 Domestic Infringements) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 12th May, be approved—(Dan Norris).—It was agreed to.

8 Competition.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Enterprise Act 2002 (Supply of Services) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 12th May, be approved—(Dan Norris).—It was agreed to.

9 Contracting Out.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Contracting Out (Administration of the Teachers' Pensions Scheme) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 28th April, be approved—(Dan Norris).—It was agreed to.

10 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 Referral Orders (Amendment of Referral Conditions) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 1st May, be approved—(Dan Norris).—It was agreed to.

11 Criminal Law.—Ordered, That the Prosecution of Offences (Youth Courts Time Limits) (Revocation and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 917) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Dan Norris.)

12 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

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

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APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 6th June 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Miscellaneous (No. 7, 2003).—Cartagena Protocol on Biodiversity to the Convention on Biological Diversity, done at Montreal on 29th January 2000, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5833] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 6th June 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Food.—Contaminants in Food (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1478), dated 5th June 2003 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

4 Local Government.—Local Authorities (Code of Conduct) (Local Determination) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1483), dated 5th June 2003 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Public Health.—Tobacco Advertising and Promotion (Sponsorship) Transitional (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1415), dated 23rd May 2003 [Mr Secretary Milburn].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 9th June 2003:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

6 European Communities.—Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Database Protection Agreement between the United Kingdom on behalf of the Isle of Man and the European Community) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Representation of the People.—(1) Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvas) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Yvette Cooper], and
(2) draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Scotland) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mrs Secretary Liddell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

8 Animals,—Animal By-Products Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1482), dated 4th June 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

9 Criminal Justice,—Prisoner Release Victim Information (Northern Ireland) Scheme 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 293), dated 5th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].


Other Papers:

11 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Financial management in the European Union: The European Court of Auditors report for the year 2001 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 701] [Clerk of the House].

12 Political Parties, Elections and Referendums,—Corporate Plan of the Electoral Commission for 2003–04 to 2007–08 [by Act] [The Speaker].

13 Public Petitions,—(1) Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister on:
   (i) the Petition [26th March] from residents of the North West of England for a referendum on an elected regional government for the North West, and
   (ii) the Petition [29th April] from electors within the Parliamentary Constituency of Brentwood and Ongar and nearby district councils for a fairer method of distributing local government grants, and

   (2) Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [19th November] from Sandra Edwards and supporters of ‘Voice 4 Dogs’ for legislation to ban the import and export of products made from dog and cat fur [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

14 Treasury,—Paper, entitled UK membership of the single currency: An assessment of the five economic tests [by Command] [Cm. 5776] [Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Sustainable Energy Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Crispin Blunt from Standing Committee C (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Robathan.

2 Draft Race Relations Act 1976 (Seamen Recruited Abroad) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged David Cairns, Mr George Foulkes and Joyce Quin from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Huw Edwards, Siobhain McDonagh and Lawrie Quinn.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Vets and Veterinary Services Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Vets and Veterinary Services]; to be printed [No. 703-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

2 Human Rights,—(1) Tenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child], 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. 81];

   (2) Eleventh Report from the Committee [Criminal Justice Bill: Further Report], 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. 724];

   (3) Twelfth 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. 765]; and
(4) Thirteenth Report from the Committee [Anti-social Behaviour Bill], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 766]
[Jean Corston].

3 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Trade and Development: Aspects of the Doha Agenda]; to be printed [No. 400-xvi] [Tony Baldry].

4 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Delivering better value for money from the Private Finance Initiative], together with an Annex and an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 764]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Tackling Fraud against the Inland Revenue]; to be printed [No. 767-i]
[Mr Edward Leigh].

5 Science and Technology,—(1) Sixth Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee [Towards a Non-Carbon Fuel Economy: Research, Development and Demonstration]]; to be printed [No. 745]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Light Pollution and Astronomy]; to be printed [No. 747-i]
[Dr Ian Gibson].

6 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Draft Audit (Wales) Bill]; to be printed [No. 763-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].

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PRAYERS.

Tuesday 10th June 2003.

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

1 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 2003-04:

Home Department, in so far as the Estimate relates to the conduct of investigations into past cases of abuse in children’s homes;

Department for Environment, Food, and Rural Affairs, in so far as the Estimate relates to waste.

Report to lie upon the Table.

2 Municipal Waste Recycling Bill (changed to Household Waste Recycling Bill).—Miss Anne Begg reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Municipal Waste Recycling Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the title as follows:

ABill to make further provision regarding the collection, composting and recycling of household waste; and for connected purposes.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 11th July; and

to be printed [Bill 120].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 781].

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft State Pension Credit (Decisions and Appeals—Amendment) Regulations 2003.

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

4 Consumer Protection (Unsolicited E-mails).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the prevention of unsolicited commercial e-mail; to amend the Consumer Protection (Distance Selling) Regulations 2000; and for connected purposes: And that Paul Flynn, Mr Tony Lloyd, Mr Win Griffiths, Michael Fabricant, David Taylor, Brian White, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Huw Edwards do prepare and bring it in.
5 Consumer Protection (Unsolicited E-mails) Bill.—Paul Flynn accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the prevention of unsolicited commercial e-mail, to amend the Consumer Protection (Distance Selling) Regulations 2000, and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 119].

6 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill (Carry-over).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That if at the conclusion of this Session of Parliament proceedings on the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill have not been completed, they shall be resumed in the next Session—(Dr John Reid);

And it being one and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [29th October 2002].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Ivor Caplin: 279.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Angela Watkinson: 162.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill (Extension of Period for Proceedings).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That if the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill is carried over to the next Session of Parliament, the period on the expiry of which proceedings on the Bill shall lapse in pursuance of paragraph (10) of the Order of the House of 29th October 2002 shall be extended by the period of six months—(Mr Tony McNulty);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Joan Ryan: 287.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Hugh Robertson: 181.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill (Re-committal).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill be re-committed to a Standing Committee—(Mr Tony McNulty);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and a Member who opposed it, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 74 (Re-committal of bill).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Ivor Caplin, Joan Ryan: 285.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Angela Watkinson: 168.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Sustainable Energy Bill [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Sustainable Energy Bill [Money];

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Sustainable Energy Bill, it is expedient to authorize—

(1) the payment out of money provided by Parliament of—
(a) any expenditure of the Secretary of State under the Act; and
(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable out of money so provided; and
(2) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund.—(Mr Brian Wilson.)

10 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Mersey Tunnels Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Amendment (No. 27) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 6, to leave out ‘1999’ and insert ‘2003’, instead thereof.—(Mr Ben Chapman.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

Mr Peter Kilfoyle 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, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Joe Benton: 172.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Miller, Stephen Hesford: 70.

Question accordingly put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Miller, Stephen Hesford: 57.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Mr Joe Benton: 165.
It being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the business, pursuant to Order [4th June].

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Tuesday 17th June.

11 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.13 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Home-Grown Cereals Authority (Rate of Levy) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1512), dated 10th June 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Gaming Clubs (Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1513), dated 7th June 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

3 Consumer Protection,—Creosote (Prohibition on Use and Marketing) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1511), dated 9th June 2003 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

4 Food,—Animal By-Products (Identification) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1484), dated 5th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Milburn].

   (3) The General Medical Council (Voluntary Erasure and Restoration following Voluntary Erasure) Regulations Order of Council 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1341), dated 5th June 2003; and

6 Immigration,—Immigration Control (Charges) (Basic Service) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1502), dated 6th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

7 Financial Reporting to Parliament,—Departmental Report of the Charity Commission for England and Wales for 2003 [by Command] [Cm. 5909] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 Intelligence Services,—Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee for 2002–03 [by Command] [Cm. 5837] [The Prime Minister].

9 Public Expenditure,—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure: Statistical Analyses 2003: Corrigendum, corrected tables for chapter 8 [by Command] [Mr Paul Boateng].

10 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petitions [11th April] [one Petition] from electors within the Parliamentary constituency of Brentwood and Ongar; [14th April] [three Petitions] from residents of York; residents of pharmacists and their customers in the Tiverton and Honiton constituency; and residents of Wootton Bassett and others; [29th April] [one Petition] from residents of South West Bedfordshire; [30th April] [one Petition] from residents from the Stoke-on-Trent South constituency; [1st May] [one Petition] from the constituents of Eccles; [8th May] [one Petition] from residents of Fareham and Southampton; and [14th May] [one Petition] from electors within the Parliamentary constituency of North West Leicestershire against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

11 Transport,—Government Response to the Third Report of the Transport Select Committee, Session 2002–03, on Jam Tomorrow?: The Multi-Modal Study Investment Plans [by Command] [Cm. 5842] [Mr Secretary Darling].

12 Work and Pensions,—Report entitled, Pathways to work: Helping people into employment; The Government’s response and action plan [by Command] [Cm. 5830] [Mr Secretary Smith].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Race Relations Act 1976 (Amendment) Regulations 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in place of Mr John Cummings; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Cameron and Andrew Selous from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations), and nominated in substitution Mr James Clappison and Mr Boris Johnson.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 122) on Local Authorities with Autonomy on Formulaic Capital Allowances,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr James Arbuthnot from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report), and nominated in substitution Mr Michael Trend.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [British Film Industry]; to be printed [No. 667-v] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Draft Corruption Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Corruption Bill; to be printed [No. 705-vii] [Mr Richard Shepherd].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Poultry Farming in the United Kingdom Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Poultry Farming in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [No. 779-i] [Mr David Taylor].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Thessaloniki European Council]; to be printed [No. 774] [Donald Anderson].

5 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Iraq]; to be printed [No. 780-i] [Tony Baldry].

6 Lord Chancellor’s Department,—Memoranda laid before the Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department [Asylum and Immigration Appeals]; to be printed [No. 772-II] [Mr A. J. Beith].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-first Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xxi] [Mr David Tredinnick].

8 Trade and Industry,—Ninth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [UK Steel 2003], together with Appendices to the Report; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 686] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

[No. 105; WH, No. 67.]

Tuesday 10th June 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

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

[Adjourned at 4.57 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Transas Group Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Transas Group Bill;
   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Wednesday 18th June.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Race Relations Act 1976 (Amendment) Regulations 2003.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 European Standing Committee B,—David Taylor reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:
   That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 8475/03, Commission Recommendation on the Broad Guidelines of the Economic Policies of the Member States and the Community (for the 2003-05 period); and supports the Government’s welcome for the publication of the Recommendation and the operational context it provides for addressing the key economic policy issues and priorities over the next three years, in line with the European Union’s strategic goal agreed at the Lisbon European Council.
   Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

4 Children’s Commissioner for England Bill,—Mr Paul Burstow presented a Bill to establish a Children’s Commissioner for England; to make provision for the Commissioner’s duties including monitoring complaints procedures for children, overseeing arrangements for children’s advocacy, monitoring legislation to ensure that the needs of children are taken into account, overseeing child death reviews and carrying out inquiries into major child abuse cases and child deaths; and to make provision to ensure that the work of the Commissioner is compatible with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 121].

5 Village Halls (Grants),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision in relation to grants from the Community Fund for village halls: And that Mr David Cameron, Mr Nicholas Soames, Mr Hugo Swire, Gregory Barker, Hugh Robertson, Tony Baldry, Mr Adrian Flook, Mr George Osborne, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr Andrew Turner and Mr Andrew Lansley do prepare and bring in.

6 Village Halls (Grants) Bill,—Mr David Cameron accordingly presented a Bill to make provision in relation to grants from the Community Fund for village halls: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 122].

7 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.

Referendum on a New European Treaty,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that any Treaty providing a constitution for the European Union should only be ratified by Parliament once it has received the consent of the British people, democratically given in a referendum—(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 ‘notes that previous governments rejected referendums on previous constitutional treaties such as the Single European Act and Maastricht, both of which involved greater change than the draft Treaty proposed by the Convention on the Future of Europe; believes that since the proposals of the Convention do not involve any fundamental change in the relationship between the EU and its Member States, there is no case for a referendum; and notes that any proposals from the Convention are a matter for unanimous agreement by an Inter-Governmental Conference, and then endorsement by the Parliament of the United Kingdom’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Straw.)
   And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.  
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 155.  
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jim Murphy, Jim Fitzpatrick: 293.

And 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 Jim Murphy, Jim Fitzpatrick: 283.  
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Wilshire: 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 believes that previous governments rejected referendums on previous constitutional treaties such as the Single European Act and Maastricht, both of which involved greater change than the draft Treaty proposed by the Convention on the Future of Europe, believes that since the proposals of the Convention do not involve any fundamental change in the relationship between the EU and its Member States, there is no case for a referendum; and notes that any proposals from the Convention are a matter for unanimous agreement by an Inter-Governmental Conference, and then endorsement by the Parliament of the United Kingdom.

Post Office Card Accounts,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that those Post Office customers who wish to continue receiving their benefits, pension payments and tax credits through the Post Office, following the introduction of ACT in April, should be allowed to do so through a post office card account opened at the counter of a post office or sub-post office; further believes that customers should be offered a genuine choice between the options available, including a post office card account; supports the National Federation of SubPostmasters’ call that there should be no administrative obstacles to customers opening a post office card account; notes the importance of post office card accounts to the future financial viability of sub-post offices; and calls upon the Government to ensure that there is a level playing field in the marketing, promotion and advertising of the banking options from all Government departments and agencies, including the Department for Work and Pensions, the Inland Revenue and the Veterans Agency—(Mr Oliver Heald);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the words ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘recognises that more people than ever are choosing to receive their benefits and pensions straight into accounts and welcomes the significant steps the Government has taken to modernise the payment of benefits and enable customers to choose the account that suits them best; welcomes the introduction of the Post Office Card Account as one important option; further recognises the major benefits the move to Direct Payment will have in cutting fraud and crime and the important role it will play in extending financial inclusion; recognises the importance of this programme, which alongside other initiatives such as Pension Credit, increases opportunities for elderly people; applauds the Post Office and the cross-departmental programme that ensured the new system was delivered on time at the start of April; and believes that the move to Direct Payment is central to the future of a successful modern Post Office’, instead thereof.—(Malcolm Wicks.)

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 Mark Francois, Mr David Wilshire: 187.  
Tellers for the Noes, Gillian Merron, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 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, Gillian Merron, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe: 307.  
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Francois: 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 that more people than ever are choosing to receive their benefits and pensions straight into accounts and welcomes the significant steps the Government has taken to modernise the payment of benefits and enable customers to choose the account that suits them best; welcomes the introduction of the Post Office Card Account as one important option, further recognises the major benefits the move to Direct Payment will have in cutting fraud and crime and the important role it will play in extending financial inclusion; recognises the importance of this programme, which alongside other initiatives such as Pension Credit, increases opportunities for elderly people; applauds the Post Office and the cross-departmental programme that ensured the new system was delivered on time at the start of April; and believes that the move to Direct Payment is central to the future of a successful modern Post Office.

8 Food,—Ordered, That the Food Supplements (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1387) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Dan Norris.)

9 Immigration,—Ordered, That the Immigration and Asylum Appeals (Fast Track Procedure) Rules 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 801) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Dan Norris.)

10 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) residents of the Martins Wood ward of the town of Stevenage against the sale for development of a play area between Martins Way and Vardon Road,
(2) residents of the Pudsey constituency and others for restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks, and
(3) residents of Reading and Woodley against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

11 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Dan Norris.)

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

[Adjourned at 8 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Contracting Out,—Draft Contracting Out (Functions in relation to the Management of Crown Lands) Order 2003 [by Acl], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Other Papers:

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Department for Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 11th June 2003, concerning contingent liabilities relating to the English Heritage exhibition at the Iveagh Bequest, Kenwood [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Minute, dated 11th June 2003, concerning indemnity insurance for personal liability of members of the UK Chemicals Stakeholder Forum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 European Communities (No. 5, 2003),—Decision of the Council, meeting in the composition of the Heads of State or Government, done at Brussels on 21st March 2003, on an Amendment to Article 10.2 of the Statute of the European System of Central Banks and of the European Central Bank, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5840] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Miscellaneous (No. 8, 2003),—Agreement, done at Geneva on 9th December 2002, establishing the Agency for International Trade Information and Co-operation as an Intergovernmental Organisation, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5844] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Miscellaneous (No. 9, 2003),—Agreement, done at New York on 9th September 2002, on the Privileges and Immunities of the International Criminal Court, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5839] [Mr Secretary Straw].
7 National Heritage.—Department for Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 11th June 2003, concerning the value of any contingent liabilities arising from undertakings made under the National Heritage Act 1980 and which remain outstanding at the end of the period ending 31st March 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

8 Pensions.—Paper, entitled Simplicity, security and choice: Working and saving for retirement: Action on occupational pensions [by Command] [Cm. 5835] [Mr Secretary Smith].

9 Public Accounts.—Treasury Minute on the Tenth to the Twelfth and the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2002–03 [by Command] [Cm. 5802] [John Healey].

10 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [21st May] from residents of the village of Ward Green in the constituency of Barnsley West and Penistone against the proposed closure of the village Post Office [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

11 Work and Pensions.—Government Reply to the Third Report of the Work and Pensions Committee, Session 2002–03, on The Future of UK Pensions [by Command] [Cm. 5846] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Papers withdrawn:

12 Insolvency.—Draft Insolvency Act 1986 (Amendment) (Administrative Receivership and Urban Regeneration etc.) Order 2003 [laid 5th June].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Courts Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated eighteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Cameron, Yvette Cooper, Ross Cranston, Mr Paul Goodman, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr David Heath, Stephen Hesford, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Boris Johnson, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr David Kidney, Norman Lamb, Mr Andrew Miller, Laura Moffatt, Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West), Angela Watkinson, Mr Shaun Woodward and David Wright.

2 Courts Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Yvette Cooper, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr David Heath, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Fraser Kemp, Laura Moffatt and Angela Watkinson members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

3 Section 5 of the European Communities Act 1993 (Government’s Assessment as set out in Budget 2003):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Assessment to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Adrian Bailey, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Paul Boateng, Colin Burgon, Mr Michael Jack, Norman Lamb, Mr David Laws, Ian Lucas, Mr Calum MacDonald, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Kate Mounfield, Mr Mark Prisk, Helen Southworth, Ms Gisela Stuart, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr David Wilshire.

4 Draft Uncertificated Securities (Amendment) (Eligible Debt Securities) Regulations 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dawn Primarolo from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution John Healey.

5 Prosecution of Offences (Youth Courts Time Limits) (Revocation and Transitional Provision) Regulations (S.I., 2003, No. 917):
   (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 Peter Ainsworth, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr Keith Bradly, Annette Brooke, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Barry Gardiner, Paul Goggins, Mr Dominic Grieve, Jane Griffiths, Mr John Heppell, Simon Hughes, Mr Ian Taylor and Paddy Tipping.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Broadcasting.—First Report from the Broadcasting Committee [The Rules of Coverage], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 786] [Mr David Lepper].

2. Defence.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [The appointment of the new Chief of the Defence Staff and Lessons of Iraq], to be printed [Nos. 771-i and 695-iii] [Mr Bruce George].

3. Draft Corruption Bill.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Corruption Bill; to be printed [No. 705-viii] [Mr Richard Shepherd].

4. Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: Teacher Retention]; to be printed [No. 714-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

5. Environmental Audit.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Budget 2003 and Aviation]; to be printed [No. 672-iii] [Mr John Horam].

6. Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [OFWAT Annual Report]; to be printed [No. 785] [Mr David Curry].

7. Northern Ireland Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Illegal Drugs Trade and Drugs Culture in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 353-vi] [Mr Michael Mates].

8. Procedure.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Procedures for debates, Private Members’ Bills, and the powers of the Speaker]; to be printed [No. 333-vii] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].

9. Transport.—(1) Fourth Report from the Transport Committee [Railways in the North of England]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 782-4]; and

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Aviation]; to be printed [No. 454-x]
   [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10. Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Draft Audit (Wales) Bill]; to be printed [No. 763-ii] [Mr Martyn Jones].


[No. 106; WH, No. 68.]

Wednesday 11th June 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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—(Gillian Merron); And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]
Thursday 12th June 2003.

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

PRA YERS.

1 Adjournment (Armed forces personnel).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Gillian Merron).

2 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 [10th June] of the Liaison Committee—(Jim Fitzpatrick).—It was agreed to.

3 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—

(1) William Burkitt and others against the proposed closure of Park Road Post Office in Hastings, and

(2) residents of Harrow West against any further significant increase in the number of flights departing from or landing at RAF Northolt were presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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 Six o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.24 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Community Care,—Draft Community Care Plans (Disapplication) (England) Order 2003 [by Act]; with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Reid].

2 Electricity,—Draft Electricity and Gas (Modification of Standard Conditions of Licences) Order 2003 [by Act]; with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

3 Immigration,—Draft Immigration (Provision of Physical Data) Regulations 2003 [by Act]; with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

4 Insolvency,—Draft Insolvency Act 1986 (Amendment) (Administrative Receivership and Urban Regeneration etc.) Order 2003 [by Act]; with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


6 Postal Services,—Postal Services Act 2000 (Consequential Modifications to Local Enactments) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1542), dated 10th June 2003 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Sports Grounds and Sporting Events,—Football Spectators (Seating) (No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1541), dated 11th June 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Other Papers:

8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister—

(1) on the Petition [18th December] from residents of South West Bedfordshire for provision of affordable credit,

(2) on the Petition [25th February] from year 11 students from Minsthorpe Community College for youth club facilities and other improvements in the South Elmsall, South Kirkby and Upton area of the Hemsworth constituency, and

(3) on the Petition [9th April] from residents of South Oxhey and others against the development of a hostel for homeless young persons in Gosforth Lane [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].
Statutory Instrument (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:

Creosote (Prohibition on Use and Marketing) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1511)

[by Standing Order] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Courts Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Uncertificated Securities (Amendment) (Eligible Debt Securities) Regulations 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Laws from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Stunell.

3 Prosecution of Offences (Youth Courts Time Limits) (Revocation and Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

4 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 122) on Local Authorities with Autonomy on formulaic Capital Allowances.—The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report.

5 Draft Employment Equality (Religion or Belief) Regulations 2003 and the draft Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Miss Ann Widdecombe Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

Grand Committees

6 The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meetings on Tuesday 24 June.

European Standing Committees

7 The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document No. 7505/02, relating to Additives in animal nutrition.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Higher Education Funding]; to be printed [No. 425-vii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Obesity]; to be printed [No. 755-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

[No. 107; WH, No. 69.]

Thursday 12th June 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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


And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 17th June.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]


[No. 108.]

Friday 13th June 2003.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence.—The House being met, and the Speaker having leave of absence pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker), 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 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords have come to the following Resolutions, 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 Mental Incapacity Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown, and that the Committee should report on the draft Bill by the end of October 2003;

That it is expedient that a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to consider and report on any draft Civil Contingencies Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown, and that the Committee should report on the draft Bill by the end of October 2003.

4 Fireworks Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Fireworks Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 40) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 9, to leave out subsection (2).—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Edward Leigh: 6.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Andrew Dismore: 85.

Another Amendment (No. 41) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 1, to leave out the words ‘there is no’ and insert the word ‘the’, instead thereof.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 1 and 47) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 39, to leave out the words ‘an age so specified’ and insert the words ‘the age of 18 years’, instead thereof.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 52) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 4, to leave out from the word ‘from’ to the word ‘using’ in line 5.—(Mr Christopher Chope)

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

Another Amendment (No. 66) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 56) proposed to the Bill, in page 4, line 3, at the end, to insert the words—

‘( ) advanced notification of the time and place of the display has been given to the owners or recipients of land adjoining the site of the display’.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 65) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 33, to leave out Clause No. 9.—(Mr Edward Leigh.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 63) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 10, to leave out Clause No. 10.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)
Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Edward Leigh: 9.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Stephen McCabe, Mr Andrew Dismore: 78.

Another Amendment (No. 62) proposed to the Bill, in page 8, line 15, to leave out
subsection (3).—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

5 Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill.—The House, according to
Order, proceeded to consider the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased
Fathers) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

6 Pensioner Trustees and Final Payments Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Pensioner Trustees and Final Payments 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 11th July.

7 Greenbelt Protection Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned
Debate on the Question proposed on 21st March, That the Greenbelt Protection Bill be
now read a second time;

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

8 Company Directors (Health and Safety) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the
Second Reading of the Company Directors (Health and Safety) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th July.

9 Local Communities Sustainability Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the Local Communities Sustainability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th June.

10 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th June.

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 4th July.

12 Disabled People (Duties of Public Authorities) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for
resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 16th May, That the Disabled People (Duties of Public Authorities) Bill be now read a second time;

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

13 Government Powers (Limitations) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the Government Powers (Limitations) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 20th June.

14 Harbours Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the
Harbours Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th July.

15 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Joan Ryan.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till Three o’clock, adjourned till
Monday 16th June.

[Adjourned at 3 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Representation of the People,—Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2. Agriculture,—Feeding Stuffs, the Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis) and the Feeding Stuffs (Enforcement) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1503), dated 8th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

3. National Health Service,—National Health Service (Functions of Strategic Health Authorities and Primary Care Trusts and Administration Arrangements) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1497), dated 9th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].


5. Sea Fisheries,—Sea Fishing (Restriction on Days at Sea) (No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1535), dated 10th June 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


Other Papers:

7. Appropriations in Aid,—Treasury Minute, dated 13th June 2003, directing the application of certain amounts as Appropriations in Aid of the Estimates for 2001–02 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].


10. Treaty Series (No. 19, 2003),—Agreement, done at Brussels on 26th March 2003, in the form of an Exchange of Letters between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on behalf of the Isle of Man and the European Community, on extending to the Isle of Man the legal protection of databases as provided for in Chapter III of Directive 96/9/EC [by Command] [Cm. 5836] [Mr Secretary Straw].

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Uncertificated Securities (Amendment) (Eligible Debt Securities) Regulations 2003. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Prosecution of Offences (Youth Courts Time Limits) (Revocation and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 917). Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Cran reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Lay Magistrates (Eligibility) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Standing Committee on the Convention,—Frank Cook reported from the Standing Committee on the Convention the following Resolution:

That the Committee has considered the Tenth Report (12th June) from the United Kingdom Representatives to the Convention on the Future of Europe.

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

5 The Speaker's Absence,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Speaker have leave of absence on Wednesday 18th June to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of the University of Glasgow—(Bridget Prentice).

Mr George Foulkes 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, Bridget Prentice, Jim Fitzpatrick: 324.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Douglas Hogg, Michael Fabricant: 105.

So the Question was agreed to.

And the Question being accordingly put;

Ordered, That the Speaker have leave of absence on Wednesday 18th June to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of the University of Glasgow.

6 Licensing Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2).—Ordered, That the Programme Order of 24th March 2003 in relation to the Licensing Bill [Lords] be varied as follows—

Consideration and Third Reading

1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings on consideration shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the following Table 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. Proceedings on Third Reading shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion six and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.—(Dr Kim Howells.)

7 Licensing Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Licensing Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 162) proposed to the Bill, in page 109, line 31, at the end, to insert the words 'for the entertainment or entertainment facilities'.—(Mr Malcolm Moss.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 64) proposed to the Bill, in page 111, line 27, to leave out from '2' to the end of line 28 and insert the words—

'(2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), the performance of live music or the playing of recorded music shall not be regarded as anything other than incidental to some other activity, merely because it has been advertised, instead thereof—

(Mr Malcolm Moss.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Licensing Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2), the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001, 29th October 2002 and this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Mark Francois: 144.

Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Mr Vernon Coaker: 295.

The Deputy Speaker then put forthwith the Question an Amendment which had been selected by the Speaker for separate Division.

Another Amendment (No. 63) proposed to the Bill, in page 112, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

'Small events—live music

(1) The provision of entertainment consisting of the performance of live music is not to be regarded as the provision of regulated entertainment for the purposes of this Act where—

(a) the number of listeners or spectators present does not exceed 200 at any one time, and

(b) the entertainment ceases no later than 11.30 pm.

(2) The provision of entertainment facilities solely for the purposes of entertainment described in sub-paragraph (1) is not to be regarded as the provision of regulated entertainment for the purposes of this Act.

(3) Nothing in this paragraph shall be read as rendering invalid or otherwise affecting any provision of, or any regulation made under, any other legislation that applies to the entertainment, the entertainment facilities or the premises on which the entertainment is to take place.'.—(Mr Malcolm Moss.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Mark Francois: 146.

Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Mr Vernon Coaker: 294.

Another Amendment (No. 65) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 38) proposed to the Bill, in page 10, line 38, after the word 'premises', to insert the words '(existing or proposed)'.—(Mr Malcolm Moss.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Mark Francois: 152.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Joan Ryan: 297.

Other Amendments (Nos. 66 to 75) made to the Bill.

It being four hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Licensing Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2), the Deputy Speaker put the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 76 to 78, 80 to 87, 94 to 97 and 88 to 93) made to the Bill.
Other Amendments (Nos. 120 and 121) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 61) proposed to the Bill, in page 146, line 8, at the end to insert the words—

"Data Protection Act 1998 (c. 29)

(1A) Where the constitution, rules, standing orders, Memorandum, Articles of Association or other governing instrument of any club, society, company or other legal person (not being an individual) contains a provision (hereinafter called a “rule provision”) framed to comply with any enactment repealed by the Licensing Act 2003, the exemption afforded by subsection (1) shall continue to apply to that rule provision and anything done under it, notwithstanding the repeal of such enactments.”—(Mr Malcolm Moss.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 98, 122 to 131 and 99) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 138) proposed to the Bill, in page 158, line 8, to leave out the word ‘two’ and insert the word ‘four’, instead thereof.—(Mr Mark Field.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Mark Francois: 129.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jim Murphy, Jim Fitzpatrick: 249.

Other Amendments (Nos. 100 to 104) made to the Bill.

Tuesday 17th June 2003

A Clause (Mandatory condition in licences: exhibition of films)—(Dr Kim Howells)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Mandatory condition in certificates: exhibition of films)—(Dr Kim Howells)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Allowing children into licensed premises)—(Mr Malcolm Moss)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being five and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Licensing Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2), the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Mark Francois: 106.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Vernon Coaker: 258.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Secretary Tessa Jowell, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, so far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therewith as it shall think fit.

Secretary Tessa Jowell, 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, so far as the Prince of Wales’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being proposed;

And it being six and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Licensing Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2), the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Jim Fitzpatrick: 227.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Mark Francois: 121.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.
8 Race Relations.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Race Relations Act 1976 (Amendment) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 8th May, be approved—(Derek Twigg).—It was agreed to.

9 Race Relations.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Race Relations Act 1976 (Seamen Recruited Abroad) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 14th May, be approved—(Derek Twigg);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 18th June, pursuant to Order [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002].

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 State Pension Credit (Decisions and Appeals—Amendment) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 14th May, be approved—(Derek Twigg).—It was agreed to.

11 Broad Economic Policy Guidelines.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of European Union Document No. 8475/03, Commission Recommendation on the Broad Guidelines of the Economic Policies of the Member States and the Community (for the 2003–05 period); and supports the Government’s welcome for the publication of the Recommendation and the operational context it provides for addressing the key economic policy issues and priorities over the next three years, in line with the European Union’s strategic goal agreed at the Lisbon European Council—(Derek Twigg).—It was agreed to.

12 Quality of Bathing Water.—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. 13789/02, draft Directive concerning the quality of bathing water; and supports the Government’s objective that effective, practical and proportionate measures are applied across the European Union to monitor and regulate the quality of bathing water—(Derek Twigg).—It was agreed to.


14 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Derek Twigg.)

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

[Adjourned at 1.52 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


(2) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 125) on the Preserved Rights Grant for 2003–04; and

(3) Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 123) on the Social Services (High Performers) (No. 2) Grant for 2003–04

[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 777, 776 and 778] [Mr Secretary Reid].

2 Value Added Tax.—Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1568), dated 16th June [by Act] [John Healey].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Disabled Persons.—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Great Eastern Railway Class 360 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1562), dated 15th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].
4 Sea Fisheries,—Prohibition of Fishing with Multiple Trawls Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1559), dated 11th June 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5 Value Added Tax,—Value Added Tax (Finance) (No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1569), dated 16th June 2003 [by Act] [John Healey].

Other Papers:

6 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
   (1) the Department for Trade and Industry: Regional Grants in England, and
   (2) the Operational Performance of PFI Prisons
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 702 and 700] [Clerk of the House].

7 Resource Accounts, 2002–03,—Resource Accounts of the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets for 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 789] [Ruth Kelly].

8 Sea Fisheries,—Sea Fish (Specified Sea Areas) (Regulation of Nets and Other Fishing Gear) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1560), dated 11th June 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Crime (International Co-operation) Bill [Lords],—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Bob Ainsworth from Standing Committee A (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Caroline Flint.

2 Sustainable Energy Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Brian Wilson from Standing Committee C (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Stephen Timms.

3 Courts Bill [Lords],—The Committee of Selection has discharged Yvette Cooper from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Christopher Leslie.

4 Courts Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Christopher Leslie in place of Yvette Cooper as a member of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

5 Draft Uncertificated Securities (Amendment) (Eligible Debt Securities) Regulations 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Clwyd, Jeff Ennis, Mr Chris Pond, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Mr Bill Tynan from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Janet Anderson, Hugh Bayley, Jim Dowd, Mr Jim Murphy and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

6 Draft Lay Magistrates (Eligibility) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tony Banks and Ms Rosie Winterton from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Christopher Leslie and Mr Tom Watson.

7 Draft Employment Equality (Religion or Belief) Regulations 2003 and draft Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Philip Hammond, Mrs Barbara Roche and Mr Phil Woolas from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Jim Murphy, Mr Andrew Robathan and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 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 [The Draft Housing Bill]; to be printed [No. 751-i] [Andrew Bennett].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Twenty-ninth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Inland Revenue: Tax Credits and Tax Debt Management]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 332], and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The English national stadium project at Wembley]; to be printed [No. 812-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
Tuesday 17th June 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Mersey Tunnels Bill, as amended in the Committee; Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Tuesday 24th June.

2 Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1, 4, 5, 9, 14, 22, 42, 56, 57, 124, 130 to 135, 138, 139, 148 and 184 and Schedules Nos. 5, 6, 19, and 25, and any new Clauses and Schedules tabled by Friday 9th May 2003 relating to excise duty on spirits or R&D tax credits for oil exploration).—Sir Nicholas Winterton reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Finance Bill (except Clauses Nos. 1, 4, 5, 9, 14, 22, 42, 56, 57, 124, 130 to 135, 138, 139, 148 and 184 and Schedules Nos. 5, 6, 19, and 25, and any new Clauses and Schedules tabled by Friday 9th May 2003 relating to excise duty on spirits or R&D tax credits for oil exploration), and made Amendments thereunto. Bill, as amended in the Committee and in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 125]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 826].

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Ann Widdecombe reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Employment Equality (Religion or Belief) Regulations 2003 and the draft Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2003. 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:
Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision with respect to the driving and use of vehicles drawn by horses or other animals on roads or in other public places, and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

5 Older People’s Rights Commissioner,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the establishment of an Older People’s Rights Commissioner to promote and protect the human rights of older people; to make provision in respect of the recognition of such rights by public and private bodies; to assist older people in respect of such rights; to make provision for the powers and duties of the Commissioner; and for connected purposes. And that David Taylor, Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Roger Berry, Mr Harold Best, Mr David Chaytor, Mr David Drew, Paul Flynn, Linda Gilroy, Mr John Horam, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Andy Reed and Mrs Betty Williams do prepare and bring it in.

6 Older People’s Rights Commissioner Bill,—David Taylor accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the establishment of an Older People’s Rights Commissioner to promote and protect the human rights of older people; to make provision in respect of the recognition of such rights by public and private bodies; to assist older people in respect of such rights; to make provision for the powers and duties of the Commissioner; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 124].

7 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.

Constitutional Implications of the Prime Minister’s Reshuffle,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the far-reaching constitutional implications of the changes to the machinery of Government announced in the Government reshuffle last week; deplores the total lack of consultation before the changes were announced and the confusion that has ensued since; is gravely concerned that the Prime Minister is abolishing the historic office of Lord Chancellor without any
idea of what will take its place, and, in particular, how the independence of the judiciary is to be maintained; is unclear about the relationship between the spokesmen for Scotland and Wales in the House of Commons and the new Secretary of State for Constitutional Affairs, who appears to have executive responsibility for the functions of the Scotland and Wales Offices; regrets that the Prime Minister clearly regards the jobs of the Secretary of State for Transport and Leader of the House as part-time; further notes that the NHS in England and Wales is now to be run by a Secretary of State who has no control over health policies in his own constituency, and whose constituents will not be affected by the decisions he takes as Secretary of State for Health; and calls on the Prime Minister not to proceed with his plans for change until he has properly consulted on them—(Mr Eric Forth).

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘welcomes the Government’s continuing drive to modernise the constitution and public service by creating a new Department for Constitutional Affairs focused on improving the criminal justice system, by consulting on establishing an independent Judicial Appointments Commission, by consulting on establishing a Supreme Court, and by consulting the House of Lords on the appointment by the House of its own Speaker, and putting in place better arrangements for the conduct of Scottish and Welsh business after the successful bedding-down of devolution; further welcomes the continued accountability of the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales to the House; further welcomes the appointment of the new Secretary of State for Health who will continue the drive to reform and modernise the National Health Service; and supports the Government in its continued commitment to invest and reform the public services’, instead thereof.—(Mr Peter Hain.)

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.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Mr Mark Francois: 183.
Tellers for the Noes, Derek Twigg, Paul Clark: 327.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments) — It was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House welcomes the Government’s continuing drive to modernise the constitution and public service by creating a new Department for Constitutional Affairs focused on improving the criminal justice system, by consulting on establishing an independent Judicial Appointments Commission, by consulting on establishing a Supreme Court, and by consulting the House of Lords on the appointment by the House of its own Speaker, and putting in place better arrangements for the conduct of Scottish and Welsh business after the successful bedding-down of devolution; further welcomes the continued accountability of the Secretaries of State for Scotland and Wales to the House; further welcomes the appointment of the new Secretary of State for Health who will continue the drive to reform and modernise the National Health Service; and supports the Government in its continued commitment to invest and reform the public services.

Community Pharmacies,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes community pharmacies play a vital role in providing for local healthcare needs, with highly qualified pharmacists able to advise on general and over-the-counter medicines and to dispense and to advise on prescription-only medicines; notes that community pharmacies are truly local, with nine out of ten people considering it easy to get to a community pharmacy; and is concerned about any change which might lead to a reduction in the excellent services or accessibility currently provided by community pharmacies—(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 ‘agrees that the OFT report on the “Control of Entry Regulations and Retail Pharmacy Services in the UK” provides a useful analysis of the market impact of the current control of entry regulations on consumers and competition and highlights the need for the present regime governing pharmacies to be updated; favours change to open up the market and improve quality and access without diminishing the crucial role that community pharmacies play, especially in poorer areas; and supports the need for a balanced package of measures which plays to the strengths of community pharmacies and enhances the role of pharmacists in the modern NHS’, instead thereof.—(Ms Secretary Hewitt.)
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, Mr Mark Hoban: 197.
Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Charlotte Atkins: 338.
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 agrees that the OFT report on the ‘Control of Entry Regulations and Retail Pharmacy Services in the UK’ provides a useful analysis of the market impact of the current control of entry regulations on consumers and competition and highlights the need for the present regime governing pharmacies to be updated; favours change to open up the market and improve quality and access without diminishing the crucial role that community pharmacies play, especially in poorer areas; and supports the need for a balanced package of measures which plays to the strengths of community pharmacies and enhances the role of pharmacists in the modern NHS.

8 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)
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 Affirmative Resolution:

1 Immigration,—Draft Asylum (Designated States) (No. 2) Order 2003 [by Act]; with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft Budget (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [by Act]; with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Health Care and Associated Professions,—(1) Health Professions Council (Conduct and Competence Committee) (Procedure) Rules Order of Council 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1575),
   (2) Health Professions Council (Functions of Assessors) Rules Order of Council 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1577),
   (3) Health Professions Council (Health Committee) (Procedure) Rules Order of Council 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1576),
   (5) Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) Rules Order of Council 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1572),
   (6) Health Professions Council (Registration Appeals) Rules Order of Council 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1579),
   (7) Health Professions Council (Screeners) Rules Order of Council 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1573),
   (8) Health Professions Order 2001 (Legal Assessors) Order of Council 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1578) and
   (9) Health Professions (Parts of and Entries in the Register) Order of Council 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1571)
   dated 13th June 2003 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Other Papers:

4 Financial Services,—Report and Accounts of the Financial Services Authority for 2002–03 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Employment Equality (Religion or Belief) Regulations 2003 and draft Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Clapham, Barbara Follett, Sandra Osborne and Joyce Quin from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown, Mr John MacDougall, Mr Frank Roy and Ian Stewart.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [British Film Industry]; to be printed [No. 667-vi] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Poultry Farming in the United Kingdom Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Poultry Farming in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [No. 779-ii] [David Taylor].

3 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [The Decision to go to War in Iraq]; to be printed [No. 813-i and -ii] [Donald Anderson].

4 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Maternity Services Sub-Committee of the Health Committee [Choice in Maternity Services]; to be printed [No. 796-i] [Julia Drown].

5 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Asylum Applications]; to be printed [No. 692-v] [David Winnick].

6 International Development.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Department for International Development: Departmental Report 2003]; to be printed [No. 825-i] [Tony Worthington].

7 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 [The Draft Housing Bill]; to be printed [No. 751-ii] [Andrew Bennett].

8 Scottish Affairs.—(1) Third Special Report from the Scottish Affairs Committee [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee on Homeworkers in Scotland and the Minimum Wage]; to be printed [No. 816]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Scotland Office Departmental Report 2003]; to be printed [No. 815-i] [Mrs Irene Adams].

9 Statutory Instruments.—Twenty-second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xxii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

10 Trade and Industry.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Support to businesses from Regional Development Agencies]; to be printed [No. 814-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

11 Treasury.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Bank of England May 2003 Inflation Report]; to be printed [No. 817-i]; and

(2) Paper laid before the Committee [Equitable Life] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 110; WH, No. 70.]

Tuesday 17th June 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall
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 4.28 p.m.]
[No. 111.]

Wednesday 18th June 2003.

The House met at half-past Eleven 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 [16th 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 the Standing Order.

3 Transas Group Bill.—The Transas Group was, according to Order, read a second time and referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

4 Selection.—Ordered, That Keith Hill and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Mr Bob Ainsworth and Jim Fitzpatrick be added to the Committee—(Mr Bob Ainsworth.)

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

Sexual Offences Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make new provision about sexual offences, their prevention and the protection of children from harm from other sexual acts, and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Sexual Offences Bill [Lords].—The Sexual Offences Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 128].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Sexual Offences Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 128–EN].

7 Domestic Violence (Law Reform).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law relating to domestic violence: And that Mr John Bercow, Michael Fabricant, Sandra Gidley, Jane Griffiths, Mr Robert Key, Mr George Osborne, Linda Perham, Mr Anthony Steen, Ms Dari Taylor and Mr Robert Walter do prepare and bring it in.

8 Domestic Violence (Law Reform) Bill,—Mr John Bercow accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law relating to domestic violence: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 126].

9 Adjournment (European Affairs).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr John Heppell);

10 Deferred Divisions,—The Deputy Speaker announced the result of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]:

Race Relations,—That the draft Race Relations Act 1976 (Seamen Recruited Abroad) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 14th May, be approved.

Ayes: 260.
Noes: 16.

So the Question was agreed to.

11 Adjournment (European Affairs).—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn:

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

12 Finance and Services Committee,—Ordered, That Keith Hill be discharged from the Finance and Services Committee and Mr Bob Ainsworth be added.—(Derek Twigg.)

13 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of South East Essex and surrounding areas against proposals to build an airport at Cliffe was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Sutton Close, Felpham, Bognor Regis for the erection of a no-entry sign at the entrance to Sutton Close restricting access to residents and tradesmen only, was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
15 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

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 London Government,—Draft Greater London Authority Elections (Election Addresses) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

2 Income Tax,—(1) Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Canada) Order 2003, and
(2) draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Mauritius) Order 2003 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Health Care and Associated Professions,—Health Professions Order 2001 (Consequential Amendments) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1590), dated 18th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

4 National Health Service,—Health Service Commissioner for England (Health Protection Agency (Yr Asianteth Diogelu Iechyd)) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1520), dated 12th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

5 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge,—(1) Statute, dated 24th February 2003, and
(2) Statute, dated 27th March 2003
made by the University of Cambridge, amending the Statutes of the University [by Act] [Mr Peter Hain].

Other Papers:

6 Air Force (Constitution),—(1) Amendment 7 to the Royal Air Force Aeromedical Evacuation Service: Air Publication 3394 (Third Edition), and
(2) Amendment 20 to the Royal Air Force Assessment of Medical Fitness: Air Publication 1269A
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 Domestic Violence,—Paper, entitled Safety and Justice: The Government’s Proposals on Domestic Violence [by Command] [Cm. 5847] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Warm Front: Helping to Combat Fuel Poverty [by Act], to be printed [No. 769] [Clerk of the House].

9 New Roads and Street Works,—Report to Parliament for 2002 under section 18 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

10 Serbia and Montenegro (No. 1, 2003),—Agreement, done at Belgrade on 6th November 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia on Co-operation in the Fields of Education, Science, Culture and Sport [by Command] [Cm. 5848] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers withdrawn:

11 Justice,—Draft Lay Magistrates (Eligibility) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [laid 12th May].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

European Standing Committees

1 European Union Document No. 9081/03, relating to the Recovery of cod stocks, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.
2 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 5 June 2003 submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the Preliminary Draft Budget 2004, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Lessons of Iraq]; to be printed [No. 695-iv] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: Teacher Retention]; to be printed [No. 714-iii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Seventh Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Government’s Reply to the Sixth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, Session 2002–03, on Rural Payments Agency]; to be printed [No. 830];
   (2) Eighth Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Reply to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on Badgers and Bovine TB]; to be printed [No. 831]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [DEFRA Annual Report]; to be printed [No. 832] [Mr David Curry].

4 European Scrutiny,—Twenty-fifth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63-xxv] [Mr Michael Connarty].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [The Decision to go to War in Iraq]; to be printed [No. 813-iii and -iv] [Donald Anderson].

6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Seventh Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Peace II]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 653-I]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Illegal Drugs Trade and Drug Culture in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 353-vii] [Mr Michael Mates].

7 Public Accounts,—(1) Thirtieth Report from the Public Accounts Committee [Department for International Development: Maximising Impact in the Water Sector], together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 446];
   (2) Thirty-first Report from the Committee [Tackling Benefit Fraud], together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 480]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The New Electricity Trading Arrangements in England and Wales]; to be printed [No. 835-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Transport,—(1) Fifth Report from the Transport Committee [Local Roads and Pathways], 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. 407-I and -II]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Ports]; to be printed [No. 783-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Inland Revenue Departmental Report 2003 and other matters]; to be printed [No. 834-i] [Mr John McFall].

10 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Draft Audit (Wales) Bill]; to be printed [No. 763-iii] [Mr Martyn Jones].

11 Work and Pensions,—Fifth Report from the Work and Pensions Committee [Childcare for Working Parents], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 564] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 the sitting having continued for Two and a half hours after Two o'clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]

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 Paul Daisley, Esquire, Member for Brent, East. 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 Crime (International Co-operation) Bill [Lords],—Mr Alan Hurst reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Crime (International Co-operation) Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 130]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 842].

3 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill,—Mr Win Griffiths reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 127]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 836].

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

The Lords agree, without Amendment, to certain of the Amendments made by this House to the Licensing Bill [Lords]; they disagree to certain other of the Amendments made by this House for which disagreement they assign their Reasons; they agree to an Amendment made by this House with an Amendment in lieu of the words so left out of the Bill, to which they desire the agreement of this House, and they disagree to the remaining Amendment made by this House, but propose an Amendment in lieu thereof, to which they desire the agreement of this House.

5 Licensing Bill [Lords],—Lords Amendments and Reasons in relation to the Licensing Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 131].

6 Corporate Responsibility Bill,—Linda Perham, supported by Mr Michael Meacher, Mr John McFall, Mr Martin O'Neill, Tony Baldry, Mr Barry Sheerman, Mr John Horam, Mr Frank Dobson, Glenda Jackson, Mr Tony Banks, Sue Doughty and Mr Frank Field, presented a Bill to make provision for certain companies to produce and publish reports on environmental, social and economic and financial matters; to consult on proposed operations of the company; to specify certain duties and responsibilities of directors; to establish a right of access to information held by companies; to specify the powers and duties of the Secretary of State; 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 11th July and to be printed [Bill 129].

7 Estimates Day [3rd allotted day],—The House proceeded, pursuant to Resolution [12th June], to consider the Estimates appointed for consideration under Standing Order No. 145 (Liaison Committee).

Estimates, 2003–04 (Home Office).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That further resources, not exceeding £7,181,299,000, be authorised for use for the year ending on 31st March 2004, and that a further sum, not exceeding
£7,391,463,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending on 31st March 2004 for expenditure by the Home Office—(Bridget Prentice);

The Debate was concluded, and the Question necessary to dispose of proceedings was deferred, pursuant to paragraph (4) of Standing Order No. 54 (Consideration of estimates).

Estimates, 2003–04 (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That further resources, not exceeding £1,386,358,000, be authorised for use for the year ending on 31st March 2004, and that a further sum, not exceeding £1,456,729,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending on 31st March 2004 for expenditure by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs—(Joan Ryan);

And it being Six 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, 2003–04.

Resolved, That further resources, not exceeding £7,181,299,000, be authorised for use for the year ending on 31st March 2004, and that a further sum, not exceeding £7,391,463,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending on 31st March 2004 for expenditure by the Home Office.


Resolved, That further resources, not exceeding £1,386,358,000, be authorised for use for the year ending on 31st March 2004, and that a further sum, not exceeding £1,456,729,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund for the year ending on 31st March 2004 for expenditure by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

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 £194,587,132,000, be authorised for use for defence and civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2004, and that a further sum, not exceeding £163,523,577,000, be granted to Her Majesty out of the Consolidated Fund to meet the costs of defence and civil services for the year ending on 31st March 2004, as set out in House of Commons Papers Nos. 648, 655, 656 and 657.

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.

Consolidated Fund ( Appropriation) (No. 2) Bill,—John Healey accordingly presented a Bill to authorise the use of resources for the service of the year ending with 31st March 2004 and to apply certain sums out of the Consolidated Fund to the service of the year ending with 31st March 2004; to appropriate the further 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 to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 123].

Police,—Ordered, That the Police Act 1997 ( Criminal Records) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1418) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Gillian Merron.)

Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Ordered, That—

(1) the draft Budget (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Thursday 3rd July at half-past Two o’clock; and

(3) at that sitting—

(a) the Committee shall take questions under Standing Order No. 110 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)), and shall then consider the instrument referred to it under paragraph (1) above; and

(b) at the conclusion of these proceedings, a motion for the adjournment of the Committee may be made by a Minister of the Crown, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 116 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (sittings)).—(Gillian Merron.)
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 draft Uncertificated Securities (Amendment) (Eligible Debt Securities) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 6th May, be approved—(Gillian Merron).—It was agreed to.

13 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) residents of Pagham, Bognor Regis, against the closure of Pagham Post Office; and
(2) residents of Wimbledon against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Chesham and Amersham against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions 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—(Gillian Merron);
And the Motion having been made after Six o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-six minutes to Seven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.34 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 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Government Trading Funds,—Draft Land Registry Trading Fund (Extension and Amendment) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr David Lammy].

3 Merchant Shipping,—Draft Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

4 Official Secrets,—Draft Official Secrets Act 1989 (Prescription) (Amendment) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

5 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Countryside,—Access to the Countryside (Correction of Provisional and Conclusive Maps) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1591), dated 17th June 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

7 Education,—New Schools (General) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1558), dated 12th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Other Papers:

8 Cabinet Office,—Draft Civil Contingencies Bill, Explanatory Notes, Regulatory Impact Assessment (Local Responders) and Regulatory Impact Assessment (Emergency Powers), with a Draft Civil Contingencies Bill Consultation Document [by Command] [Cm. 5843] [Mr Douglas Alexander].

9 Intelligence Services,—Government Response to the Report of the Intelligence and Security Committee for 2002-03 [by Command] [Cm. 5838] [The Prime Minister].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Female Genital Mutilation Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.
2 Draft Release of Short-Term Prisoners on Licence (Repeal of Age Restriction) Order 2003:
   (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: Annette Brooke, Mrs Anne Campbell, Jon Cruddas, Mr George Foulkes,
       Mr Mark Francois, Mr Barry Gardiner, Paul Goggins, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr David
       Heath, Mr John Heppell, Alan Keen, Mr Stephen McCabe, Dr Andrew Murrison, Joan
       Ruddock, Mr Bill Tynan and Mr Andrew Tyrie.

3 Section 5 of the European Communities Act 1993 (Government’s Assessment as set out in
   Budget 2003)—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of the First
   Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Assessment.

   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Second 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 Tony Banks, Mr Tony Colman, Jeremy Corbyn, Mrs Cheryl Gillan,
       Chris Grayling, Mr William Hague, Dr Evan Harris, Kate Hoey, Miss Melanie Johnson,
       Miss Julie Kirkbride, Jim Knight, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Paul Marsden, Mr Gwyn
       Prosser, Mr Geoffrey Robinson and Joan Ryan.

5 Draft Community Care Plans (Disapplication) (England) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Third Standing Committee on
       Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Bill Olner Chairman; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the
       Committee: Mr Harry Barnes, Mr Simon Burns, Sir Patrick Cormack, Mrs Ann Cryer,
       Mr Michael Fallon, Mr Frank Field, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Dr Evan Harris, Dr Stephen
       Ladyman, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Paul Marsden, Mr Stephen Pound, Joyce Quinn,
       Christine Russell, Joan Ryan and Geraldine Smith.

6 Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Scotland) Regulations 2003 and the
   draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003:
   (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 Members to serve on the
       Committee: Richard Burden, Mr John Denham, Mr Dai Havard, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr
       Jon Owen Jones, Mr Christopher Leslie, Laura Moffatt, Mr George Mudie, Albert
       Owen, Bridget Prentice, Mr Gordon Prentice, John Robertson, Mr Andrew Rosindell,
       Mr Mohammad Sarwar, Andrew Selous, Mr Gary Streeter, Mr Andrew Stunell, John
       Thurso, Angela Watkinson and Pete Wishart.

7 Tobacco Products (Description of Products) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the Fifth 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: Tony Baldry, Gregory Barker, Mr John Bercow, Jeff Ennis, Jim Fitzpatrick,
       Barbara Follett, John Healey, Mr Mark Hendrick, Mr David Laws, Alice Mahon, Mr
       Peter Mandelson, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mr Malcolm Savidge, Helen
       Southworth and Mrs Betty Williams.

8 Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2003 and the draft
   Armed Forces (Review of Search and Seizure) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on
       Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Lewis Moonie, Dan Norris and Dr
       Gavin Strange and Joyce Quinn from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated
       Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr
       Ivor Caplin, Mr Vernon Coaker and Anne Picking.

9 Draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) (Amendment) Order
   (Regulated Activities) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1476) and the
   draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Exemption) (Amendment) (No. 2)
   Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Orders and draft Orders to the Seventh Standing Committee on
       Delegated Legislation, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Keith Bradley, Alistair Burt, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr James Clappison, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Hilton Dawson, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr David Laws, Mr Terry Lewis, Ms Meg Munn, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Dawn Primarolo, Helen Southworth, Jon Trickett and Mr David Wilshire.

10 Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) Order 2003:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Eighth 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 David Cameron, Julia Drown, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr David Heath, Mr John Heppell, Beverley Hughes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Simon Hughes, Judy Mallaber, Mr Eric Martlew, James Purnell, Mr Martin Salter, Mr Clive Soley and Mr Andrew Turner.

11 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Database Protection Agreement between the United Kingdom on behalf of the Isle of Man and the European Community) Order 2003:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Ninth 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 Richard Allan, Charlotte Atkins, Mr John Battle, Andy Burnham, Michael Fabricant, Mr Mark Field, Mr Stephen Hepburn, Ms Oona King, Rob Marris, Chris Mole, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Andrew Robathan, Hugh Robertson, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe and Keith Vaz.

12 The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 15829/02, relating to Identification of Sheep and Goats.

13 The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 7623/03, relating to Implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Poultry Farming in the United Kingdom Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Poultry Farming in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [No. 779-iii] [David Taylor].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [The Decision to go to War in Iraq]; to be printed [No. 813-v and -vi] [Donald Anderson].

3 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [A Civil Service Act]; to be printed [No. 837-i] [Tony Wright].

[No. 112; WH, No. 72.]
Thursday 19th June 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Affordable Housing—Third Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee, and the Government response thereto),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed. That the sitting be now adjourned—(Paul Clark),

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 24th June.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
[No. 113.]

Friday 20th June 2003.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence.—The House being met, and the Speaker having leave of absence pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker), 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 the Standing Order.

3 National Lottery (Funding of Endowments) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the National Lottery (Funding of Endowments) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

   A Clause (Commencement)—(Mr Christopher Chope)—brought up and read the first time.

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

   Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 6, after the word ‘expenditure’, to insert the words ‘as long as the value of funds spent on such endowments does not exceed 5 per cent of the value of total funds given to the Distribution Fund’.—(Mr Edward Leigh.)

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

   The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

4 High Hedges (No. 2) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the High Hedges (No. 2) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

   A Clause (Adoption of provisions by relevant authorities)—(Mr Christopher Chope)—brought up and read the first time.

   Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Edward Leigh: 1.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Stephen Pound: 34.

   Another Clause (Complaint where relevant authority is owner or occupier of land)—(Mr Christopher Chope)—brought up and read the first time.

   Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

   The House divided.

   Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Edward Leigh: 1.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Stephen Pound: 35.

   Amendment (No. 49) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 7, after the word ‘by’, to insert the words ‘an unreasonable obstruction of light caused by’.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

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

   It being half-past Two o’clock, further consideration of the Bill stood adjourned.

   Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Friday 4th July.

5 Pensions (Winding-up) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Pensions (Winding-up) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th July.

6 Housing (Overcrowding) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Housing (Overcrowding) Bill;

   Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th July.

7 Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 31st January, That the Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill be now read a second time;

   Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 11th July.
8 Food Colouring and Additives Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Food Colouring and Additives Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th July.

9 Telecommunications Masts (Railways) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telecommunications Masts (Railways) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 4th July.

10 Equality Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Equality Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 4th July.

11 Local Communities Sustainability Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Communities Sustainability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 4th July.

12 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 4th July.

13 Government Powers (Limitations) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government Powers (Limitations) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 4th July.

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till three minutes to Three o’clock, adjourned till Monday 23rd June.

[Adjourned at 2.57 p.m.]

APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Food,—(1) Fruit Juices and Fruit Nectars (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1564), and

(2) Specified Sugar Products (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1563), dated 12th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

3 National Health Service,—Commission for Health Improvement (Functions) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1587), dated 18th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

4 Social Security,—Social Fund Maternity and Funeral Expenses (General) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1570), dated 16th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Other Papers:

5 Miscellaneous (No. 10, 2003),—Protocols, done at Brussels on 26th March 2003, to the North Atlantic Treaty on the Accession of the Republic of Bulgaria, Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia, the Republic of Lithuania, Romania, the Slovak Republic and the Republic of Slovenia, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5850] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Post Office,—Accounts of Royal Mail Holdings for 2002–03 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on—

(1) the Petitions [22nd May] from Derek Blackford and Mr Stephen Jones for restrictions on the period during which fireworks may be sold to the public; and

(2) the Petition [4th June] from Mrs Margaret Todd and others for restrictions on the days on which fireworks can be used, except at licensed displays [by Standing Order], to be printed [Clerk of the House].

8 Race Relations,—Report of the Commission for Racial Equality for 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Peter Pike reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Release of Short-Term Prisoners on Licence (Repeal of Age Restriction) Order 2003.

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

2 Opposition Day [10th 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.

Student finance.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House calls on the Government not to allow universities to introduce top-up fees—(Mr Phil Willis);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘congratulates the Government on its plan to abolish up-front tuition fees and to raise the threshold for repayment of loans from £10,000 to £15,000; endorses the further steps that the Government is taking to widen participation amongst students from deprived backgrounds—the establishment of the Office for Fair Access, the introduction from 2004–05 of a £1,000 grant for students from the poorest backgrounds and better support for part-time students; welcomes the sustained investment in higher education through annual increases of 6 per cent. in real terms over the next three years; and recognises the need to maintain UK universities at the forefront of world research and to equip the UK workforce with the high level skills needed to compete in the global marketplace’, instead thereof.—(Alan Johnson.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Annette Brooke, Mr Alan Reid: 193.

Tellers for the Noes, Margaret Moran, Mr John Heppell: 267.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Margaret Moran, Mr John Heppell: 281.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Hugh Robertson: 175.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House congratulates the Government on its plan to abolish up-front tuition fees and to raise the threshold for repayment of loans from £10,000 to £15,000; endorses the further steps that the Government is taking to widen participation amongst students from deprived backgrounds—the establishment of the Office for Fair Access, the introduction from 2004–05 of a £1,000 grant for students from the poorest backgrounds and better support for part-time students; welcomes the sustained investment in higher education through annual increases of 6 per cent. in real terms over the next three years; and recognises the need to maintain UK universities at the forefront of world research and to equip the UK workforce with the high level skills needed to compete in the global marketplace.

Transport.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that for the duration of the crisis in transport the country requires a full-time Secretary of State for Transport—(Mr Don Foster);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 1, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘recognises the importance of transport infrastructure to continued growth and prosperity; welcomes the Government’s commitment to a sustained improvement in the transport system; acknowledges that it inherited a legacy of decades of under-investment which continues to have severe adverse consequences for transport performance; notes the additional pressures which economic growth since 1997 is putting on the transport networks; welcomes the Government’s continuing commitment to investment of £180 billion through the Ten Year Transport Plan and to its policies of balanced improvements to all modes of transport consistent with wider environmental objectives; recognises
achievements already evident in, for example, improved rail rolling stock, falling numbers of road accidents and increased bus patronage; and believes that the Government has put the appropriate ministerial arrangements in place for further improvement.

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, Mr Alan Reid, Richard Younger-Ross: 180.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Gillian Merron: 304.

So the Question was negatived.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Joan Ryan, Mr Nick Ainger: 300.

Tellers for the Noes, Richard Younger-Ross, Mr Alan Reid: 174.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House recognises the importance of transport infrastructure to continued growth and prosperity; welcomes the Government’s commitment to a sustained improvement in the transport system; acknowledges that it inherited a legacy of decades of under-investment which continues to have severe adverse consequences for transport performance; notes the additional pressures which economic growth since 1997 is putting on the transport networks; welcomes the Government’s continuing commitment to investment of £180 billion through the Ten Year Transport Plan and to its policies of balanced improvements to all modes of transport consistent with wider environmental objectives; recognises achievements already evident in, for example, improved rail rolling stock, falling numbers of road accidents and increased bus patronage; and believes that the Government has put the appropriate ministerial arrangements in place for further improvement.

3 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;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Joan Ryan: 286.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Mark Francois: 137.

So the Question 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;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Joan Ryan: 275.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Syms, Hugh Robertson: 116.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

4 Religion or Belief Discrimination,—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 Equality (Religion or Belief) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 8th May, be approved—(Derek Twigg):—It was agreed to.

5 Sexual Orientation Discrimination,—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 Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 8th May, be approved—(Derek Twigg);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 25th June, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002].
6 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 26th June, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Peter Hain relating to Standards and Privileges: Standards and Privileges: Amendments to Standing Orders and Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards: Term of Office not later than Six o’clock; the Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; the Questions may be decided after the moment of interruption; and the Orders of the House of 28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002 relating to deferred Divisions shall not apply.—(Derek Twigg.)

7 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Ordered, That—

(1) the proposal for a draft Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 be referred to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee;

(2) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Tuesday 8th July at half-past Two o’clock; and

(3) at that sitting—

(a) the Committee shall consider the legislative proposal referred to it under paragraph (1) above;

(b) the Chairman shall interrupt proceedings not later than two and a half hours after their commencement; and

(c) at the conclusion of those proceedings, a motion for the adjournment of the Committee may be made by a Minister of the Crown, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 116 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (sittings)).—(Derek Twigg.)

8 Foreign Affairs,—Ordered, That Sir Patrick Cormack be discharged from the Foreign Affairs Committee and Richard Ottaway be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Accommodation and Works,—Ordered, That Keith Hill be discharged from the Accommodation and Works Committee and Mr Bob Ainsworth be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Health,—Ordered, That Sandra Gidley be discharged from the Health Committee and Mr Paul Burstow be added to the Committee.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Wilmslow, Nether Alderley, Northwick, Barnton, Alderley Edge and surrounding areas against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions 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—(Derek Twigg);

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

[Adjourned at 11.33 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—Education (Grants for Disabled Postgraduate Students) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1588), dated 16th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

2 Immigration,—Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1598), dated 18th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


(2) Transport for London (Consequential Provisions) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1615), and

Other Papers:

4 Criminal Appeal.—Account of the Criminal Cases Review Commission for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 845] [Clerk of the House].

5 Defence.—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 23rd June 2003, concerning contingent liabilities relating to the gifting of non-core Ministry of Defence sites in Northern Ireland to the Office of the First Minister/Deputy First Minister [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

6 Government Trading Funds.—Accounts of the Meteorological Office for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 638] [Clerk of the House].

7 Peru (No. 1, 2003).—Agreement, done at Lima on 7th March 2003, between the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the Government of Peru on the Transfer of Sentenced Prisoners, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5852] [Mr Secretary Straw].

8 Work and Pensions.—Department of Work and Pensions Minute, dated 23rd June 2003, concerning contingent liabilities relating to an extension to Remploy's overdraft limit [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Release of Short-Term Prisoners on Licence (Repeal of Age Restriction) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Stephen McCabe from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Tony Colman.

2 Section 5 of the European Communities Act 1993 (Government's Assessment as set out in Budget 2003).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Gerry Sutcliffe from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Assessment); and nominated in substitution Jim Fitzpatrick.

3 Health Protection Agency (Yr Asiantaeth Diogelu Iechyd) Establishment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 505) and the Health Protection Agency (Yr Asiantaeth Diogelu Iechyd) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 506).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Hazel Blears and Jim Fitzpatrick from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Orders); and nominated in substitution Miss Melanie Johnson and Joan Ryan.

4 Tobacco Products (Description of Products) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Barbara Follett, Mr Peter Mandelson and Helen Southworth from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mrs Lorna Fitzsimons, Huw Irranca-Davies and Kali Mountford.

5 Draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Cameron from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Jonathan Sayeed.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—(1) Fifth Report from the Education and Skills Committee [The Future of Higher Education], 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 [No. 425];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Secondary Education: Teacher Retention]; to be printed [No. 714-iv]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Future of Higher Education] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 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 [The Draft Housing Bill]; to be printed [No. 751-iii] [Andrew Bennett].

3 Public Accounts.—(1) Thirty-second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [The Highways Agency: Maintaining England’s Motorways and Trunk Roads]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 556].
(2) Thirty-third Report from the Committee [Ensuring the effective discharge of older patients from NHS acute hospitals]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 459].

(3) Thirty-fourth Report from the Committee [Office of Fair Trading: Progress in protecting consumers’ interests]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 546]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Department of Trade and Industry: Regional Grants in England]; to be printed [No. 857-a] [Mr Edward Leigh].

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. 115.]

Tuesday 24th June 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1. Mersey Tunnels Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Mersey Tunnels Bill, as amended in the Committee;
   
   Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Tuesday 1st July.

2. London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill [Lords].—David Hamilton reported from the Committee on the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill [Lords], That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble of the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

3. Sustainable Energy Bill.—Mr Eric Illesley reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Sustainable Energy Bill, and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 4th July; and to be printed [Bill 133].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 858].

4. Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment) Regulations 2003.

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

5. Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Tobacco Products (Description of Products) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1471).

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


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

7. Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of the Economy in Wales, referred to it on 19th May.

8. Road Safety.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to provide local traffic authorities with powers to develop urban safety hierarchies; to identify 20 mph zones and Home Zones; to require the Secretary of State to issue guidance on the setting of speed limits; and for connected purposes: And that Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Helen Jackson, Julia Drown, Peter Bottomley, Joan Walley, Mr David Kidney, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Don Foster, Tom Brake, Rob Marris and David Wright do prepare and bring it in.
9 Road Safety Bill.—Mr Mark Lazarowicz accordingly presented a Bill to provide local traffic authorities with powers to develop urban safety hierarchies; to identify 20 mph zones and Home Zones; to require the Secretary of State to issue guidance on the setting of speed limits; and for connected purposes. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 132].

10 Anti-social Behaviour Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Programme Order of 8th April 2003 in relation to the Anti-social Behaviour Bill be varied as follows—

Consideration and Third Reading

1. Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Order shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings on consideration shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the following Table.

3. The proceedings shown in the first column of the Table 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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4. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order—(Ms Hazel Blears).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Derek Twigg, Mr Vernon Coaker: 282.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Mark Francois: 175.

So the Question was agreed to.

11 Anti-social Behaviour Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Anti-social Behaviour Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 62) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, after ‘A’, to insert the words ‘B or C’.—(Mr Nick Hawkins.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 30 and 10 to 12) made to the Bill.

It being an hour and three quarters after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Anti-social Behaviour Bill (Programme) (No. 2), the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Questions on the Amendments and new Clause moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 13 to 23, 1, 41 to 45, 35, 46 to 49, 36 and 37) made to the Bill.

A Clause (Parenting orders under the 1998 Act)—(Mr John Heppell)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 82) proposed to the Bill, in page 24, line 28, to leave out Clause No. 29.—(Simon Hughes.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Alan Reid, Tom Brake: 48.

Tellers for the Noes, Joan Ryan, Mr Fraser Kemp: 415.
It being more than three and a quarter hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Anti-social Behaviour Bill (Programme) (No. 2), the Deputy Speaker put the Question on the Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 38 to 40, 31 and 33) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 24) proposed to the Bill, in page 38, line 18, at the end, to insert the words—

'(2A) In the case of a relevant offence falling within section 49(1)(f), an authorised officer may not give a notice to a person under subsection (1) in relation to the display of an advertisement unless he has reason to believe that that person personally affixed or placed the advertisement to, against or upon the land or object on which the advertisement is or was displayed.'—(Ms Hazel Blears.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being five hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Anti-social Behaviour Bill (Programme) (No. 2), the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on the Amendments and new Clauses moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 25 and 26) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Graffiti removal notices)—(Mr John Heppell)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Exemption from liability in relation to graffiti removal notices)—(Mr John Heppell)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to remove trespassers: alternative site available)—(Mr John Heppell)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Failure to comply with direction: offences)—(Mr John Heppell)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Failure to comply with direction: seizure)—(Mr John Heppell)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Common land: modifications)—(Mr John Heppell)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Interpretation)—(Mr John Heppell)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Aggravated trespass)—(Mr John Heppell)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Public assemblies)—(Mr John Heppell)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 9, 79, 34, 32 and 78) 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, Bridget Prentice, Margaret Moran: 419.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Annette Brooke: 43.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

12 Licensing Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 3)—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [26th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Licensing Bill [Lords] for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 24th March 2003 and 16th June 2003—

Consideration of Lords Message

1. Proceedings on consideration of the Lords Message shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

2. Those proceedings shall be taken in the following order, namely, the Lords Amendment in lieu of Commons Amendment No. 62, the Lords Reasons for disagreeing to Commons Amendments Nos. 6, 15, 16, 20 and 21 and the Lords Amendment in lieu of words left out of the Bill by Commons Amendment No. 50.
Subsequent stages

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 (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Jim Murphy);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bridget Prentice, Margaret Moran: 274.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Angela Watkinson: 158.

So the Question was agreed to.

13 Licensing Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments and Reasons relating to the Licensing Bill [Lords].

Commons Amendment No. 62.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House insists on its Amendment No. 62 to which the Lords have disagreed and disagrees to the Amendment (No. 62A) proposed by the Lords instead of that Amendment—(Mr Richard Caborn);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jim Murphy, Paul Clark: 268.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Mark Francois: 159.

So the Question was agreed to.

It being more than one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments and Reasons, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Questions 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. 62A disagreed to.

Commons Amendment No. 21.

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendment No. 21, to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

Amendments ((a) to (h)) were made to the Bill in lieu of Commons Amendment No. 21.

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its Amendments Nos. 6, 15, 16 and 20, to which the Lords have disagreed, and agrees to Lords Amendment No. 50A, in lieu of Commons Amendment No. 50.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

14 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Pudsey Constituency and others against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions was 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 one minute past Ten o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 10.01 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 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Food.—Condensed Milk and Dried Milk (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1596), dated 17th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Other Papers:

4 Caribbean and North Atlantic Territories.—Cayman Islands (Constitution) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1515), dated 12th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

5 Government Trading Funds.—Report and Accounts of the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre for 2002-03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 731] [Clerk of the House].

6 Health.—Paper, entitled Our Inheritance, Our Future—Realising the potential of genetics in the NHS [by Command] [Cm. 5791-I and -II] [Mr Secretary Reid].


8 Proceeds of Crime.—Report of the Appointed Person for England and Wales and Northern Ireland under the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 for 2002-03 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

9 Public Petitions.—Observations from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petition [11th June] from the residents of the Martins Wood ward of the town of Stevenage against the sale for development of a play area between Martins Wood and Yardons Road [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

10 Trade and Industry.—Draft Nuclear Sites and Radioactive Substances Bill, with explanatory notes [by Command] [Cm. 5858] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers withdrawn:

11 Constitutional Law.—Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2003 [laid 19th June].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Courts Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fraser Kemp from Standing Committee D (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Bridget Prentice.

2 Health Protection Agency (Yr Asiantaeth Diogelu Iechyd) (Establishment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 505) and the Health Protection Agency (Yr Asiantaeth Diogelu Iechyd) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 506).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Nigel Evans from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Orders), and nominated in substitution Chris Grayling.

3 Draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment) Regulations 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Baron, Jim Dobbin and Diana Organ from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Paul Goodman, Valerie Davey and Mr James Plaskitt.

4 Draft Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2003 and the draft Armed Forces (Review of Search and Seizure) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr James Plaskitt and Roger Berry from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution 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 [British Film Industry]; to be printed [No. 667-vii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Foreign Affairs.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [FCO Annual Report 2003]; to be printed [No. 859-ij]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Decision to go to War in Iraq]; to be printed [No. 813-vii and -viii] [Donald Anderson].

3 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Maternity Services Sub-Committee of the Health Committee [Choice in Maternity Services]; to be printed [No. 796-ii] [Julia Drown].
4 Home Affairs,—Fifth Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Sexual Offences Bill], with the Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 639] [David Winnick].

5 International Development,—Memoranda laid before the International Development Committee [Trade and Development: Aspects of the Doha Agenda] [Tony Baldry].

6 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Ninth Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee [Reducing Regional Disparities in Prosperity]; 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. 492-I]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Draft Housing Bill]; to be printed [No. 751-iv] [Andrew Bennett].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xxiii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

8 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Bank of England May 2003 Inflation Report]; to be printed [No. 817-ii] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 115; WH, No. 73.]

Tuesday 24th June 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Mr Fraser Kemp),

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 4.40 p.m.]

[No. 116.]

Wednesday 25th June 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Female Genital Mutilation Bill,—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Female Genital Mutilation Bill, and directed him to report the same, without Amendment.

Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 4th July.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 879].

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—David Taylor reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 122) on local authorities with autonomy on formulaic capital allowances.

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 Army, Air Force and Naval Discipline Acts (Continuation) Order 2003 and the draft Armed Forces (Review of Search and Seizure) Order 2003.

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

4 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) Order 2003.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.
5 Historic Counties (Traffic Signs and Mapping).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the law so as to require the Ordnance Survey of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to mark the boundaries of the historic counties on its maps; to require traffic authorities to cause traffic signs to be placed on or near roads for the purpose of indicating the location of historic county boundaries; and for connected purposes: And that Mr John Randall, Mr David Amess, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr David Curry, Mr Nigel Evans, Mr Adrian Flook, Mr David Hinchcliffe, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr David Wilshire and Sir Nicholas Winterton do prepare and bring in.

6 Historic Counties (Traffic Signs and Mapping) Bill.—Mr John Randall accordingly presented a Bill to amend the law so as to require the Ordnance Survey of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to mark the boundaries of the historic counties on its maps; to require traffic authorities to cause traffic signs to be placed on or near roads for the purpose of indicating the location of historic county boundaries; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 134].

7 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.

University Tuition Fees,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the views of the National Union of Students about university tuition fees; and believes that the consequence of the Government’s proposal relating to tuition fees will be to act as a severe deterrent to many students from hard-working but less well-off families, who will not be eligible for the £1,000 maintenance grant, from applying to university—(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 ‘rejects any proposal to abolish the existing fee of £1,100, which would lead to substantial reductions in the numbers of places in higher education and, as a consequence, fewer lecturers and a lower quality higher education experience; congratulates the Government on its plan to abolish up from tuition fees and to raise the threshold for repayment of loans from £10,000 to £15,000, welcomes the steps that the Government is taking to widen participation amongst students from deprived backgrounds, the establishment of the Office for Fair Access, the introduction from 2004-05 of a £1,000 grant for students from the poorest backgrounds and better support for part-time students; condemns any proposal to withdraw the funding that is already being spent on widening participation, which would lead to fewer students from deprived backgrounds entering higher education and completing their degrees, and supports the continued expansion in participation planned for by the Government and the part to be played by foundation degrees designed in collaboration with employers as an appropriate strategy to equip the UK workforce with the high level skills needed to compete in the global marketplace’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Clarke.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question,

8 Deferred Divisions,—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Orders of the House [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]:

Sexual Orientation Discrimination,—That the draft Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 8th May, be approved.

Ayes: 267.
Noes: 54.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Opposition Day,—University Tuition Fees,—The Question being again 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 Laurence Robertson, Mr Mark Francois: 191.

Tellers for the Noes, Paul Clark, Jim Fitzpatrick: 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 rejects any proposal to abolish the existing fee of £1,100, which would lead to substantial reductions in the numbers of places in higher education and, as a consequence, fewer lecturers and a lower quality higher education experience; congratulates the Government on its plan to abolish up front tuition fees and to raise the threshold for repayment of loans from £10,000 to £15,000; welcomes the steps that the Government is taking to widen participation amongst students from deprived backgrounds, the establishment of the Office for Fair Access, the introduction from 2004–05 of a £1,000 grant for students from the poorest backgrounds and better support for part-time students; condemns any proposal to withdraw the funding that is already being spent on widening participation, which would lead to fewer students from deprived backgrounds entering higher education and completing their degrees; and supports the continued expansion in participation planned by the Government and the part to be played by foundation degrees designed in collaboration with employers as an appropriate strategy to equip the UK workforce with the high level skills needed to compete in the global marketplace.

Fair Terms for International Trade,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House shares the concern of the Trade Justice Movement about the plight of the poorest people in the world, and congratulates the Movement on bringing their conditions to the attention of the public; notes with concern the fact that a billion people live on less than a dollar a day, that life expectancy in many African countries is declining, and that 30 million people in Africa have HIV/AIDS; believes that rising levels of international trade and trade liberalisation offer the best hope of alleviating poverty in the developing world; calls for high quality legal and economic advice for developing countries on trade issues; further believes that the Government has failed to do enough to promote trade liberalisation, to reform agricultural subsidies and to phase out European trade barriers; and further calls on the Government to use the World Trade Organisation meeting at Cancun to do more to reform the international trade rules to give poor countries a fair deal on international trade—(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 ‘congratulates the Trade Justice Movement on bringing the plight of the poorest people in the world to the attention of the public; notes with concern the fact that a billion people live on less than a dollar a day, that life expectancy in many African countries is declining, and that 30 million people in Africa have HIV/AIDS; reaffirms the commitment made in the 2000 White Paper “Eliminating World Poverty: A Challenge for the 21st Century” to improving international trade rules so that they work for all countries, and especially the poorest, in helping to reduce poverty; notes that the successful pursuit of trade reform through the Doha round of multilateral negotiations could contribute substantially to the Millennium Development Goals; welcomes the substantial efforts the Government is making to promote trade liberalisation, reform agricultural subsidies and phase out European trade barriers; believes that significant progress must be made to improve access for developing countries to developed country markets; further believes that a solution to the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) and public health negotiations is urgently needed; and welcomes the commitment to ensuring that the Doha round produces real benefits for the poor’, instead thereof.—(Hilary Benn.)

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: 177.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Jim Murphy, Charlotte Atkins: 295.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House congratulates the Trade Justice Movement on bringing the plight of the poorest people in the world to the attention of the public; notes with concern the fact that a billion people live on less than a dollar a day, that life expectancy in many African countries is declining, and that 30 million people in Africa have HIV/AIDS; reaffirms the commitment made in the 2000 White Paper ‘Eliminating World Poverty: A Challenge for the 21st Century’ to improving international trade rules so that they work
for all countries, and especially the poorest, in helping to reduce poverty; notes that the successful pursuit of trade reform through the Doha round of multilateral negotiations could contribute substantially to the Millennium Development Goals; welcomes the substantial efforts the Government is making to promote trade liberalisation, reform agricultural subsidies and phase out European trade barriers; believes that significant progress must be made to improve access for developing countries to developed country markets; further believes that a solution to the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) and public health negotiations is urgently needed; and welcomes the commitment to ensuring that the Doha round produces real benefits for the poor.

10 Prisons,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Release of Short-Term Prisoners on Licence (Repeal of Age Restriction) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

11 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) pupils of Ashdown School, Poole, for improved funding for schools,
(2) customers of pharmacies in Petts Wood, Biggin Hill, Crofton Road and St Paul’s Cray against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions, 
(3) Jeff White, Kate Knight and others for the return of two geese removed from the banks of the River Parrett at Bridgwater, and
(4) residents of Watchett, Somerset, for amendment of the plans for housing development on Severn Terrace Fields
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Derek Twigg.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till thirteen minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.47 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:
1 Animals,—Draft Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease (England and Wales) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Social Security,—Draft Social Security (Jobcentre Plus Interviews for Partners) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:
6 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on the Investigation of Suspected Fraud in the Water Service [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 735] [The Clerk of the House].

7 Broadcasting,—(1) Report, and
(2) Statement of Accounts of S4C for 2002 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

8 Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration,—Supplement to the Thirty-second Report for 2003 of the Review Body on Doctors’ and Dentists’ Remuneration [by Command] [Cm. 5722] [The Prime Minister].
9 Environmental Pollution,—Twenty-fourth Report of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, on Chemicals in Products: Safeguarding the Environment and Human Health [by Command] [Cm. 5827] [Mr David Lammy].

10 Health,—Department of Health Minute, dated 25th June 2003, concerning a proposed contingent liability for a review into the efficacy and safety of treatments offered by the Breakspear Hospital [by Command] [Mr Secretary Reid].

11 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Thirteenth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2002–03 [by Command] [Cm. 5849] [John Healey].

12 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petitions [15th May] [one Petition] from United Kingdom citizens; [16th May] [two Petitions] from residents of Ilford North; and electors within the Parliamentary constituency of Ryedale; [20th May] [two Petitions] from residents of Buckinghamshire; and users of Knights Pharmacy, Longbridge, Birmingham and other residents; [21st May] [one Petition] from Ruth M Ingham and others; [22nd May] [one Petition] from residents of South Swindon; [five Petitions] from residents of Newcastle-under-Lyme; Michael Morrell; Richard Elise; Anthony Milward; Judith Hogan and users of Hollowood Chemists; and [11th June] [one Petition] from residents of Reading and Woodley against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

13 Romania (No. 1, 2003),—Agreement, done at Bucharest on 20th February 2003, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Romania on the Readmission of Persons—Protocol for the implementation of the Agreement, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5856] [Mr Secretary Straw].

14 Treaty Series (No. 59, 2002),—Third Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, etc., for 2002 [Cm. 5855] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Female Genital Mutilation Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Hilary Benn and Paul Clark from Standing Committee C (in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Paul Goggins and Helen Jackson.

2 Draft Asylum (Designated States) (No. 2) Order 2003:
   (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: Annette Brooke, David Cairns, Mr James Clappison, Mr Wayne David, Angela Eagle, Paul Flynn, Mr Derek Foster, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr John Heppell, Beverley Hughes, Simon Hughes, Mr Richard Page, Mr Sion Simon and Mr Graham Stringer.

3 Draft Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations 2003:
   (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: Ms Diane Abbott, Ann Coffey, Paul Farrelly, Mr Don Foster, Andrew George, Mr Nick Gibb, Mr David Heyes, Helen Jackson, Mr David Jamieson, Helen Jones, Miss Anne McIntosh, Gillian Merron, Mr George Osborne, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Robert Syms and Mr Paul Truswell.

4 Draft Electricity and Gas (Modification of Standard Conditions of Licences) Order 2003:
   (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: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Roger Berry, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Mark Field, Barbara Follett, Patrick Hall, Tony Lloyd, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Andrew Robathan, Hugh Robertson, Ian Stewart, Mr Andrew Stunell and Mr Stephen Timms.

5 Draft Contracting Out (Function in relation to the Management of Crown Lands) Order 2003:
   (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: Vera Baird, Mr Ben Chapman, Michael Fabricant, Mr Adrian Flook, Nick Harvey, Mr Mark Hoban, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Peter Mandelson, Julie Morgan, Estelle Morris, Mr Malcolm Moss, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Adrian Sanders, Mark Tami and David Winnick.

6 Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 2003:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the 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 Bob Blizzard, Mrs Helen Clark, Jim Dobbin, Jim Fitzpatrick, John Healey, Lynne Jones, Norman Lamb, Mr David Laws, Mr Stephen O’Brien, Linda Perham, Mr David Ruffley, HelenOUTHworth, Mr Andrew Tyrie, Mr Tom Watson, Brian White and Mr David Wilshire.

7 Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2003:
(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: Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Kenneth Clarke, Ann Clwyd, Mr Vernon Coaker, Denzil Davies, Mr Dai Havard, Lady Hermon, Mr John Horam, Ms Sally Keeble, Shona McIsaac, Mr Jim Marshall, Lembit Opik, Mr John Spellar, Mr Gerry Steinberg, Mr John Taylor and Mr David Wilshire.

8 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Canada) Order 2003 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Mauritius) Order 2003:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Orders 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, John Cryer, Mr Jim Cunningham, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Jim Fitzpatrick, Alan Howarth, Norman Lamb, Mr David Lepper, Ann McKechin, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Mark Prisk, Mrs Barbara Roche, Mr Richard Shepherd, HelenOUTHworth, Mr Michael Trend and Mr David Wilshire.

9 Draft Greater London Authority Elections (Election Addresses) Order 2003:
(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: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Henry Bellingham, Dr Vincent Cable, Harry Cohen, Brian Cotter, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr Robert Jackson, Mr Peter Kilfoyle, Rosemary McKenna, Mr David Marshall, Patrick Mercer, Mr Andrew Miller, Mr Denis Murphy, Dan Norris, Hugh Robertson and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Defence Procurement and Lessons of Iraq]; to be printed [Nos. 694-iii and 695-v] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Public Expenditure]; to be printed [No. 864-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Tenth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Horticulture Research International]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 873]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Lord Haskins’ Rural Delivery Review]; to be printed [No. 874] [Mr David Curry].
4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Twenty-sixth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee [The Convention’s proposals on criminal justice], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63-xxvi]; and
(2) Twenty-seventh Report from the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63-xxvii]
[Mr Jim Marshall].

5 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [The Decision to go to War in Iraq]; to be printed [No. 813-ix] [Donald Anderson].

6 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Leadership and Regulation in the Rail Industry?]; to be printed [No. 875-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

7 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [The UK Debt Management Office]; to be printed [No. 884-i] [Mr John McFall].

8 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Wales Office Departmental Report 2003]; to be printed [No. 883] [Mr Martyn Jones].

9 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [European Social Fund]; to be printed [No. 680-iii] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 116; WH, No. 74.]

Wednesday 25th June 2003.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—A Motion made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Charlotte Atkins);
And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

[No. 117.]

Thursday 26th June 2003.
The House met at half-past Eleven 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:
Transas Group Bill.
Bill committed.

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Health Protection Agency (Yr Asiantaeth Diogelu Iechyd) (Establishment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 305) and the Health Protection Agency (Yr Asiantaeth Diogelu Iechyd) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 506).
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

3 Smoking (Restaurants) Bill,—The Order for reading the Smoking (Restaurants) Bill a second time on Friday 11th July was read and discharged.
Bill withdrawn.

4 Standards and Privileges,—Resolved, That this House takes note of the Eighth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life (Cm. 5663), the Response to that Report by the House of Commons Commission (House of Commons Paper No. 422), and the Second Report of the Committee on Standards and Privileges (House of Commons Paper No. 403); and agrees with the recommendation in paragraph 50 of that Report that, in appropriate cases, the House should impose a penalty of withholding a Member’s salary for a specified period without suspending the Member.—(Mr Peter Hain.)
5 Standards and Privileges: Amendments to Standing Orders,—Ordered, That—

(1) Standing Order No. 149 (Committee on Standards and Privileges) be amended in line 39, after second ‘time’, by inserting ‘to appoint legal advisers’; and

(2) Standing Order No. 150 (Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards) be amended as follows:

(a) line 33, at end add ‘unless the provisions of paragraph (2A) apply.

(2A) No report shall be made by the Commissioner if, in any case where the Member concerned has agreed that he has failed to register or declare an interest, it is the Commissioner’s opinion that the interest involved is minor, or the failure was inadvertent, and the Member concerned has taken such action by way of rectification as the Commissioner may have required within any procedure approved by the Committee for this purpose.

(2B) The Commissioner may at any time in the course of investigating a complaint, and if so requested by the Committee on Standards and Privileges shall, appoint an Investigatory Panel to assist him in establishing the facts relevant to the investigation.

(2C) An Investigatory Panel shall—

(a) consist of the Commissioner, who shall be Chairman of the Panel, and two assessors, one of whom shall be a legally qualified person appointed by the Commissioner and the other shall be a Member, who shall not be a member of the Committee on Standards and Privileges, appointed by the Speaker; and

(b) meet in private.

(2D) The Commissioner—

(a) shall determine the procedures of the Panel, subject to the provisions of this Order; and

(b) may appoint counsel for the purpose of assisting the Panel.

(2E) Any report that the Commissioner may have made to the Committee on Standards and Privileges in relation to the complaint before the appointment of the Panel shall be made available to the Panel by the Committee.

(2F) Any Member who is the subject of the complaint under investigation shall, if he so requests, be heard by the Panel; may call witnesses, and may examine other witnesses.

(2G) When the Panel has completed its proceedings—

(a) the Commissioner shall report as in paragraph (2)(e);

(b) the legal assessor shall report to the Committee on Standards and Privileges his opinion as to the extent to which its proceedings have been consistent with the principles of natural justice; and

(c) the Member assessor may report to the Committee on Standards and Privileges his opinion as to the extent to which its proceedings have had regard to the customs and practice of the House and its Members.

(2H) The Commissioner shall report each year to the House on the exercise by him of his functions.’

(b) line 34, leave out paragraph (3) and add—

‘(3) The Commissioner may be dismissed only following a resolution of the House, moved for by a Member of the House of Commons Commission, after the Committee on Standards and Privileges has reported to the House that it is satisfied that the Commissioner is unfit to hold his office or unable to carry out his functions; and any such report shall include a statement of the Committee’s reasons for its conclusion.’.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)

6 Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards: Term of Office.—Resolved, That this House agrees with the proposals of the House of Commons Commission in paragraphs 8 to 10 of its response to the Eighth Report from the Committee on Standards in Public Life (House of Commons Paper No. 422), that—

(a) any future appointment to the office of Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards shall be for a period of five years, and shall not be renewable; and

(b) notwithstanding the Resolution of the House of 13th February 2002, the appointment of the current Commissioner shall expire on 25th June 2008, and shall not be renewable.—(Mr Phil Woolas.)
7 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit twenty-three minutes past Four o’clock, adjourned till Monday 30th June.

[Adjourned at 4.23 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—(1) Merrist Wood College (Dissolution) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1611), and (2) Rycotewood College, Oxford College of Further Education and North Oxfordshire College and School of Art (Dissolution) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1610) dated 18th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

2 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Port State Control) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1636), dated 24th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 Tax Credits,—Tax Credits (Provision of Information) (Functions Relating to Health) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1650), dated 25th June 2003 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:

4 Industrial Development,—Report for 2002–03 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, the First Minister of the Scottish Executive and the First Secretary of the National Assembly for Wales under the Industrial Development Act 1982 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 852] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

5 Northern Ireland Office Executive Agencies,—Report of Forensic Science Northern Ireland for 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 744] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

6 Police (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Chief Constable of the Police Service of Northern Ireland for 2002–03 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Retirement Income Reform Bill,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of Standing Committee C in respect of the Bill.

2 Courts Bill [Lords],—The Speaker has appointed Mr Eric Illsley an additional Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft Asylum (Designated States) (No. 2) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

4 Draft Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations 2003:

   (1) The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations and

   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Ann Coffey and Gillian Merron from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Charlotte Atkins and Mr David Borrow.

5 Draft Community Care Plans (Disapplication) (England) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mr Bill Oner.

6 Health Protection Agency (Yr Asiantaeth Diogelu Iechyd) (Establishment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 505) and the Health Protection Agency (Yr Asiantaeth Diogelu Iechyd) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 506),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Hugh Bayley, Mr Russell Brown, Bridget Prentice and Mr Graham Stringer from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order and Regulations); and nominated in substitution Tony Cunningham, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Kelvin Hopkins and Mr Kevin Hughes.

7 Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Scotland) Regulations 2003 and draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.
8 Draft Electricity and Gas (Modification of Standard Conditions of Licences) Order 2003,—
   The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee
   on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

9 Draft Contracting Out (Function in relation to management of Crown Lands) Order 2003,—
   The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee
   on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

10 Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of the Sixth Standing
       Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Ruffley from the Sixth
       Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and

11 Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of the Eighth Standing
       Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations;
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Shona McIsaac from the Eighth
       Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft
       Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Jonathan Sayeed.

12 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Canada) Order 2003 and the draft Double
   Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Mauritius) Order 2003,—The Speaker has
   appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated
   Legislation in respect of the draft Orders.

13 Draft Greater London Authority Elections (Election Addresses) Order 2003,—The
   Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown from the Tenth
   Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order);
   and nominated in substitution Mr Philip Hammond.

14 Draft Insolvency Act 1986 (Amendment) (Administrative Receivership and Urban
   Regeneration etc.) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman
   of the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft
   Order.

   Grand Committees

15 The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Northern Ireland
   Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Thursday 3rd July.

16 The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand
   Committee in respect of its meeting on Tuesday 8th July.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Obesity]; to be printed
   [No. 755-ii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Public Administration,—Fourth Report from the Select Committee on Public
   Administration [Government by Appointment: Opening up the Patronage State],
   together with the Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes
   of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 165-I and -II] [Tony
   Wright].

   [No. 117; WH, No. 75.]

Thursday 26th June 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Humanitarian Crisis in Southern Africa—Third Report from the
   International Development Committee, and the Government’s response thereto),—
   Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Hilary Benn.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 1st July.

[Adjourned at 5.09 p.m.]
[No. 118.]

Monday 30th June 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Finance Bill.—The Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Programming Committee, That it had come to a Resolution in respect of the Finance Bill, which it had directed him to report to the House:

That, pursuant to the Programme Order of 6th May 2003 relating to the Finance Bill:

(1) Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion eight hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first of the Ways and Means Motions relating to the Bill set down this day.

(2) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion nine and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on that Motion.

(3) Paragraph (2) of this Resolution has effect notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the intervals between stages of Bills brought in upon Ways and Means Resolutions.

(4) The proceedings on consideration shall be taken in the order shown in the following Table, 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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Report to lie upon the Table.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Roger Gale reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Government’s assessment as set out in Budget 2003 for the purposes of Section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.

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

3 Hunting Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Programme Order of 16th December 2002 in relation to the Hunting Bill be varied as follows—

1. Paragraph 4 of the Order shall be omitted.

2. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion five and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.

3. Proceedings on consideration shall be taken in the following order—

   (a) New Clause 13 and any new Clauses and Amendments which stand to be grouped for debate with it;
   (b) New Clause 12 and any new Clauses and Amendments which stand to be grouped for debate with it;
   (c) Remaining proceedings.

4. At the conclusion of proceedings on consideration, the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown to re-commit the Bill to a Standing Committee shall be put forthwith—(Alun Michael);

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Paul Clark: 292.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Cheryl Gillan, Hugh Robertson: 161.

So the Question was agreed to.

4 Hunting Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Hunting Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Registered hunting: absolute bans: deer, hares, foxes and terrier-work)—(Alun Michael)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Use of dogs below ground (No. 2))—(Lembit Opik)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Kate Hoey, Mr Roger Williams: 165.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr John Heppell: 373.

It being more than five and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion on Hunting Bill (Programme) (No. 3), the Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Questions on new Clauses that he had selected for separate Division.

Another Clause (Foxes)—(Mr Tony Banks)—brought up.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Jim Fitzpatrick: 362.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr Douglas Hogg: 154.

Another Clause (Registration in respect of hunting of mink)—(Paul Holmes)—brought up.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Annette Brooke, Tom Brake: 341.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr Bill Wiggin: 160.

The Speaker then put the Question on the Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Amendments (Nos. 88 to 98) made to the Bill.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [this day], That the Hunting Bill be re-committed to the Standing Committee to which it previously stood committed for the purpose of making such Amendments as the Committee considers to be necessary or expedient in consequence of the addition to the Bill of New Clause 11 (Foxes) on consideration—(Alun Michael)—It was agreed to.

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Margaret Moran.)

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 delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 27th June 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Mental Incapacity,—Paper, entitled the Draft Mental Incapacity Bill [Cm. 5859-I and -II] [Mr David Lammy].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 27th June 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Children and Young Persons,—Aycliffe Instrument of Management (Variation) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1649), dated 26th June 2003 [Mr Secretary Clarke].

4 Medicines,—Medicine for Human Use (Marketing Authorisations Etc.) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1618), dated 20th June [Mr Secretary Reid].

5 National Health Service,—(1) Primary Care Trusts (Membership, Procedure and Administration Arrangements) Amendment (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1616), and
   (2) Strategic Health Authorities (Consultation on Changes) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1617),
   dated 23rd June 2003 [Mr Secretary Reid].

6 Sex Discrimination,—(1) Equal Pay Act 1970 (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1656), and
   dated 26th June 2003 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


8 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Crown Court (Forfeiture of Political Donations) Rules 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1646), dated 22nd June 2003 [Mr Christopher Leslie].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 30th June 2003:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


10 Race Relations,—Race Relations Order (Seamen Recruited Abroad) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), No. 318), dated 25th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

11 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Crown Court (Amendment) (No. 3) Rules 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1664), dated 22nd June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Christopher Leslie].

Other Papers:

12 Census,—Paper, entitled Census 2001: Key Statistics for Wards in England and Wales [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

13 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2002-03, on A London Olympic Bid for 2012 [by Command] [Cm. 5867] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

14 Duchy of Cornwall Management,—Financial Statements for the Duchy of Cornwall for 2002-03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 730] [Ruth Kelly].

15 Enterprise,—Annual Plan of the Office of Fair Trading for 2003-04 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 899] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

16 Fire and Rescue Service,—Paper, entitled Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Our Fire and Rescue Service [by Command] [Cm. 5808] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

17 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report of the Financial Reporting Advisory Board to the Treasury for 2002-03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 728] [Mr Paul Bouteng].

18 Parliamentary Commissioner,—Fourth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 2002-03: The Prudential Regulation of Equitable Life [by Act]; to be printed [No. 809-I and -II] [Clerk of the House].

19 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [22nd May] from Liz Hill and others against restrictions on the availability of natural health products [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Retirement Income Reform Bill,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ruth Kelly and Mr Chris Pond from Standing Committee C (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution John Healey and Mr Tom Watson.
2 Section 5 of the European Communities Act 1993 (Government’s Assessment as set out in Budget 2003),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jim Fitzpatrick and Mr Calum McDonald from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Assessment); and nominated in substitution Jim Murphy and Mr Malcolm Savidge.

3 Food Supplements (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1387),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andy Love and Joan Ryan from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Charlotte Atkins and Claire Ward.

Grand Committees

4 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Gillian Merron from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Mr Vernon Coaker.

Programming Committees

5 Finance Bill (Programming Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Stephen O’Brien and Helen Southworth in place of Mr Chris Pond, Kali Mountford, Mr Mark Prisk and Mr Gerry Sutcliffe as members of the Programming Committee in respect of the Bill.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the New Covent Garden Market Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [New Covent Garden Market: a follow-up]; to be printed [No. 901-i] [Mr Michael Jack].

2 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee on 27th June [The Decision to go to War in Iraq]; to be printed [No. 813-x and -xi] [Donald Anderson].

3 Human Rights,—Fourteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Work of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission], together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee and Appendices thereto; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 142] [Jean Corston].

4 International Development,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Iraq]; to be printed with Appendices [No. 780-ii]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Trade and Development at the WTO: Issues for Cancún]; to be printed [No. 400-xvii] [Tony Baldry].

5 Lord Chancellor’s Department,—(1) Second Report from the Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department [Judicial Appointments: lessons from the Scottish experience], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 902]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Department for Constitutional Affairs]; to be printed [No. 903-i] [Mr A. J. Beith].

6 Public Accounts,—(1) Thirty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [PFI: construction performance]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 567];
   (2) Thirty-sixth Report from the Committee [Improving service quality: Action in response to the Inherited SERPS problem]; to be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 616];
   (3) Thirty-seventh Report from the Committee [Ministry of Defence: The construction of nuclear submarine facilities at Devonport]; to be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 636]; and
   (4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Operational Performance of PFI Prisons]; to be printed [No. 904-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Science and Technology,—Part of the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [The Scientific Response to Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 415-vi] [Dr Ian Gibson].
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Mersey Tunnels Bill, 

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Tuesday 8th July.

2 Nottingham City Council Bill [Lords].—The First Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means reported from the Committee on Unopposed Bills, That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Nottingham City Council Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed her to report the same without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

3 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Derek Conway reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Electricity and Gas (Modification of Standard Conditions of Licences) Order 2003.

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

4 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Contracting Out (Function in Relation to the Management of Crown Lands) Order 2003.

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

5 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Value Added Tax (Finance) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1568).

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

6 Hunting Bill,—Ordered, That the Hunting Bill, as amended on consideration, be printed [Bill 135].

7 Finance Bill [Ways and Means].—Intangible fixed assets,—Resolved, That provision may be made in the Finance Bill amending Schedule 29 to the Finance Act 2002. —(Dawn Primarolo.)

8 Finance Bill [Ways and Means].—Inheritance tax: gifts with reservation,—Resolved, That provision may be made in the Finance Bill amending section 102 of the Finance Act 1986.—(Dawn Primarolo.)

9 Finance Bill (Programme) (No. 5).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That in accordance with the Resolution of the Programming Committee of 30th June 2003 and pursuant to the Programme Order of 6th May 2003 relating to the Finance Bill:

(1) Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion 8 hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first of the Ways and Means Motions relating to the Bill set down this day.

(2) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion 9½ hours after the commencement of the proceedings on that Motion.

(3) Paragraph (2) of this Order has effect notwithstanding the practice of the House as to the intervals between stages of Bills brought in upon Ways and Means Resolutions.

(4) The proceedings on consideration shall be taken in the order shown in the following Table, 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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New Clauses and new Schedules relating to stamp duty land tax or stamp duty; Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 42 to 129 and Schedules Nos. 3 to 20, remaining proceedings.

—(Dawn Primarolo),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Vernon Coaker: 273.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr David Wilshire: 155.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 Finance Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Finance Bill, as amended in Committee and the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Intangible fixed assets: tax avoidance arrangements and related parties)—(Dawn Primarolo)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Inheritance tax: gifts with reservation)—(Dawn Primarolo)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Tax credits for individual savings accounts and personal equity plans)—(Mr Stephen O'Brien)—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 Wilshire, Mr Mark Hoban: 189.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Paul Clark: 301.

Another Clause (Debits and credits treated as relating to capital expenditure)—(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 (Continuation of children’s tax credit for persons subject to immigration control)—(Mr Howard Flight)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being three and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first of the Ways and Means Motions relating to the Bill set down this day, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was negatived.

Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 22, to leave out ‘15’ and insert ‘5’, instead thereof.—(Mr Stephen O'Brien.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Robert Syms: 185.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Margaret Moran: 304.

Amendment (No. 4) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 52) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 15, to leave out Clauses Nos. 17 and 18.—(Mr Stephen O'Brien.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 12) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 5) proposed to the Bill, in page 138, line 41, to leave out subsection (3) and insert the words—

‘(3) For subsection (3) substitute—

“(3) For the purposes of making their determination under subsection (1)(b) the Treasury shall be required to apply generally accepted accounting practices in determining whether all or part of any payments represent such interest as is referred to in that subsection.”, instead thereof.—(Mr Howard Flight.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 251, line 9, at the end, to insert the words ‘and insert “or 4 (in respect of shares acquired under approved CSOP schemes pursuant to rights granted before 9th April 2003)” ’.—(Mr Howard Flight.)
11 Hunting Bill (Programme) (No. 4).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the Programme Order of 16th December 2002 in relation to the Hunting Bill be varied as follows—

1. Proceedings in the Standing Committee on re-committal shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Monday 7th July.

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

3. Proceedings on consideration following re-committal shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion two hours after their commencement.
4. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration following re-committal—(Alan Michael);

And it being three-quarters of an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Nick Ainger: 279.

Tellers for the Noes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Robert Symns: 140.

So the Question was agreed to.

12 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 Armed Forces (Review of Search and Seizure) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 28th April, be approved—(Margaret Moran);—It was agreed to.

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002].

13 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 2003, which was laid before this House on 28th April, be approved—(Margaret Moran);—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. 122) on Local Authorities with Autonomy on Formularised Capital Allowances, a copy of which was laid before this House on 7th May, be approved—(Margaret Moran);—It was agreed to.

15 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 Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Margaret Moran);—It was agreed to.

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002].

16 Disabled Persons,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (Amendment) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 8th May, be approved—(Margaret Moran);—It was agreed to.

17 Customs and Excise,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Tobacco Products (Description of Products) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1471), which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Margaret Moran);—It was agreed to.

18 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) (No. 1) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1475), dated 5th June 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Margaret Moran);—It was agreed to.

19 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) (No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1476), dated 5th June 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Margaret Moran);—It was agreed to.

20 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) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Margaret Moran);—It was agreed to.
21 Financial Services and Markets.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Exemption) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved—(Margaret Moran)—It was agreed to.

22 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from—
   (1) residents of North Belfast and elsewhere for heavier sentences for those who cause death by their driving,
   (2) Councillor Lionel Hart, Councillor Pat Haunts, Janet Penn, residents of Canvey Island and others for the maintenance of Post Office facilities in Canvey Island shopping centre; and
   (3) Mrs Maureen Campbell, Mrs Margarettie Robbins, Councillor Ray Howard, Councillor Tony Belford and others for the reopening of Canvey Island Police Station and maintenance of public access to local police stations were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

23 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of east Hertfordshire, north and west Essex and the surrounding communities against proposals to construct more runways at Stansted Airport was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

24 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Bridget Prentice);

   Wednesday 2nd July 2003
   
   And the Question being put;

   Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.

   And accordingly, the House, having continued to sit till three minutes past Twelve o’clock on Wednesday morning, adjourned till this day. [Adjourned at 12.03 a.m.

APPENDIX I
Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Audit (Northern Ireland),—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor for Northern Ireland on the Department for Regional Development: Management of Industrial Sickness Absence [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 736] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

2 Export Controls,—Report on Strategic Export Controls for 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5819] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petition [19th May] from Mrs Hughes and others against greater control by local communities over the siting of mobile phone masts [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Courts Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Bridget Prentice in place of Mr Fraser Kemp as a member of the Programming-Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

2 Hunting (re-committed) Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike as an additional Chairman of Standing Committee F in respect of the Bill.

3 Food Supplements (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1387),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations, in place of David Taylor.

4 Draft Community Care Plans (Disapplication) (England) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mrs Marion Roe.

5 Draft Contracting Out (Function in relation to the Management of Crown Lands) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged David Winnack from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Mr Adrian Bailey.
6 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Canada) Order 2003 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Mauritius) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders in place of Derek Conway.

7 Draft Greater London Authority Elections (Election Addresses) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

European Standing Committees

8 The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Stephen Ladyman from European Standing Committee C, and nominated in substitution Valerie Davey.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [Budget 2003 and Aviation]; to be printed [No. 672-iv] [Mr John Horam].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [CAP Reform]; to be printed [No. 915-i] [Mr David Curry].


4 Regulatory Reform,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Regulatory Reform Committee [Operation of the Regulatory Reform Act 2001]; to be printed [No. 908-i] [Mr Peter Pike].

5 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Customs services in Scotland] [No. 911-i] [Mrs Irene Adams].

6 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-fourth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xxiv] [Mr David Tredinnick].

7 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Executive Remuneration]; to be printed [No. 914-i and -ii] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

8 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Transparency of Credit Card Charges]; to be printed [No. 962-i] [Mr John McFall].

9 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Changes in Customs and Excise Operations in Wales]; to be printed [No. 916-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 119; WH, No. 76.]

Tuesday 1st July 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.42 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Retirement Income Reform Bill,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from Standing Committee C, That it had gone through the Retirement Income Reform Bill, and made Amendments thereto. Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Friday 11th July, and to be printed [Bill 137]. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 933].

2 European Standing Committee C,—Mr Bill Olner reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution: That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 7505/02, draft Regulation on additives for use in animal nutrition; and supports the Government's view that the measure will enhance the protection of consumers of livestock products and rationalise authorisation procedures. Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

3 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows: Hereford Markets Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make new provision for markets in the district of Herefordshire, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Draft Gambling Bill (Joint Committee),—The Lords 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 clauses of the draft Gambling Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown, and that the Committee shall report on the draft Bill by 8th April 2004.

4 Hereford Markets Bill [Lords].—The Hereford Markets Bill [Lords] was read the first time. Bill referred to the Examiners of Petitions for Private Bills.

5 Female Genital Mutilation Bill,—The Order for consideration of the Female Genital Mutilation Bill on Friday 4th July was read and discharged. Bill to be considered on Friday 11th July.

6 Aviation Health,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to place a responsibility on airlines for the health, welfare and well-being of their passengers; in that connection, to amend the Carriage by Air Act 1961; and for connected purposes: And that Mr John Smith, Mr Paul Tyler, Bob Spink, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr David Kidney, Dr Richard Taylor, Dr Ian Gibson, Dr Ashok Kumar, Mr David Hinchliffe and Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody do prepare and bring in it.

7 Aviation Health Bill,—Mr John Smith accordingly presented a Bill to place a responsibility on airlines for the health, welfare and well-being of their passengers; in that connection, to amend the Carriage by Air Act 1961; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 136].

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.

Road and Rail Transport,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that since 1997 the fastest expansion in rail services, carriage of freight and passenger numbers in a century, huge forward orders for rolling stock, the fall of fares in real terms and the arrival on time of 90 per cent. of trains, have been replaced by cutbacks in train services, the axing of rail freight grants, abandonment of targets for growth in passenger numbers, a decision to increase fares in real terms and the arrival of 80 per cent. of trains on time; recognises that Network Rail has, to date, delivered a substantially worse performance at vastly higher cost to the taxpayer than Railtrack, and promises only to return to 2000 levels of train punctuality by 2010, condemns the fact that an increase since 1997 of over £10 billion per annum in taxes on the motorist has not been accompanied by any significant upgrading of the national road network; and calls for fair treatment for passengers, motorists and taxpayers alike— (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 ‘welcomes the Government’s continuing commitment to investment of £180 billion through the Ten Year Transport Plan; applauds the decisive steps it has taken to set the country’s railway system on the way to recovery following the shambles it inherited from the last Government’s botched privatisation; recognises the balanced approach it has taken to maintaining and improving the trunk road network, taking account of wider environmental objectives; and notes achievements already evident in, for example, improved rolling stock for rail passengers, more reliable services for bus users, better maintenance of trunk roads for motorists and falling numbers of road accidents’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Darling.)

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, Angela Watkinson, Mr Mark Field: 151.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr John Heppell: 382.

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 continuing commitment to investment of £180 billion through the Ten Year Transport Plan; applauds the decisive steps it has taken to set the country’s railway system on the way to recovery following the shambles it inherited from the last Government’s botched privatisation; recognises the balanced approach it has taken to maintaining and improving the trunk road network, taking account of wider environmental objectives; and notes achievements already evident in, for example, improved rolling stock for rail passengers, more reliable services for bus users, better maintenance of trunk roads for motorists and falling numbers of road accidents.

Small Businesses.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House deplores the impact of Government policy on small and medium-sized enterprises; condemns the Government for increasing the burden of regulation, taxation and bureaucracy, for blurring the economic and social agenda and for wasting money on Government branding and quangos; and calls for fair treatment for small businesses to allow British enterprise to create jobs and wealth for the benefit of the whole community—(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 ‘agrees that small and medium-sized businesses are crucial to the prosperity of the nation and will be responsible for many of the new jobs and much of the future innovation in the economy, welcomes the steps that the Government has taken to make it easier than ever before for people to start their own business; acknowledges that the Government has created the economic conditions of macro-economic stability and low and stable interest rates in which small business can grow and prosper; believes that the Government has created a pro-enterprise tax environment; and applauds the Government for improving access to finance for small and medium-sized businesses, removing unnecessary regulations and providing world class business support’, instead thereof.—(Ms Secretary Hewitt.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Divisions which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Orders of the House [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]:

Defence.—That the draft Armed Forces (Review of Search and Seizure) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 28th April, be approved.

Ayes: 432.

Noes: 0.

So the Question was agreed to.
Immigration.—That the draft Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 (Juxtaposed Controls) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 5th June, be approved.

Ayes: 265.
Noes: 164.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 Opposition Day,—Small Businesses,—The Question again 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. The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Field, Mr John Randall: 190.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Charlotte Atkins: 343.

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, Charlotte Atkins, Margaret Moran: 323.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Mark Hoban: 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 agrees that small and medium-sized businesses are crucial to the prosperity of the nation and will be responsible for many of the new jobs and much of the future innovation in the economy, welcomes the steps that the Government has taken to make it easier than ever before for people to start their own business, acknowledges that the Government has created the economic conditions of macro-economic stability and low and stable interest rates in which small business can grow and prosper; believes that the Government has created a pro-enterprise tax environment, and applauds the Government for improving access to finance for small and medium-sized businesses, removing unnecessary regulations and providing world class business support.

11 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 [4th June], That this House takes note with approval of the Government’s assessment as set out in Budget 2003 for the purposes of section 5 of the European Communities (Amendment) Act 1993.—(Margaret Moran)—It was agreed to.

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Margaret Moran.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.56 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Urban Development,—Thurrock Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 2003, dated 23rd June 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—Education (Student Loans) (Amendment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1647), dated 24th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Other Papers:

3 Animal Health,—Annual Review of Controls on Imports of Animal Products, 2002-03 [by Command] [Cm. 5868] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
4 Audit (Northern Ireland).—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland on Encouraging Take-up of Benefits by Pensioners [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 737] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

5 Explosives.—Report of Her Majesty’s Inspectors of Explosives for Northern Ireland for 2002 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 784] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

6 House of Commons.—Report of the House of Commons Commission for 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 806] [The Speaker].

7 Public Petitions.—(1) Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on:
   (i) the Petition [5th June] from the West of Scotland Seniors Forum against local post office closures,
   (ii) the Petition [11th June] from residents of Pudsey constituency and others for restrictions on the sale and use of fireworks, and
   (iii) the Petition [12th June] from William Burkitt and others against the proposed closure of Park Road Post Office in Hastings,

   (2) Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [18th June] from residents of south east Essex and surrounding areas against proposals to build an airport at Chiffe [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

8 Public Works Loans.—Report of the Public Works Loan Board for 2002–03 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Hunting Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hall in place of Mr Colin Pickthall a member of the Programming Sub-Committee in respect of the Bill.

   (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: Ms Candy Atherton, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Ian Cawsey, Jane Griffiths, Mr John Horam, Mr Robert Key, Mr David Miliband, Dan Norris, Dr John Pugh, Jonathan Shaw, Alan Simpson, Mr Chris Smith, Paddy Tipping, Derek Twigg, Angela Watkinson and Mr Phil Willis.

3 Draft Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Charlotte Atkins from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Jim Fitzpatrick.

4 Food Supplements (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1387),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tony Banks, Mr Tony Colman and Kate Hoey from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Ross Cranston, Geraint Davies and John Mann.

5 Draft Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease Order 2003:
   (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 Nick Ainger, Tony Baldry, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr Colin Breed, Ms Karen Buck, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr David Heyes, Mr Calum MacDonald, Mr Khalid Mahmood, John Mann, Julie Morgan, Mr George Osborne, Mr Ian Taylor, Dr Rudi Vis, Mr Roger Williams and David Winnick.

6 Draft Community Care Plans (Disapplication) (England) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Love from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Jim Knight.

7 Draft Social Security (Jobcentre Plus Interviews for Partners) Regulations 2003:
   (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: John Austin, Mr Desmond Browne, Mr Paul Goodman, Kate Hoey, Paul Holmes, Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Peter Lilley, Mr John Lyons, Margaret Moran, Linda Perham, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Tom Watson and Steve Webb.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr David Atkinson, Mr Graham Brady, Mrs Angela Browning, Mr Chris Bryant, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr David Chaytor, Mrs Joan Humble, Alice Mahon, Judy Mallaber, Mr David Miliband, Dr John Pugh, Mr David Rendell, Llew Smith, Derek Twigg, Angela Watkinson and Mr Mike Wood.

9 Draft Immigration (Provision of Physical Data) Regulations 2003:

(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 Richard Allan, Colin Burgon, Mr Ronnie Campbell, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Mr Huw Edwards, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Adrian Flook, Mr Doug Henderson, Mr John Heppell, Simon Hughes, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Fiona Maclagan, Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Richard Page, Phil Sawford and Mr Andrew Tyrie.

10 Draft Official Secrets Act 1989 (Prescription) (Amendment) Order 2003:

(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: Janet Anderson, Norman Baker, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr David Crausby, Mr Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Neil Gerrard, Paul Goggins, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr John Heppell, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Michael Mates, Mr Mark Oaten, Mr John Randall, Mr John Smith and Mr Ian Taylor.

11 Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Sally Keeble, Mr Jim Marshall and Mr Gerry Steinberg from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Kevin Brennan, Jim Knight and Mr Bill Tyman.

12 Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1418):

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Peter Ainsworth, Mr Harold Best, Ms Hazel Blears, Mr Julian Brazier, Annette Brooke, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr George Foulkes, Mr Roger Godsiff, David Hamilton, Mr John Heppell, Mr George Howarth, Mr Andrew Mackay, Mr John Randall, Bob Russell, Clare Short and Dr Gavin Strang.

13 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2003:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Bercow, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Tom Clarke, Mr Tam Dalyell, Mr Peter Duncan, Annabelle Ewing, Mr Mark Hoban, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mrs Anne McGuire, Dr Lewis Mooney, Mr Jim Murphy, Dr Andrew Morrison, Anne Picking, Mr David Stewart, Tony Worthington and Mr James Wray.

14 Draft Land Registry Trading Fund (Extension and Amendment) Order 2003:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Graham Allen, Mr Kevin Barron, Mr John Barnett, Mr David Clelland, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr John Grogan, Mr Nick Hawkins, Ms Oona King, Mr David Lammy, Mr Alan Milburn, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Archie Norman, Bridget Prentice, Joan Walley, Mr David Wilshire and Richard Younger-Ross.

(1) The Speaker has allocated the Reports to the Fourteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Baron, Mr Paul Burstow, Mrs Patsy Calton, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Robin Cook, Mr Derek Foster, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Brian Jenkins, Jim Knight, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr Kevin McNamara, Mr Michael Portillo, Mr John Redwood, Joan Ryan, Mr Paul Stinchcombe and Mr Robert N. Wareing.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Hugh Bayley, Mr Graham Brady, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr James Clappison, Tom Cox, Jim Dowd, Mr Nick Gibb, Mr Michael Meacher, Mr David Miliband, Sandra Osborne, Mr Kerry Pollard, Dr John Pugh, Joan Ruddock, Derek Twigg, Angela Watkinson and Mr Phil Willis.

Northern Ireland Grand Committee

17 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—The Committee of Selection has nominated an additional Member to serve on the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, viz.: Mr Alistair Carmichael.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Seventh Report from the Defence Committee [Draft Civil Contingencies 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. 557]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Lessons of Iraq], to be printed [Nos. 695-vi and -vii]
[Mr Bruce George].

2 Environmental Audit,—(1) Sixth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Buying Time for Forests: Timber Trade and Public Procurement, The Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2001–02]; to be printed [No. 909]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Greening Government and Timber Procurement]; to be printed [No. 961-i]
[Mr John Horam].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Eleventh Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Rural Broadband], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Broadband in Rural Areas Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 587];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Alternative Uses for Crops: Biofuels], to be printed [No. 929-i]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Rural Broadband]
[Mr David Curry].

4 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. 63-xxviii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].


6 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Sessional Orders and Resolutions]; to be printed [No. 855-i] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].
7 Public Accounts,—(1) Thirty-eighth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Department of Trade and Industry: Regulation of Weights and Measures]; to be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 581];
(2) Thirty-ninth Report from the Committee [A Safer Place to Work: Protecting NHS Hospital and Ambulance Staff from Violence and Aggression]; to be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 641];
(3) Fortieth Report from the Committee [Improving Social Housing through Transfer]; to be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 590];
(4) Forty-first Report from the Committee [Modernising Procurement in the Prison Service]; to be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 676]; and
(5) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Sheep Annual Premium Scheme]; to be printed [No. 934-i]
[Mr Edward Leigh].

8 Trade and Industry,—(1) Tenth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [The Government Reply to the Committee’s Fifth Report, on the proposed British Electricity Trading and Transmission Arrangements], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 937]; and
(2) Eleventh Report from the Committee [People, Pensions and Post Offices: the impact of ‘Direct Payment’ on post offices and their customers], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 718]
[Mr Martin O’Neill].

9 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [The Work of the Driving Standards Agency and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency]; to be printed [No. 917-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Inland Revenue Departmental Report 2003 and other matters]; to be printed [No. 834-i] [Mr John McFall].

11 Welsh Affairs,—Fifth Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [Draft Public Audit (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. 763] [Mr Martyn Jones].

12 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Child Support Agency]; to be printed [No. 912-i] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 120; WH, No. 77.]

Wednesday 2nd July 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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—(Bridget Prentice),

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.  

[Adjourned at 4.37 p.m.]
[No. 121.]

Thursday 3rd July 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Hunting (re-committed) Bill,—Mr Peter Pike reported from Standing Committee F, That it had gone through the Hunting (re-committed) Bill, as amended on consideration, and made Amendments thereto. Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 140].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 942].

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Food Supplements (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003, No. 1387).

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

3 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Derek Conway reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Community Care Plans (Disapplication) (England) Order 2003.

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

4 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2003.

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

5 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes in Income) (Canada) Order 2003 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes in Income) (Mauritius) Order 2003.

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

6 Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr David Amess reported from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Greater London Authority Elections (Election Addresses) Order 2003.

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

7 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, That it had considered the draft Budget (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, referred to it on 19th June.

8 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 Lord have agreed to the Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lord have agreed to the Railways and Transport Safety Bill, with Amendments, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords agree to the Amendments made by this House to the Licensing Bill [Lords] in lieu of an Amendment made by this House to which the Lords have disagreed, they do not insist on their disagreement to an Amendment made by this House and do not insist on their Amendment in lieu of that Amendment, but propose an Amendment to the words so left out of the Bill, and they agree with the Amendments made by this House in lieu, with Amendments to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

9 Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 139].

10 Railways and Transport Safety Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Railways and Transport Safety Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 141].

11 Licensing Bill [Lords],—Lords Amendments to a Commons Amendment and Lords Amendment in lieu of words left out of the Bill by a Commons Amendment to the Licensing Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow, and to be printed [Bill 142].
12 National Minimum Wage (Amendment) Bill.—Mr Michael Connarty, supported by Jim Dobbin, John Robertson, Mr Dennis Skinner, Vera Baird, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Bill Tynan, Mr Jimmy Hood, Linda Gilroy, Mr Bob Blizzard and Angela Eagle, presented a Bill to amend the National Minimum Wage Act 1998 and the National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 to exclude tip gratuities from the calculation of wages and salaries; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 138].

13 Adjournment (Intelligence and Security Committee Annual Report 2002–03).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Jim Murphy);

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

14 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the residents of Chatham, Larkfield and Snodland against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions 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 John Heppell);

And the Motion having been made after Six 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 Seven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 6.31 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 International Immunities and Privileges,—Draft Vienna Document 1999 (Privileges and Immunities) Order 2003 [by Act]; with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

2 Northern Ireland,—Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2003 [by Act]; with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Food,—Cocoa and Chocolate Products (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1659), dated 25th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Other Papers:

4 Biological Standards,—Account of the National Biological Standards Board for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 927] [Clerk of the House].

5 House of Commons Members Fund,—Account of the House of Commons Members’ Fund for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 928] [Clerk of the House].

6 Immigration and Asylum,—Report and Accounts of the Office of the Immigration Services Commissioner for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 741] [Clerk of the House].

7 Pensions,—Report and Accounts of the Occupational Pensions Regulatory Authority for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 733] [Clerk of the House].

8 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [12th June] from residents of Harrow West against any further significant increase in the number of flights departing from or landing at RAF Northolt [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Mr Secretary Darling].

9 Science and Technology,—Accounts of the (1) Central Laboratory of the Research Councils for 2002–03, and

(2) Research Councils’ Pension Scheme for 2002–03, with Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 926 and 925] [Clerk of the House].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Asylum (Designated States) (No. 2) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr James Clappison, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Dominic Grieve and Mr Richard Page from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr John Randall, Mr Jonathan Sayeed and Mr Andrew Turner.


3 Food Supplements (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1387),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Cheryl Gillan and Mr William Hague from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Francois and Mr David Tredinnick.

4 Draft Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Heyes from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Mr John Hayes.

5 Draft Community Care Plans (Disapplication) (England) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Cheryl Gillan from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Francois.

6 Draft Social Security (Jobcentre Plus Interviews for Partners) Regulations 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.


8 Draft Immigration (Provision of Physical Data) Regulations 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Butterfill Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

9 Draft Official Secrets Act 1989 (Prescription) (Amendment) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

10 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Database Protection Agreement between the United Kingdom on behalf of the Isle of Man and the European Community) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

11 Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1418),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

12 Draft Insolvency Act 1986 (Amendment) (Administrative Receivership and Urban Regeneration etc.) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mr Win Griffiths; and
   (2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Millar from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Ian Stewart.

13 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr John Cummings Chairman of the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.
14 Draft Land Registry Trading Fund (Extension and Amendment) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien Chairman of the Thirteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

15 Education (Outturn Statements) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1153),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Fifteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

European Standing Committees

16 The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 7229/03 on Annual Policy Strategy for 2004 and Preliminary Draft Budget 2004.

17 The Speaker has appointed Mr John McWilliam Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 7115/03 on Programme for action on the three Major Communicable Diseases.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Foreign Affairs,—Ninth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [The Decision to go to War in Iraq]; together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 813] [Donald Anderson].

2 Health,—Seventh Report from the Health Committee [Patient and Public Involvement in the NHS]; with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 697] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

[No. 121; WH, No. 78.]

Thursday 3rd July 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Badgers and bovine TB—Seventh Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, Session 2002–03, and the Government’s response thereto),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Derek Twigg)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 8th July.

[Adjourned at 4.41 p.m.

[No. 122.]

Friday 4th July 2003.

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

1 The Speaker’s Absence,—The House being met, and the Speaker having leave of absence pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker), 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 Physical Punishment of Children (Prohibition) Bill,—Geraint Davies, supported by Ms Karen Buck, Ms Debra Shipley, Mr Harold Best, Mrs Janet Dean, Harry Cohen, Linda Perham, Mr Greg Pope and Jane Griffiths, presented a Bill to make provision about the physical punishment of children: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 143].
4 Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 4 were agreed to.

5 Dealing in Cultural Objects (Offences) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Dealing in Cultural Objects (Offences) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 11, after the word ‘of’, to insert the word ‘significant’.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 2) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

6 Legal Deposit Libraries Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Legal Deposit Libraries Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Exemption from liability: deposit of publications etc.)—(Chris Mole)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Exemption from liability: activities in relation to publications)—(Chris Mole)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Limitations on application)—(Mr Malcolm Moss)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 16 and 19) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 17) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 38, at the end, to insert the words—

(7A) Regulations under section 1(4) or 6 may not be made so as to apply to works published before the regulations are made.

(7B) Regulations under section 1(4) or 6 may not be made unless the Secretary of State considers that the costs likely to be incurred as a result of the regulations by persons who publish works to which the regulations relate are not disproportionate to the benefit to the public arising from the delivery of copies of such works.

(7C) Regulations under section 1(4), 6, 7 or (Exemption from liability: activities in relation to publications) (5) may not be made unless the Secretary of State considers that the regulations do not unreasonably prejudice the interests of persons who publish works to which the regulations relate.’.—(Chris Mole.)

Amendments ((a) and (b)) made to the proposed Amendment.

Amendment, as amended, made to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 18 and 20) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

7 Sustainable Energy Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Sustainable Energy Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Target for Electricity Generated from Renewable Sources)—(Mr Christopher Chope)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 7) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 2, to leave out from the word ‘household’ to the end of line 3 and insert the words ‘which needs to spend more than 10 per cent. of its income on fuel costs to heat its home to an adequate standard of warmth.

( ) In this section an adequate standard of warmth means 21°C in the living room and 18°C in other occupied rooms.’, instead thereof.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 3, at the end, to insert the words—

‘( ) For the purposes of this section “sustainable energy” is to be regarded as including nuclear power.’.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 7, at the end, to insert the words ‘in respect of residential accommodation and at least one energy efficiency aim in respect of office accommodation.’.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

8 High Hedges (No. 2) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the High Hedges (No. 2) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee;

And it being half-past Two o’clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the business.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Friday 11th July.

9 Emergency Broadcasting System Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Emergency Broadcasting System Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th July.

10 Telecommunications Masts (Railways) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Telecommunications Masts (Railways) Bill,

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th July.

11 Equality Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Equality Bill [Lords];

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th July.

12 Local Communities Sustainability Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Local Communities Sustainability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th July.

13 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th July.

14 Government Powers (Limitations) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Government Powers (Limitations) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 11th July.

15 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Gillian Merron);

And the Motion having been made after half-past Two o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then two minutes past Three o’clock, till Monday 7th July.

[Adjourned at 3.02 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Terms and Conditions of Employment.—Working Time (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1684), dated 3rd July 2003 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

2 Foreign Affairs.—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2002–03, on The Biological Weapons Green Paper [by Command] [Cm. 5857][Mr Secretary Straw].
3 Pensions.—Report and Accounts of the Pensions Compensation Board for the period from 6th April 2002 to 5th April 2003, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 843] [Clerk of the House].

4 Royal Armouries.—Report by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport of Contingent Liabilities under the Government Indemnity Scheme relating to the Royal Armouries [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

5 Treaty Series (No. 20, 2003).—Exchange of Notes, done at Abuja on 27th March 2003, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Nigeria Debt Agreement No. 4 (2000)) [by Command] [Cm. 5862] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Robert Syms from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations), and nominated in substitution Mr Mark Field.

2 Draft Insolvency Act 1986 (Amendment) (Administrative Receivership and Urban Regeneration etc.) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Henry Bellingham and Hugh Robertson from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Michael Fabricant and Mr Mark Field.

3 Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Scotland) Regulations 2003 and the draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Angela Watkinson from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr David Wilshire.

4 Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Database Protection Agreement between the United Kingdom on behalf of the Isle of Man and the European Community) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Robathan and Hugh Robertson from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Peter Bottomley and Mr John Horam.
The House met at half-past Two o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Selection,—Ordered, That Phil Hope be discharged from the Committee of Selection and Lawrie Quinn be added to the Committee.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth.)

2 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   The Lords have agreed to the Marine Safety Bill, without Amendment.

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Asylum (Designated States) (No. 2) Order 2003.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Miss Anne Begg reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations 2003.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Cran reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease (England and Wales) Order 2003.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

6 Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the Ninth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Database Protection Agreement Between the United Kingdom on behalf of the Isle of Man and the European Community) Order 2003.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

7 Opposition Day [13th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

   Government Targets,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes the abject failure of the Government to meet its targets for delivery on public services, believes the current public service agreement regime to be deeply flawed; is concerned in particular that the volume of targets and their rigid and centralised structure have stifled local initiative, diminished professional responsibility, distorted priorities and diverted time and attention away from the task of improving public services; regrets that the Government has used targets as a substitute for real reform; and calls on the Government to embrace the principles of professional autonomy, decentralisation, diversity and choice in the public services, in order to end its policy of taxing and spending and failing.—(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 Government’s record extra investment in health, education and Britain’s other vital public services; supports the Government’s agenda of linking this investment to public service reform through Public Service Agreements to build high quality public services for all; welcomes the attainment of economic stability, with low inflation, low interest rates, and low unemployment; believes that the achievement of this platform of stability has made record extra investment in public services possible; supports the Government’s determination to do nothing to put this stability at risk; believes that after years of neglect between 1979 and 1997 it is even more important to invest in our public services and that to fail to invest in health, education, and other vital public services would be deeply damaging; and supports this Government’s resistance to any attempt at this time of global economic uncertainty to cut public spending’; instead thereof.—(Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer.)

   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 John Randall, Mr Mark Francois: 178.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Bridget Prentice: 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 welcomes the Government’s record extra investment in health, education and Britain’s other vital public services; supports the Government’s agenda of linking this investment to public service reform through Public Service Agreements to build high quality public services for all; welcomes the attainment of economic stability, with low inflation, low interest rates, and low unemployment; believes that the achievement of this platform of stability has made record extra investment in public services possible; supports the Government’s determination to do nothing to put this stability at risk, believes that after years of neglect between 1979 and 1997 it is even more important to invest in our public services and that to fail to invest in health, education, and other vital public services would be deeply damaging; and supports this Government’s resistance to any attempt at this time of global economic uncertainty to cut public spending.

Tax Credits Scheme.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House condemns the Government for failing to pay the new tax credits on time to millions of entitled families, including those who applied before the January deadline; is concerned that many families are still waiting to receive the money they are owed; regrets the serious financial difficulties suffered by many of these families; condemns the clumsy arrangements for paying overdue tax credits; calls on ministers to explain why the Inland Revenue computer system has proved so unreliable; shares the widespread concern that take-up of the new tax credits is likely to be low; regrets the quality of information available on the new tax credits; and calls on the Government to set up a system of emergency Social Fund loans to people who are still waiting for the correct tax credit payment—(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 ‘notes that the introduction of the Child Tax Credit is the biggest single change in support for families since the Beveridge reforms of the 1940s, and a more radical change than the introduction of Child Benefit 25 years ago; notes that the new tax credits represent the biggest ever investment in families with children, with no government ever having spent so much on children and families; welcomes the fact that 90 per cent. of families with children are eligible for the Child Tax Credit; further welcomes the fact that tax credits are now being paid to 4.2 million families; notes that in addition 1.3 million families with children on Income Support and Jobseekers’ Allowance are already benefiting from the increased level of support through their benefits; welcomes the fact that 5.5 million families are therefore now benefiting from tax credits, with more and more being paid every week; and believes that these figures belie the persistent criticism that people would not claim, and that those who said that families would not apply for the new tax credits, and that take up would be low, have been proved wrong’ instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary 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 John Randall, Mr Mark Francois: 186.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Vernon Coaker: 329.

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 Vernon Coaker: 325.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr John Randall: 179.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House notes that the introduction of the Child Tax Credit is the biggest single change in support for families since the Beveridge reforms of the 1940s, and a more radical change than the introduction of Child Benefit 25 years ago; notes that the new tax credits represent the biggest ever investment in families with children, with no government ever having spent so much on children and families; welcomes the fact that 90 per cent of families with children are eligible for the Child Tax Credit; further welcomes the fact that tax credits are now being paid to 4.2 million families; notes that in addition 1.3 million families with children on Income Support and Jobseekers’ Allowance are already benefiting from the increased level of support through their benefits; welcomes the fact that 5.5 million families are therefore now benefiting from tax credits, with more and more being paid every week; and believes that these figures belie the persistent criticism that people would not claim, and that those who said that families would not apply for the new tax credits, and that take-up would be low, have been proved wrong.

8 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 (Modification of Standard Conditions of Licences) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.

9 Contracting Out,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Contracting Out (Function in relation to the Management of Crown Lands) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 11th June, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.

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 (Finance) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1568), dated 16th June 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th June, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy)—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 2003, which were laid before this House on 13th June, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.

12 Community Care,—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 Care Plans (Disapplication) (England) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.

13 Additives in Animal Nutrition,—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. 7505/02, draft Regulation on additives for use in animal nutrition; and supports the Government’s view that the measure will enhance the protection of consumers of livestock products and rationalise authorisation procedures—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.

14 Adjournment (Summer),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 25 (Periodic adjournments), That this House, at its rising on Thursday 17th July, do adjourn till Monday 8th September—(Mr Jim Murphy)—It was agreed to.

15 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Ordered, That Dr John Reid and Caroline Flint be discharged from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons and Peter Ham and Martin Linton be added.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)
16 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Mrs Stella Lilley, Mr Edward McCabe, Mr Francis McFadyen and others against the proposed broadcasting of the television programme, ‘Popetown’ by the BBC was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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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 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 five minutes past Eleven o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.05 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—Draft Partnerships etc. (Removal of Twenty Member Limit) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Disabled Persons,—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Ffestiniog Railway Company Vehicle Number 122) Exemption Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1687), dated 3rd July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

3 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1690), dated 4th July [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

4 Broadcasting,—Account of the Broadcasting Standards Commission for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 944] [Clerk of the House].

5 Courts and Legal Services,—(1) Report and Summary Financial Statement of the Legal Services Ombudsman for 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 791] and

(2) Accounts of the Legal Services Ombudsman for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]

[David Lammy].

6 Criminal Appeal,—Report of the Criminal Cases Review Commission for 2002–03 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

7 Electoral Law (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Chief Electoral Officer for Northern Ireland for 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 795] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

8 Further and Higher Education,—Account of the Higher Education Funding Council for England for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 943] [Clerk of the House].

9 Health,—Government Response to the Second Report from the Health Committee, Session 2002–03, on NHS Foundation Trusts [by Command] [Cm. 5876] [Mr Secretary Reid].

10 Merchant Shipping,—Report by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency of prosecutions and intervention under sections 131 and 137 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1995 during the period 1st January to 31st December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

11 Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of the Special EU Programmes Body for Northern Ireland for 2001 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Murphy].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committee

1 Draft Asylum (Designated States) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Derek Foster and Mr Graham Stringer from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Tony Clarke and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

2 Draft Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Borrow, Helen Jones and Mr Paul Truswell from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Harry Barnes, Roger Casale and Dr Nick Palmer.

3 Draft Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease (England and Wales) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Tony Baldry, Dr Ian Gibson and Julie Morgan from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown, Mr James Plaskitt and Andrew Selous.

4 Draft Social Security (Jobcentre Plus Interviews for Partners) Regulations 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Austin, Mr Paul Goodman, Kate Hoey, Linda Perham, Mr Brian Sedgemore and Mr Tom Watson from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Valerie Davey, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Michael Jabez Foster, Patrick Hall, Mr Oliver Heald and Kali Mountford.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: Teacher Retention]; to be printed [No. 714-v] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 International Development,—Seventh Report from the International Development Committee [Trade and Development at the WTO: Issues for Cancun], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 400-I and -II] [Tony Baldry].

3 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Ministerial Powers and the Prerogative]; to be printed [No. 642-v] [Tony Wright].

4 Science and Technology,—(1) Fifth Report from the Science and Technology Committee [The Work of the Natural Environment Research 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. 674]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Work of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council]; to be printed [No. 936-i] [Dr Ian Gibson].

5 Welsh Affairs,—Memorandum laid before the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, on The Primary Legislative Process as it affects Wales] [Mr Martyn Jones].
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Mersey Tunnels Bill.

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Tuesday 15th July.

2 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:

Hereford Markets Bill [Lords].

Bill to be read a second time.

3 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Social Security (Jobcentre Plus Interviews for Partners) Regulations 2003.

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


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5 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Butterfill reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Immigration (Provision of Physical Data) Regulations 2003.

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

6 Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Official Secrets Act 1989 (Prescription) (Amendment) Order 2003.

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

7 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Mr John McWilliam reported from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee, That it had considered the proposal for a draft Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2003; referred to it on 23rd June.

8 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 5th June relating to the Preliminary Draft General Budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, and European Union Document No. 7229/03, Commission Communication on the Annual Policy Strategy for 2004; and supports the Government’s efforts to maintain budget discipline in the Community.

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

9 House of Lords (Exclusion of Hereditary Peers).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to repeal section 2 of the House of Lords Act 1999—(Mr David Winnick).

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, Kevin Brennan, Ian Lucas: 171.

Tellers for the Noes, Eric Joyce, John Robertson: 73.

So the Question was agreed to.

Ordered, That Mr David Winnick, Angela Eagle, John Cryer, Andrew Mackinlay, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Mr John Battle, Ms Candy Atherton, Rob Marris, Alice Mahon, Ian Lucas and Mr John Smith do prepare and bring in the Bill.
10 House of Lords (Exclusion of Hereditary Peers) Bill.—Mr David Winnick accordingly presented a Bill to repeal section 2 of the House of Lords Act 1999: And the same was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 144].

11 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—

(a) the matter of the Draft Public Audit (Wales) Bill be referred to the Welsh Grand Committee for its consideration;
(b) the Committee shall meet at Westminster on Tuesday 15th July at five minutes to Nine o’clock to consider the matter of the Draft Public Audit (Wales) Bill under Standing Order No. 107 (Welsh Grand Committee (matters relating exclusively to Wales))—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

12 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That—

(1) Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Programme Order of 7th May 2003 relating to the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill shall be omitted.
(2) Proceedings on consideration shall be taken in the order shown in the following table, 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) Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion 8 hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for that Order—(Mr John Hutton).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Nick Ainger: 314.

Tellers for the Noes, Paul Clark, Mr Fraser Kemp: 286.

The Question was agreed to.

13 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 164) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 4, to leave out Clause No. 1.—(Mr David Hinchliffe.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr George Stevenson, Angela Eagle: 251.

Tellers for the Noes, Paul Clark, Mr Fraser Kemp: 286.
It being more than three and a quarter hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill (Programme) (No. 2), the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Questions on an Amendment and a new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate Division.

Another Amendment (No. 96) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 12, after the word 'Foundation', to insert the words 'and Community'.—(Mr Andrew Lansley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Mark Hoban: 194.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Derek Twigg: 339.

A Clause (Foundation patients' fora)—(Mr Paul Barston)—brought up.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Annette Brooke, Sir Robert Smith: 194.

Tellers for the Noes, Derek Twigg, Mr Fraser Kemp: 340.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on the Amendments, new Clauses and a new Schedule moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Amendments (Nos. 245, 233, 355, 356, 246 to 251 and 357) made to the Bill.

A Clause (Audit)—(Mr John Hutton)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Mergers)—(Mr John Hutton)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Section (Mergers); supplementary)—(Mr John Hutton)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Representative membership)—(Mr John Hutton)—brought up and added to the Bill.

A Schedule (Audit of accounts of NHS foundation trusts)—(Mr John Hutton)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 253 to 260, 261 to 263, 242 to 244, 234, 264 to 266, 358 and 267) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Complaints about health care)—(Dr Stephen Ladyman)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Complaints about social services)—(Dr Stephen Ladyman)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Complaints regulations; supplementary)—(Dr Stephen Ladyman)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Representations relating to special guardianship support services)—(Dr Stephen Ladyman)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Joint annual reviews)—(Dr Stephen Ladyman)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being four and three quarter hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill (Programme) (No. 2), the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.—It was agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on a new Clause selected by the Speaker for separate Division.

Another Clause (Duty of the CHAI to prepare standards guidance relating to health care)—(Chris Grayling)—brought up.

Question put, That the Clause be added to the Bill.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr George Osborne, Mr John Randall: 189.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Derek Twigg: 344.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question on the Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 359 to 386, 301 to 310, 387 to 394, 311, 395, 396, 312 and 316 to 318) made to the Bill.
Another Clause (Provision of primary medical services)—(Mr John Hutton)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being six and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill (Programme) (No. 2), the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was agreed to.

Clause added to the Bill.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Questions on the remaining new Clauses and Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Another Clause (General medical services contracts)—(Mr John Hutton)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (General medical services: transitional)—(Mr John Hutton)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Abolition of pilot schemes)—(Mr John Hutton)—brought up and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 270 to 299) made to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 235 to 237, 252, 268, 269 and 238 to 241) made to the Bill.

It being seven hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill (Programme) (No. 2), the Deputy Speaker put the Questions on the remaining new Clause and Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Another Clause (Replacement of the Welfare Food Schemes: Northern Ireland)—(Jim Fitzpatrick)—brought up, and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 313 to 315, 231, 232, 319 and 300) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr Secretary Reid, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her Consent, as far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

Mr Secretary Reid, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being proposed;

And it being eight hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill (Programme) (No. 2), the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Order [this day].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Charlotte Atkins, Paul Clark: 306.

Tellers for the Noes, Tom Brake, Sir Robert Smith: 57.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

14 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, proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments to the Railways and Transport Safety Bill and the Licensing Bill [Lords] may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr John Heppell)—It was agreed to.

15 Railways and Transport Safety Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That the following provisions shall apply to the Railways and Transport Safety Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 28th January 2003—

Consideration of Lords Message

1. Proceedings on consideration of the Lords Message shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.
Subsequent stages

2. Any further message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question put.

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—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.

16 Railways and Transport Safety Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Railways and Transport Safety Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 9 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 10 was disagreed to.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 10 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 11 and 12 were agreed to.

17 Licensing Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message [3rd July] relating to the Licensing Bill [Lords].

Lords Amendments Nos. 62C to 62H and 62J to Commons Amendment No. 62B were agreed to.

It being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on consideration of the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [24th June] put the Question remaining to be disposed of at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 62L in lieu of words left out of the Bill by Commons Amendment No. 62 was agreed to.

18 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) (Canada) Order 2003 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 18th June—(Jim Fitzpatrick).—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.

19 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) (Mauritius) Order 2003 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 18th June—(Jim Fitzpatrick).—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.

20 London Government.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 115 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (delegated legislation)), That the draft Budget (No. 2) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 17th June, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick).—It was agreed to.

21 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 115 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (delegated legislation)), That the draft Greater London Authority Elections (Election Addresses) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 18th June, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick).—It was agreed to.

22 Animals.—Ordered, That the Animal By-Products Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1482) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

23 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Mr Kevin Preen, Mrs Wendy Preece and others for a review of social care funding was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

24 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 minutes to Twelve o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 11.40 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Dangerous Drugs,—Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1653), dated 26th June 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Education,—(1) Education (School Teachers' Qualifications) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1662),
(2) Education (Specified Work and Registration) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1663), and
dated 2nd July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

3 Environmental Protection,—Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1699), dated 6th July 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

4 Road Traffic,—(1) International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1693), dated 4th July 2003; and
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

5 Transport,—(1) Merseyrail Electrics Network Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1696), and
(2) Railways (Rail Passengers' Council and Rail Passengers' Committees) (Exemptions) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1695),
dated 7th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

6 Care Standards,—Account of the General Social Care Council for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 952] [Clerk of the House].

7 Coal Industry,—Account of the Coal Authority for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 953] [Clerk of the House].

8 Crown Estate,—(1) Account of the Crown Estate Commissioners for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 945], and
[Clerk of the House].

9 Environmental Protection,—Report of English Nature for 2002–03 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

10 Foreign and Commonwealth,—Paper, entitled A Draft Constitution for the European Union [by Command] [Cm. 5872] [Mr Secretary Straw].

11 National Audit,—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on The Office of Telecommunications: Helping consumers benefit from competition in the telecommunications market [by Act], to be printed [No. 768] [Clerk of the House].


13 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister,—Government’s Response to the Seventh Report of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2002–03, on The Effectiveness of Government Regeneration Initiatives [by Command] [Cm. 5865] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

14 Parliamentary Commissioner,—Fifth Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Session 2002–03: Annual Report 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 847] [Clerk of the House].
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15 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petition [25th June] from residents of Watchet, Somerset, for amendment of the plans for housing development on Severn Terrace Fields [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

16 Race Relations,—Report of the Independent Race Monitor for 2002-03 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

17 Sex Discrimination,—Draft Code of Practice on Equal Pay [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

18 Transport,—Report and Accounts of British Waterways for 2002-03 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Scotland) Regulations 2003 and the draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Pete Wishart from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Annabelle Ewing.

2 Education (School Organisation Proposals) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1229) and the Education (School Organisation Plans) (England) (Amendment) Regulations (S.I., 2003, No. 1201),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Chaytor and Llew Smith from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Graham Stringer and Mr Dave Watts.

3 Draft Official Secrets Act 1989 (Prescription) (Amendment) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Janet Anderson, Mr David Crausby and Siobhain McDonagh from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Bob Blizzard, Sandra Osborne and Dr Nick Palmer.

4 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Annabelle Ewing from the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Pete Wishart.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Cultural Objects]; to be printed [No. 950-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Work of the Police Standards Unit]; to be printed [No. 963-i] [David Winnick].

3 Liaison,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Liaison Committee [The Prime Minister]; to be printed [No. 334-i] [Mr Alan Williams].

4 Lord Chancellor’s Department,—Memorandum laid before the Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department [The Lord Chancellor’s Departments Departmental Report 2002–03]; to be printed [No. 971-i] [Mr A. J. Beith].

5 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee [The Draft Housing Bill]; to be printed [No. 751-i] [Andrew Bennett].

6 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Sessional Orders and Resolutions]; to be printed [No. 855-i] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].

7 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-fifth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xxv] [Mr David Tredinnick].

8 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Nuclear Sites and Radioactive Substances Bill]; to be printed [No. 968-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

9 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Leadership and Regulation in the Rail Industry?]; to be printed [No. 875-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4.19 p.m.]

[No. 125.]

Wednesday 9th July 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Scotland) Regulations 2003 and the draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003.

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

2 Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1418).

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

3 Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr John Cummings reported from the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers Etc.) (No. 2) Order 2003.

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

4 European Standing Committee A,—Miss Anne Begg reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 15829/02, draft Council Regulation establishing a system for the identification and registration of ovine and caprine animals and amending Regulation (EEC) No. 3508/92; and supports the Government’s view that this proposal does not take account of the way in which the United Kingdom sheep and goat industry operates, nor of the enhanced system of identification and traceability already in place in the UK, which is sufficient for animal health disease control purposes until an economical and affordable electronic identification system is available.

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 Communications Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Sunday Working (Scotland) Bill and the Aviation (Offences) Bill, without Amendment.

6 Communications Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Communications Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 146].

7 Local Government Procurement,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a national approved list of organisations that have the capability to perform local authority contracts under Best Value guidance; to make provision for companies to qualify for the approved list; to issue companies with a Certificate of Registration valid for every local authority if they meet the criteria set; to make provision to make the approved list of registered companies available to every local authority; and for connected purposes: And that Tony Baldry, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr John Bercow, Mr Andrew Lansley, Mr Edward Leigh, Mr John Maples and Mr Francis Maude do prepare and bring it in.
8 Local Government Procurement Bill.—Tony Baldry accordingly presented a Bill to establish a national approved list of organisations that have the capability to perform local authority contracts under Best Value guidance; to make provision for companies to qualify for the approved list; to issue companies with a Certificate of Registration valid for every local authority if they meet the criteria set; to make provision to make the approved list of registered companies available to every local authority; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 11th July and to be printed [Bill 145].

9 Convention on the Future of Europe (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that the draft Constitutional Treaty produced by the Convention on the Future of Europe is a good basis for starting in the Intergovernmental Conference; agrees that the procedures of an enlarged European Union require reform, and welcomes the commitment of the Convention to a Union which respects the national identities of its Member States and which has only those powers explicitly conferred on it by them; congratulates the UK parliamentary, government and European Parliament representatives on the Convention for their contributions, and notes the valuable work of the relevant parliamentary committees of both Houses; notes the Government’s decision to table a Command Paper Parts I, II and IV; recalls that decisions on what is included in any forthcoming Treaty will be made by unanimity by the elected governments of all EU member states; and reaffirms Parliament’s role in scrutinising and approving legislation required to give effect to any future Treaty’s provisions—(Mr Secretary Straw).

An Amendment (bii) 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 draft Constitutional Treaty produced by the Convention on the Future of Europe; and believes that no constitutional European Treaty agreed by the Intergovernmental Conference should be ratified without a referendum’, instead thereof.—(Mr Michael Ancram.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Mark Field: 205.

Tellers for the Noes, Charlotte Atkins, Margaret Moran: 315.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Charlotte Atkins, Margaret Moran: 359.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr George Osborne: 164.

So the Question was agreed to.

Resolved, That this House believes that the draft Constitutional Treaty produced by the Convention on the Future of Europe is a good basis for starting in the Intergovernmental Conference; agrees that the procedures of an enlarged European Union require reform, and welcomes the commitment of the Convention to a Union which respects the national identities of its Member States and which has only those powers explicitly conferred on it by them; congratulates the UK parliamentary, government and European Parliament representatives on the Convention for their contributions, and notes the valuable work of the relevant parliamentary committees of both Houses; notes the Government’s decision to table a Command Paper Parts I, II and IV; recalls that decisions on what is included in any forthcoming Treaty will be made by unanimity by the elected governments of all EU member states; and reaffirms Parliament’s role in scrutinising and approving legislation required to give effect to any future Treaty’s provisions.

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, proceedings on the Hunting (Re-committed) Bill may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Gillian Merron):—It was agreed to.

11 Hunting (Re-committed) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Hunting (Re-committed) Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Compensation)—(Mr James Gray)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time;

And it being two hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Orders [16th December 2002 and 1st July].
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Hugo Swire, Gregory Barker: 145.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Vernon Coaker: 282.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Mr Alun Michael, 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 Alun Michael, by Command of the Prince of Wales, acquainted the House, That His Royal Highness, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives his Consent, as far as the Prince of Wales's interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

And the Question being proposed;

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Third Reading of the Bill, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Orders [16th December 2002 and 1st July].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr John Heppell: 317.

Tellers for the Noes, Gregory Barker, Mr Hugo Swire: 145.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed.

12 Merchant Shipping.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Merchant Shipping and Fishing Vessels (Port Waste Reception Facilities) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Paul Clark).—It was agreed to.

13 European Communities.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Database Protection Agreement between the United Kingdom on behalf of the Isle of Man and the European Community) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 9th June, be approved—(Paul Clark).—It was agreed to.

14 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 Avian Influenza and Newcastle Disease (England and Wales) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 25th June, be approved—(Paul Clark).—It was agreed to.

15 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the constituents of Angus for an end to the imbalance in international trade was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

16 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Paul Clark.)

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

[Adjourned at 11.28 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Disabled Persons,—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (South West Trams Class 444 and Class 450 Vehicles) Exemption Order 2003 (S.1., 2003, No. 1704), dated 7th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Medicines,—Unlicensed Medicinal Products for Human Use (Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies) (Safety) Regulations 2003 (S. I., 2003, No. 1680), dated 2nd July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Other Papers:

3 Air Force (Constitution).—(1) Amendment List 8 to Air Publication 1269—The Royal Air Force Manual of Medical Management and Administration, and

(2) Amendment to the Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

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4 Children,—Report for 2002 by the Secretary of State for Education and Skills on the Children Act 1989 pursuant to section 83 of that Act [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

5 Education and Skills,—Paper, entitled 21st Century Skills: Realising Our Potential: Individuals, Employers, Nation [by Command] [Cm. 5810] [Mr Secretary Clarke].


7 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of HM Land Registry for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 891] [Clerk of the House].


9 Prisons,—Report of the Prisons and Probation Ombudsman for England and Wales for 2002–03 [by Command] [Cm. 5851] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

10 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2002–03 [by Command] [Cm. 5823] [John Healey].

11 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [18th June] from residents of Sutton Close, Felpham, Bognor Regis for the erection of a no-entry sign at the entrance to Sutton Close restricting access to residents and tradesmen only [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

12 Social Security,—Report by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Social Fund for 2002–03 [by Command] [Cm. 5807] [Mr Secretary Smith].

13 Treaty Series (No. 21, 2003),—Convention, done at London on 4th July 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of South Africa for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital Gains with Exchange of Notes [by Command] [Cm. 5871] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (Scotland) Regulations 2003 and the draft Representation of the People (Form of Canvass) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Robertson from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Terry Rooney.

2 Police Act 1997 (Criminal Records) (Amendments No. 4) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1418),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Hazel Blears, Clare Short and Dr Gavin Strang from the Tenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown, Mr Michael Foster and Paul Goggins.

3 Draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr David Stewart and Mr James Wray from the Twelfth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution David Cairns, Mr Tom Harris and Mr Eric Joyce.

4 Special Grant Report (No. 125) (House of Commons Paper No. 776) on the Preserved Rights Grant for 2003–09, the Special Grant Report (No. 124) (House of Commons Paper No. 777) on the Delayed Discharges Grant Report for 2003–04 and the Special Grant Report (No. 123) (House of Commons Paper No. 778) on the Social Services (High Performers No. 2) Grant for 2003–04,—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Baron from the Fourteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Reports); and nominated in substitution Mr Tim Loughton.

5 Education (Outturn Statements) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1153),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Michael Meacher and Joan Ruddock from the Fifteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Bob Laxton and Mrs Lorna Fitzsimons.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence.—(1) Eighth Report from the Defence Committee [Defence Procurement], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 694] [Gerald Howarth];

(2) Third Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on A New Chapter to the Strategic Defence Review] to be printed [No. 975] [Mr Gerald Howarth]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Lessons of Iraq]; to be printed [No. 695-viii] [Mr Syd Rapson].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: Teacher Retention]; to be printed [No. 714-vi] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit,—(1) Seventh Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [The Export Credits Guarantee Department and Sustainable Development], together with an Appendix to the Minute of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 689]; and

(2) Eighth Report from the Committee [The Energy White Paper: Empowering Change?] together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 618] [Mr John Horam].

4 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Illegal Drugs Trade and Drug Culture in Northern Ireland]; to be printed [No. 353-viii] [Mr Michael Mates].

5 Standards and Privileges,—Fourth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaints against Mr Henry McLeish], together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 946] [Sir George Young].

6 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [The use of retentions in the construction industry: the Government reply to the Committee’s Second Report]; to be printed [No. 976-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

7 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Transparency of Credit Card Charges]; to be printed [No. 962-ii] [Mr John McFall].

8 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Jobcentre plus]; to be printed [No. 913-i] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 125; WH, No. 80.]

Wednesday 9th July 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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—(Derek Twigg);

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Nottingham City Council Bill [Lords].—The Nottingham City Council Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

2 Courts Bill [Lords].—Mr Bill O'Brien reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Courts Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereto.
   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 147].
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 985].

3 Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Alan Hurst reported from the Eleventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Insolvency Act 1986 (Amendment) (Administrative Receivership and Urban Regeneration etc.) Order 2003.
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

4 Fifteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Fifteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Education (Outturn Statements) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1153).
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 Message from the Lords,—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Railways and Transport Safety Bill, to which this House has disagreed, and agree with the Amendment proposed by this House in lieu thereof.

6 Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill [Lords].—The Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 148].

7 Adjournment (Economic and Monetary Union).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Mr Vernon Coaker);

8 Royal Assent.—The Deputy Speaker notified the House, in accordance with the Royal Assent Act 1967, That Her Majesty had signified her Royal Assent to the following Acts, agreed upon by both Houses, and to the following Measure passed under the provisions of the Church of England (Powers) Act 1919:
   Appropriation Act 2003
   Finance Act 2003
   Co-operatives and Community Benefit Societies Act 2003
   Marine Safety Act 2003
   Licensing Act 2003
   Sunday Working (Scotland) Act 2003
   Aviation (Offences) Act 2003
   Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003
   Nottingham City Council Act 2003
   Clergy Discipline Measure 2003.

9 Adjournment (Economic and Monetary Union).—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;
   And it being Six o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

10 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting the Motion in the name of the Prime Minister may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Seven o’clock—(Charlotte Atkins).—It was agreed to.

11 Adjournment (Economic and Monetary Union).—The Question being again proposed, That this House do now adjourn;
   And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.
12 Draft Mental Incapacity Bill (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 13th June relating to a Joint Committee of both Houses to consider and report on any draft Mental Incapacity Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown be now considered.

That this House concurs with the Lords that it is expedient that a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to consider and report on any draft Mental Incapacity Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown, and proposes that the Committee should report on the draft Bill by the end of November 2003.

That a Select Committee of eight honourable Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider any draft Mental Incapacity 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 Mr John Bercow, Mrs Angela Browning, Mr Paul Burstow, Jim Dowd, Stephen Hesford, Mrs Joan Humble, Huw Irranca-Davies and Laura Moffatt be members of the Committee—(Charlotte Atkins.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

13 Draft Civil Contingencies Bill (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 13th June relating to a Joint Committee of both Houses to consider and report on any draft Civil Contingencies Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown be now considered.

That this House concurs with the Lords that it is expedient that a Joint Committee of Lords and Commons be appointed to consider and report on any draft Civil Contingencies Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown, and proposes that the Committee should report on the draft Bill by the end of November 2003.

That a Select Committee of eleven honourable Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider any draft Civil Contingencies 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 Mr Richard Allan, Mr Adrian Bailey, David Cairns, Mr James Clappison, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Elyn Llwyd, Patrick Mercer, Chris Mole, Dr Lewis Moone, Kali Mountford and David Wright be members of the Committee—(Charlotte Atkins.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

14 Draft Gambling Bill (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 2nd July relating to a Joint Committee of both Houses to consider and report on any Clauses of a draft Gambling 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 eight honourable Members be appointed to join with the Committee appointed by the Lords to consider any clauses of a draft Gambling 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 Janet Anderson, Mr Tony Banks, Jeff Ennis, Mr John Greenway, Mr Alan Meale, Mr Richard Page, Dr John Pugh and Mr Anthony D. Wright be members of the Committee—(Charlotte Atkins.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.
15 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) pupils, teachers and helpers of Wentworth High School, Eccles, for justice in international trade,
(2) West Herts College Student Union and residents and parents of Hemel Hempstead for the maintenance of the current provision of courses at the Dacorum Campus of West Herts College at Hemel Hempstead, and
(3) residents of Humberstone Village, Leicester, against the closure of Humberstone Post Office
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

16 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
(1) customers of Paydens Pharmacists of Cheriton High Street, Kent, and
(2) customers of Taylors Pharmacists of Cheriton High Street, Kent, against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions were presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

17 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.— (Mr Jim Murphy.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Aviation Security,—Draft Policing of Airports (Belfast City) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education,—(1) Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1708), and
(2) Education (School Teachers’ Prescribed Qualifications, etc.) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1709), dated 10th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

3 Food,—Food (Brazil Nuts) (Emergency Control) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1722), dated 10th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].


5 Immigration,—(1) Immigration (Leave to Remain) (Fees) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1711), and
(2) Immigration (Leave to Remain) (Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1712), dated 9th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

6 Access to Justice,—(1) Corporate Plan of the Legal Services Commission for 2003-04 [by Act], and
(2) Report and Financial Statements of the Legal Services Commission for 2002-03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 743] [Mr David Lammy].

7 Chemical Weapons,—Report for 2002 by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the operation of the Chemical Weapons Act 1996 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

8 Environmental Protection,—Report and Financial Statements of the Joint Nature Conservation Committee for 2002-03 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

9 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Reports and Accounts of the Army Personnel Centre for 2002-03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 872] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
10 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) Ordnance Survey, and

(2) the United Kingdom Hydrographic Office

for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 734 and 881] [Clerk of the House].

11 Industrial Training,—Report and Financial Statements of the Construction Industry Training Board for 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

12 Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petitions [19th June] [two Petitions] from residents of Wimbledon; and residents of Chesham and Amersham; [23rd June] [one Petition] from residents of Wilmslow, Nether Alderley, Northwick, Barnton, Alderley Edge and the surrounding areas; [24th June] [one Petition] from residents of Pudsey constituency and others; and [25th June] [one Petition] from customers of pharmacies in Petts Wood, Biggin Hill, Crofton Road and St Paul’s Cray against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

13 Science and Technology,—Report and Accounts of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 803] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2003:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order 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: Peter Bottomley, Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr David Crausby, Lady Hermon, Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Kevan Jones, Jane Kennedy, Andy King, Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr John Taylor, Mr Michael Trend, Angela Wallinsson and Dr Alan Whitehead.

2 Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2003:

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Charlotte Atkins, Gregory Barker, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Roger Berry, Ms Karen Buck, Dr Vincent Cable, Brian Cotter, Mr David Drew, Mr Mark Field, Dr Ian Gibson, Nigel Griffiths, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr David Kidney, Mr Andrew Love, Richard Ottaway and Mr Siôn Simon.


(1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations 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: Mr Nick Ainger, John Austin, Virginia Bottomley, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Jon Cruddas, Andrew George, Mr John Hayes, Mr Robert Jackson, Mr Ian Luke, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr George Osborne, Dr Nick Palmer, John Robertson, Ms Debra Shipley, Dr Gavin Strang and Mr Roger Williams.

4 Special Grant Report (No. 125) (House of Commons Paper No. 776) on the Preserved Rights Grant for 2003–04, Special Grant Report (No. 124) (House of Commons Paper No. 777) on the Delayed Discharges Grant for 2003–04 and Special Grant Report (No. 123) (House of Commons Paper No. 778) on the Social Services (High Performers No. 2) Grant for 2003–04.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Fourteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Reports.
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Grand Committees

5 The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman of the Welsh Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Tuesday 15 July.

European Standing Committees

6 The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 7623/03 on Implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy.

7 The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 9081/03 on Recovery of Cod Stocks.

8 European Union Document No. 8566/03 relating to maritime transport security, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

9 European Union Document No. 10509/03, relating to Compliance with Common Fisheries Policy, has been referred to European Standing Committee A, together with European Union Document No. 7623/03 relating to the Implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), already referred to the Committee on 7th May.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 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. 63-xxix][Mr Michael Connarty].

2 Health,—(1) Eighth Report from the Health Committee [Inequalities in Access to Maternity Services], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 696];

(2) Ninth Report from the Committee [Choice in Maternity Services], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 796]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Inequalities in Access to Maternity Services; Choice in Maternity Services][Mr David Hinchliffe].

3 Public Administration,—Fifth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [On Target? Government by Measurement], together with the Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 62-I and -II][Tony Wright].

4 Transport,—(1) Sixth Report from the Transport Committee [Aviation], 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. 454-I and -II]; and

(2) Memorandum laid before the Committee [Key European Hubs: Comparison of Aviation Policy][Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

5 Welsh Affairs,—Third Special Report from the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Government Response to the Fourth Report of the Committee: The Primary Legislative Process as it affects Wales]; to be printed [No. 989][Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 126; WH, No. 81.]

Thursday 10th July 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Financing of terrorism in Northern Ireland—Fourth Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee, Session 2001–02, and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 15th July.

[Adjourned at 5.15 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Nine o’clock.

1 The Speaker’s Absence.—The House being met, and the Speaker having leave of absence pursuant to paragraph (3) of Standing Order No. 3 (Deputy Speaker), Sir Michael Lord, the Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means, proceeded to the Table.

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2 The Second Deputy Chairman of Ways and Means took the Chair as Deputy Speaker.

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

Water Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the Water Resources Act 1991 and the Water Industry Act 1991, to make provision with respect to compensation under section 61 of the Water Resources Act 1991, to provide for the establishment and functions of the Water Services Regulation Authority and the Consumer Council for Water; and for the abolition of the office of Director General of Water Services; to make provision in connection with land drainage and flood defence; to amend the Reservoirs Act 1975; to make provision about contaminated land so far as it relates to the pollution of controlled waters; to confer on the Coal Authority functions in relation to the discharge of water from coal mines; to extend the functions of the Environment Agency in relation to the Rivers Esk, Sark and Tweed and their tributaries so far as they are in England; to repeal section 1 of the Metropolis Water Act 1852; and for connected purposes, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Joint Committee on the draft Civil Contingencies Bill,—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of eleven Lords to join with the Committee appointed by the Commons, to consider and report on any draft Civil Contingencies Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown; they have ordered that the Committee have power to agree with the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman; that the Committee have leave to report from time to time; that the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers; that the Committee have power 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 the House; that the Committee do report on the draft Bill by the end of November 2003, and they propose that the Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the Commons on Tuesday 15th July at half-past Three o’clock in Committee Room G.

Joint Committee on the draft Mental Incapacity Bill,—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of eight Lords to join with the Committee appointed by the Commons, to consider and report on any draft Mental Incapacity Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown; they have ordered that the Committee have power to agree with the Commons in the appointment of a Chairman; that the Committee have leave to report from time to time; that the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers; that the Committee have power 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 the House; that the Committee do report on the draft Bill by the end of November 2003, and they propose that the Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the Commons on Tuesday 15th July at half-past Three o’clock in Committee Room 5.

4 Water Bill [Lords].—The Water Bill [Lords] was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Monday 14th July and to be printed [Bill 149].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the Water Bill [Lords] be printed [Bill 149–EN].

5 Ragwort Control Bill (changed from Equine Welfare (Ragwort Control) Bill).—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Ragwort Control Bill (changed from Equine Welfare (Ragwort Control) Bill), as amended in the Standing Committee.

Amendment (No. 3) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 4, to leave out the word ‘may’ and insert the word ‘shall’, instead thereof.—(Sir Paul Beresford.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.
6 Household Waste Recycling Bill (changed from Municipal Waste Recycling Bill).—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Household Waste Recycling Bill (changed from Municipal Waste Recycling Bill), as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Power to apply section 45A to Welsh waste collection authorities)—(Mr Elliot Morley)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Definitions)—(Sir Paul Beresford)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

7 Female Genital Mutilation Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Female Genital Mutilation Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Offence of advocating female genital mutilation)—(Mr David Wilshire)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 5, to leave out the words 'or mental'.—(Mr David Wilshire.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 2, line 10, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr David Wilshire.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 13, leave out from the word 'on' to the end of line 14 and insert the words 'the day after this Act receives Royal Assent', instead thereof:—(Mr David Wilshire.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

8 Retirement Income Reform Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Retirement Income Reform Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Definition of 'dependant' and 'surviving spouse')—(John Healey)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned.

9 High Hedges (No. 2) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the High Hedges (No. 2) Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee.

It being after half-past Two o'clock, and objection having been taken to further proceeding, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings.

Ordered, That the Bill be read the third time on Friday 14th November.

10 Animals (Electric Shock Collars) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Animals (Electric Shock Collars) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th November.

11 Food Labelling Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned Debate on the Question proposed on 7th March, That the Food Labelling Bill be now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 14th November.

12 Medical Practitioners and Dentists (Professional Negligence Insurance) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Medical Practitioners and Dentists (Professional Negligence Insurance) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th November.
13 Draft Constitutional Treaty on the Future of Europe (Referendum) Bill.—The Order of the
day being read, for the Second Reading of the Draft Constitutional Treaty on the Future
of Europe (Referendum) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st November.

14 Greenbelt Protection Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned
Debate on the Question proposed on 13th June, That the Greenbelt Protection Bill be
now read a second time;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Friday 14th November.

15 Harbours Bill [Lords].—The Harbours Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second
time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.

16 Corporate Responsibility Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of
the Corporate Responsibility Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st November.

17 Pensions (Winding-up) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the
Pensions (Winding-up) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st November.

18 Housing (Overcrowding) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of
the Housing (Overcrowding) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th November.

19 Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the Health and Safety at Work (Offences) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th November.

20 Food Colouring and Additives Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the Food Colouring and Additives Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th November.

21 Road Safety Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Road
Safety Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th November.

22 Aviation Health Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the
Aviation Health Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th November.

23 Telecommunications Masts (Railways) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the Telecommunications Masts (Railways) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st November.

24 Local Communities Sustainability Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the Local Communities Sustainability Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 21st November.

25 Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the Crown Employment (Nationality) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Thursday 11th September.

26 Government Powers (Limitations) Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for the Second
Reading of the Government Powers (Limitations) Bill;

Ordered, That the Bill be read a second time on Friday 14th November.

27 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Margaret Moran.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till seven minutes past Three
o’clock, adjourned till Monday 14th July.

[Adjourned at 3.07 p.m.]
APPENDIX

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Contracting Out,—Draft Contracting Out (Local Education Authority Functions) (England) (Amendment) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3. Consumer Protection,—Medical Devices (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1697), dated 4th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].


5. National Health Service,—National Health Service (General Dental Services) and (General Dental Services Supplementary List) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1702), dated 8th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].


Other Papers:

7. Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Defence Bills Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 757] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

   (2) Report and Accounts of the Veterinary Medicines Directorate for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 833] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


9. Gender Recognition,—Paper, entitled Draft Gender Recognition Bill [by Command] [Cm. 5875] [Mr David Lammy].


11. Human Rights (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission for 2003 [by Command] [Cm. 5866] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

12. Judicial Statistics,—Report by the Lord Chancellor on Judicial Statistics for 2002 [by Command] [Cm. 5863] [Mr Christopher Leslie].

13. Learning and Skills,—Account of the Adult Learning Inspectorate for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 853] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

14. Northern Ireland,—Report and Accounts of the—

   (1) Business Development Service,

   (2) Northern Ireland Child Support Agency,

   (3) Rivers Agency,

   for 2002–03 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 849, 773 and 876] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

15. Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Report of the Certification Officer for Trades Unions and Employers’ Associations for 2002–03 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

16. Transport,—Department of Transport Minute, dated 11th July 2003, concerning proposed contingent liabilities in support of the Strategic Rail Authority: South West Trains Rail Franchise [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].
Monday 14th July 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2003.

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

2 Thirteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Frank Cook reported from the Thirteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Land Registry Trading Fund (Extension and Amendment) Order 2003.

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


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

4 Draft Civil Contingencies Bill,—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 11th July relating to the Joint Committee on any draft Civil Contingencies 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.

5 Draft Mental Incapacity Bill,—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 11th July relating to the Joint Committee on any draft Mental Incapacity 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.

6 Communications Bill (Programme) (No. 3),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Communications Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 3rd December 2002 and 10th February 2003:

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed at this day's sitting and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption.

2. Those proceedings shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the following Table, and each part of those proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the time shown in the second column.

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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 (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Mr Nick Ainger);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Derek Twigg, Margaret Moran: 306.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Mark Hoban: 165.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Communications Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Communications Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was disagreed to.

Amendments (a) to (c) were made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 1 disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 3 was disagreed to.

An Amendment (a) was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 3 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 4 to 12 were agreed to.

It being half-past Seven o'clock, the Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour, pursuant to Order [this day].

Lords Amendments Nos. 13 to 38 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 39 to 41 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 42 was disagreed to.

An Amendment (a) was made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 42 disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 43 to 72 were agreed to.

Amendments (a) to (e), consequential on Lords Amendment No. 72, were made to the Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 73 to 114 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 115 and 116 were disagreed to.

Amendments (a) to (e) were made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 115 and 116 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 117 to 129 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 130.

An Amendment was made, and the Question being put, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Secretary Tessa Jowell),

The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Heppell, Paul Clark: 314.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Francois, Hugh Robertson: 175.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

It being after Ten o'clock, the Speaker put forthwith the Questions necessary to dispose of the remaining Lords Amendments.

Amendments (a) to (l) were made to the Bill, in lieu of Lords Amendments Nos. 130 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 131 to 278 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 155 and 196.

8 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 (Provision of Physical Data) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Charlotte Atkins)—It was agreed to.

9 Official Secrets,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Official Secrets Act 1989 (Prescription) (Amendment) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Charlotte Atkins)—It was agreed to.
10 Immigration,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Asylum (Designated States) (No. 2) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 17th June, be approved—(Charlotte Atkins); And the Speaker’s decision as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 16th July, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002].

11 Social Security,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Social Security (Jobcentre Plus Interviews for Partners) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 25th June, be approved—(Charlotte Atkins); And the Speaker’s decision as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 16th July, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002].

12 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 2003, which were laid before this House on 9th June, be approved—(Charlotte Atkins)—It was agreed to.

13 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 2003, which were laid before this House on 9th June, be approved—(Charlotte Atkins)—It was agreed to.

14 Constitutional Law,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Scotland Act 1998 (Transfer of Functions to the Scottish Ministers etc.) (No. 2) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 24th June, be approved—(Charlotte Atkins)—It was agreed to.

15 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) (Administrative Receivership and Urban Regeneration etc.) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 12th June, be approved—(Charlotte Atkins)—It was agreed to.

16 Draft Budget and Annual Policy Strategy,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the House takes note of the unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum from HM Treasury dated 5th June relating to the Preliminary Draft General Budget of the European Communities for the financial year 2004, and European Union Document No. 7229/03, Commission Communication on the Annual Policy Strategy for 2004; and supports the Government’s efforts to maintain budget discipline in the Community—(Charlotte Atkins)—It was agreed to.

17 Identification of Ovine and Caprine Animals (Sheep and Goats),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees), That this House takes note of the European Union Document No. 15829/02, draft Council Regulation establishing a system for the identification and registration of ovine and caprine animals and amending Regulation (EEC) No. 3589/92, and supports the Government’s view that this proposal does not take account of the way in which the United Kingdom sheep and goat industry operates, nor of the enhanced system of identification and traceability already in place in the UK, which is sufficient for animal health disease control purposes until an economical and affordable electronic identification system is available—(Charlotte Atkins)—It was agreed to.

18 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Chris Mullin, Bridget Prentice and Mr Tom Watson be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and that Mr John Denham, Janet Anderson and Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas be added.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

19 Welsh Affairs,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That Mr Bill Wiggin be discharged from the Welsh Affairs Committee and that Mr Nigel Evans be added—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection); The Motion was opposed.

20 Information,—Ordered, That Michael Fabricant be discharged from the Information Committee and that Mr Michael Jack be added.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
21 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from friends and supporters of the Bamburac family for the family to be permitted to remain in the UK was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

22 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Charlotte Atkins.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-two minutes to Eleven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjudged at 10.38 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Education,—(1) Education (Assisted Places) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1705), and

2 Nurses and Midwives,—Nursing and Midwifery Council (Practice Committees) (Interim Constitution) Rules Order of Council 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1738), dated 10th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

3 Pensions,—Occupational Pension Schemes (Transfer Values and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1727), dated 10th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

4 Social Care,—Care Homes (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1703), dated 7th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Other Papers:

5 Agricultural Marketing,—Report and Accounts of Food from Britain for 2002–03 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


7 Atomic Energy Authority,—Accounts of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 982] [Clerk of the House].

8 Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Report and Accounts for 2002–03 of:
(1) the Horserace Betting Levy Board, and
(2) the Horserace Totalisator Board
[by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

9 Broadcasting,—Accounts of the—
(1) Independent Television Commission Additional Payments and Financial Penalties by Licensees, and
(2) Radio Authority Additional Payments by Radio Programme Licensees Account for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 977 and 983] [Clerk of the House].

10 Companies,—Report by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on Companies in 2002–03 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

11 Competition,—Account of the Competition Commission for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 978] [Clerk of the House].

12 Education,—Report of the Teacher Training Agency for 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

13 Education and Skills,—Department for Education and Skills Minute, dated 14th July 2003, concerning contingent liabilities in respect of redundancy entitlement for former civil servants who were employees of Training and Enterprise Councils (TECs) [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].
14 Environment,—Report and Accounts of the Environment Agency for 2002–03 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

15 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Veterinary Laboratories Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 892] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

16 Environmental Protection,—Account of English Nature for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 981] [Clerk of the House].

17 Food Standards Agency Executive Agencies,—Report and Accounts of the Meat Hygiene Service for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 860] [Mr Secretary Reid].

18 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Small Business Service for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 807] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

19 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts of the—(1) Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, and (2) Patent Office for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 894 and 775] [Clerk of the House].


21 Israel (No. 1, 2003),—Exchange of Notes, done at Tel Aviv on 18th September and Jerusalem on 24th December 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Israel amending the Convention providing for the Reciprocal Recognition and Enforcement of Judgements in Civil Matters signed at London on 28th October 1970, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5874] [Mr Secretary Straw].

22 Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development,—Report and Financial Statements of English Partnerships for 2002–03 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

23 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—(1) Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ): New Accommodation Programme, (2) Hip replacements: an update, and (3) PFI: The New Headquarters for the Home Office [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 955, 956 and 954] [Clerk of the House].

24 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 739] [Clerk of the House].

25 National Loans,—Accounts relating to issues from the National Loans Fund for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 988] [Clerk of the House].

26 Police,—Report and Accounts of the Police Information Technology Organisation (PITO) for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 966] [Clerk of the House].

27 Railways,—Report of the Rail Passengers Committee Wales for 2002–03 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

28 Severn Bridges,—Accounts prepared pursuant to section 28(1)(b) of the Severn Bridges Act 1992 for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 980] [Clerk of the House].

29 Shipman Inquiry,—(1) Second Report: The Police Investigation of March 1998, and (2) Third Report: Death Certification and the Investigation of Deaths by Coroners [by Command] [Cms. 5853 and 5854] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
30 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Accounts of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service and of the Certification Officer and the Central Arbitration Committee for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 979] [Clerk of the House].


32 Utilities,—Report and Accounts of the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ogem) for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 921] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Draft National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 (Amendment) Regulations 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Fabian Hamilton and Mr Andrew Love from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Ian Stewart, Dr Howard Stoate and Ms Dari Taylor.

2 Draft Land Registry Trading Fund (Extension and Amendment) Order 2003:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Frank Cook Chairman of the Thirteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mr Bill O’Brien; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Clelland and Mr Mark Fisher from the Committee; and nominated in substitution Mr Kelvin Hopkins and Mr Mark Lazarowicz.

3 Special Grant Report (No. 125) (House of Commons Paper No. 776) on the Preserved Rights Grant for 2003–09, the Special Grant Report (No. 124) (House of Commons Paper No. 777) on the Delayed Discharges Grant Report for 2003–04 and the Special Grant Report (No. 123) (House of Commons Paper No. 778) on the Social Services (High Performers No. 2) Grant for 2003–04,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Kevin McNamara and Mr Robert N. Wareing from the Fourteenth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Reports); and nominated in substitution Barbara Follett and Mr Martin Salter.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Public Expenditure]; to be printed [No. 864-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the New Covent Garden Market Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [New Covent Garden Market: a follow-up]; to be printed [No. 901-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

3 Human Rights,—Fifteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Scrutiny of Bills and Draft Bills: Further Progress Report], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1005] [Jean Corston].

4 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Tenth Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee [The Draft Housing Bill], 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. 751-I];

(2) Eleventh Report from the Committee [Living Places: Cleaner, Safer, Greener], 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. 673-I];

(3) Twelfth Report from the Committee [The Evening Economy and the Urban Renaissance], 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. 396-I]; and
5 Science and Technology.—(1) Sixth Report from the Science and Technology Committee [UK Science and Europe: Value for Money?], and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 386-I and -II];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Light Pollution and Astronomy]; to be printed [No. 747-ii]; and

(3) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 7th July [The Work of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council]; to be printed [No. 936]

[Dr Ian Gibson].

6 Treasury.—(1) Sixth Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Committee’s Sixth Report, on the UK and the Euro]; to be printed [No. 1004]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Transparency of Credit Card Charges]; to be printed [No. 967-iii]

[Mr John McFall].

[No. 129.]

Tuesday 15th July 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Hereford Markets Bill [Lords].—The Hereford Markets Bill [Lords] was read a second time and committed.

2 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—The Order of the day being read for further consideration of the Mersey Tunnels Bill, as amended in the Committee;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Tuesday 9th September.

3 Welsh Grand Committee.—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Welsh Grand Committee, That it had considered the matter of the Draft Public Audit (Wales) Bill, referred to it on 8th July.

4 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mrs Irene Adams reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Education (Additional Secondary School Proposals) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1200). Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

5 National Minimum Wage (Tips).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend Regulation 31 of the National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 so that amounts paid by customers by way of service charge, tip, gratuity or cover charge whether paid to employees through the payroll or by any other method are excluded from payments taken into account as remunerations contributing to the National Minimum Wage: And that Mr Michael Connarty, Jim Dobbin, John Robertson, Mr Dennis Skinner, Vera Baird, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr Parmjit Dhandha, Mr Bill Tynan, Mr Jimmy Hood, Linda Gilroy, Mr Bob Blizzard and Angela Eagle do prepare and bring it in.

6 National Minimum Wage (Tips) Bill.—Mr Michael Connarty accordingly presented a Bill to amend Regulation 31 of the National Minimum Wage Regulations 1999 so that amounts paid by customers by way of service charge, tip, gratuity or cover charge whether paid to employees through the payroll or by any other method are excluded from payments taken into account as remunerations contributing to the National Minimum Wage: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 150].

7 Sexual Offences Bill [Lords].—The Sexual Offences Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time.

8 Sexual Offences Bill [Lords] (Programme).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Sexual Offences Bill [Lords]:
Commitment

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

Proceedings in Standing Committee

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 14th October 2003.

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

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

6. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of any message from the Lords) may be programmed—(Joan Ryan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bridget Prentice, Mr Vernon Coaker: 320.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Sym, Hugh Robertson: 140.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 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 2003, which were laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Charlotte Atkins).—It was agreed to.

10 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 Land Registry Trading Fund (Extension and Amendment) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 19th June, be approved—(Charlotte Atkins).—It was agreed to.

11 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) Mrs A. Crumpler and others for medical guidelines for diagnosing and treating reflex sympathetic dystrophy; and

(2) residents of West Wiltshire and others for faster setting of minimum sentences were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

12 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.44 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Immigration,—Asylum Support Appeals (Procedure) (Amendment) Rules 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1735), dated 10th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Income Tax,—(1) Capital Allowances (Energy-saving Plant and Machinery) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1744), and

(2) Charitable Deductions (Approved Schemes) (Amendment) Regulations (S.I., 2003, No. 1745),

dated 15th July 2003 [by Act] [John Healey].

Other Papers:

4 British Library.—Report and Accounts of the British Library Board for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 810] [Clerk of the House].

5 Broadcasting.—Report and Accounts of the British Broadcasting Corporation for 2002–03 [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

6 Crime and Disorder.—Review of the Youth Justice Board for 2002–03 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

7 Culture, Media and Sport.—Paper, entitled Modernising Britain’s gambling laws: Draft Gambling Bill [by Command] [Cm. 5878] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

8 Data Protection.—Report and Accounts of the Information Commissioner for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 727] [Clerk of the House].

9 Education.—Accounts of—
   (1) the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority, and
   (2) the Teacher Training Agency
for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act],
to be printed [Nos. 992 and 994] [Clerk of the House].

10 Education and Libraries (Northern Ireland).—Accounts of the Staff Commission for Education and Library Boards for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

11 Government Resources and Accounts.—Report and Accounts of the—
   (1) Armed Forces Personnel Administration Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 898] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
   (2) Defence Dental Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 987] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
   (3) Defence Medical Training Organisation for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 824] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
   (4) Defence Secondary Care Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 823] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
   (5) Defence Storage and Distribution Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 732] [Mr Secretary Hoon].
   (6) Government Car and Despatch Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 938] [Mr Douglas Alexander].
   (7) Forensic Science Northern Ireland for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 959] [Mr Secretary Murphy].
   (8) HM Prison Service for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 885] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
   (9) Maritime and Coastguard Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 863] [Mr Secretary Darling].
   (10) Pesticides Safety Directorate for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 856] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
   (11) Planning Inspectorate for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 678] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

12 Government Trading Funds.—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) ABRO,
   (2) the Medicines Control Agency, and
   (3) OGCbuying.solutions
for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act],
to be printed [Nos. 840, 756 and 868] [Clerk of the House].
13 Housing.—Reports and Accounts for 2002–03 of—
(1) Castle Vale Housing Action Trust,
(2) Liverpool Housing Action Trust,
(3) Stonebridge Housing Action Trust, and
(4) Tower Hamlets Housing Action Trust
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

14 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 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

15 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Ministry of Defence: Compensation claims [by Act]; to be printed [No. 957] [Clerk of the House].

16 National Lottery.—(1) Accounts of—
(i) the Arts Council of Northern Ireland Lottery Distribution, and
(ii) the Sports Council for Wales Lottery Distribution for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 991 and 998] [Clerk of the House]; and
(2) Report and Accounts of the Millennium Commission for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 854] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

17 Northern Ireland.—Reports and Accounts of the—
(1) Driver Vehicle Testing Agency,
(2) Land Registers of Northern Ireland, and
(3) The Planning Service for 2002–03, with Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 930, 1008 and 970] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

18 Postal Services.—Report of the Postal Services Commission for 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 923] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

19 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Transport on the Petition [1st July] from residents of east Hertfordshire, north and west Essex and the surrounding communities against proposals to construct more runways at Stansted Airport [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

20 Registration Service.—Review of the Registrar General on marriages, divorces and adoptions in England and Wales, 2001 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

21 School Standards and Framework.—Accounts of the Salford & Trafford Education Action Zone for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1014] [Clerk of the House].

22 Sex Discrimination.—(1) Account of the Equal Opportunities Commission for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 997] [Clerk of the House]; and
(2) Report of the Equal Opportunities Commission for 2002–03 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

23 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 2001–02 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 880] [Mr Secretary Smith].

24 Transport.—Accounts of the Strategic Rail Authority for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1009] [Clerk of the House].

25 Utilities.—Accounts of the Gas and Electricity Consumer Council (Energywatch) for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 993] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [BBC Report and Accounts 2002-03]; to be printed [No. 984-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Tenth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism]; 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. 405];
   (2) Eleventh Report from the Committee [Gibraltar]; together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1024]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Decision to go to War in Iraq]; to be printed [No. 1025-i]
   [Donald Anderson].

3 Home Affairs,—(1) Second Special Report from the Home Affairs Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, on Asylum Removals]; to be printed [No. 1006]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Home Office Departmental Report 2003]; to be printed [No. 1007-i]
   [Mr John Denham].

4 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [The UK Government Response to the Report of the Commission on Intellectual Property Rights]; to be printed [No. 1013-i] [Tony Colman].

5 Lord Chancellor’s Department,—(1) Third Report from the Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department [Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (CfCAFCS)]; 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. 614]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Lord Chancellor’s Departments Departmental Report 2002-03]; to be printed [No. 903-i]
   [Mr A. J. Beith].

6 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 [ODPM Annual Report and Accounts 2003]; to be printed [No. 900-ii]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Draft Housing Bill]; to be printed [No. 751-vi]
   [Andrew Bennett].

7 Select Committees (Choice of Chairman),—Mr John Denham reported from the Home Affairs Committee, That he had been chosen as Chairman of the Committee.

8 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-sixth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xxvi] [Mr David Tredinnick].

9 Trade and Industry,—(1) Twelfth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [The UK Biotechnology 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. 87];
   (2) Thirteenth Report from the Committee [The Government Reply to the Committee’s Sixth Report, on the White Paper on Modernising Company Law]; together with an Appendix; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1022];
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Executive Remuneration]; to be printed [No. 914-iii]; and
   (4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Report of the Aerospace Innovation and Growth Team]; to be printed [No. 1023-i]
   [Mr Martin O’Neill].
10 Treasury.—(1) Ninth Report from the Treasury Committee [Appointment of Ms Rachel Lomax as a Deputy Governor of the Bank of England and member of the Monetary Policy Committee], together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1011]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Bank of England]; to be printed [No. 1012]
[Mr John McFall].

[No. 129; WH, No. 82.]

Tuesday 15th July 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Paul Clark.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 4.29 p.m.]

[No. 130.]

Wednesday 16th July 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 European Standing Committee B.—Mr John McWilliam reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 7115/03, Commission Communication on the EC Programme of Action on HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis in the context of poverty reduction; welcomes the update and considers this an important area for reducing poverty, and encourages the Commission to do more work on these diseases, including increasing access to essential medicines and strengthening health systems.

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

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Communications Bill to which this House has disagreed and agreed to the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu thereof; and they agree without Amendment to the consequential Amendments made by this House to the Bill.

3 Museums and Galleries Bill,—Mr Edward O’Hara, supported by Tom Cox, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Andy Burnham, Mr Richard Allan, Mr Kevin McNamara, presented a Bill to provide for the trustees or board of certain museums and galleries and the Secretary of State to reach agreements relating to the return of objects or human remains, to the exchange of cultural objects or to international cultural co-operation; to enable the Secretary of State to make proposals for agreements and to issue directions in respect of agreements reached by him; to make provision arising from cases in which parties to an agreement in a country other than the United Kingdom are held not to have complied with the terms of an agreement; to provide for relevant museums and galleries to dispose of objects or human remains in their collections in pursuance of agreements or directions; to exempt exports of objects in pursuance of an agreement from cultural export controls; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th November and to be printed [Bill 151].

4 UK Elections (Observers).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for the appointment of observers at statutory elections and referendums in the United Kingdom; to make provision in respect of the observers, and for connected purposes; And that Jane Griffiths, Mr Terry Davis, Kali Mountford, Tony Lloyd, Chris McCafferty, Keith Vaz, Geraldine Smith, Mr David Atkinson, Mr A. J. Beith and Mrs Ann Cryer do prepare and bring in.

5 UK Elections (Observers) Bill,—Jane Griffiths accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for the appointment of observers at statutory elections and referendums in the United Kingdom; to make provision in respect of the observers; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 14th November and to be printed [Bill 152].
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.

Foreign Affairs Committee Report on Iraq.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the Ninth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee on the Decision to go to war in Iraq, Session 2002–03, House of Commons Paper No. 813; but notes some reservations by Committee members that it not only had insufficient time but insufficient access to crucial documents to come to comprehensive and definitive conclusions on some of the issues, further notes the recent concerns raised over intelligence material, and calls on the Government to set up a judicial inquiry finally to establish the facts of the matter—(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 ‘welcomes the Ninth Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee on the Decision to go to War in Iraq, Session 2002–03, House of Commons Paper No. 813; notes that substantial oral and written evidence, by and on behalf of the Government, was provided to the Committee; believes that the Intelligence and Security Committee, established by Parliament by statute, is the appropriate body to consider the intelligence relating to Iraq, and notes that this Committee has already begun its inquiry’, 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, Angela Watkinson, Mr Mark Field: 200.

Tellers for the Noes, Gillian Merron, Mr Fraser Kemp: 299.

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 Ninth Report of the Foreign Affairs Committee on the Decision to go to War in Iraq, Session 2002–03, House of Commons Paper No. 813; notes that substantial oral and written evidence, by and on behalf of the Government, was provided to the Committee; believes that the Intelligence and Security Committee, established by Parliament by statute, is the appropriate body to consider the intelligence relating to Iraq, and notes that this Committee has already begun its inquiry.

Protecting Vulnerable Children.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that it is now almost six months since the publication of Lord Laming’s report on the Victoria Climbie Inquiry and well over three years since the death of this little girl; further notes that, of the 108 recommendations by Lord Laming, 82 were recommended to be acted upon within six months; condemns the Government for its continued failure to produce the long-awaited Green Paper on Children at Risk, which was originally promised in the spring as the Government’s response to many of the systemic failures in child protection highlighted by Lord Laming; is concerned at the continued failure of the Government to address the crisis in recruitment of social worker professionals skilled in child protection who are essential to addressing these failures; regrets that local authorities are unable to implement changes recommended in the Report which would improve the delivery of children’s services, because of the delay in the publication of the Government’s response; welcomes the creation of the post of a Minister for Children, after six years in government; and calls on the Government to publish the Green Paper immediately as planned in order to secure the confidence and support of all those involved in the protection of vulnerable children—(Tim Loughton);

Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Divisions which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Orders of the House [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002].

Immigration.—That the draft Asylum (Designated States) (No. 2) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 17th June, be approved.

Ayes: 376.

Noes: 52.

So the Question was agreed to.
Social Security.—That the draft Social Security (Jobcentre Plus Interviews for Partners) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 25th June, be approved.

Ayes: 270.
Noes: 52.
So the Question was agreed to.

8 Opposition Day.—Protecting Vulnerable Children.—The Question being again proposed, That this House notes that it is now almost six months since the publication of Lord Laming’s report on the Victoria Climbie Inquiry and well over three years since the death of this little girl; further notes that, of the 108 recommendations by Lord Laming, 82 were recommended to be acted upon within six months; condemns the Government for its continued failure to produce the long-awaited Green Paper on Children at Risk, which was originally promised in the spring as the Government’s response to many of the systemic failures in child protection highlighted by Lord Laming; is concerned at the continued failure of the Government to address the crisis in recruitment of social worker professionals skilled in child protection who are essential to addressing these failures; regrets that local authorities are unable to implement changes recommended in the Report which would improve the delivery of children’s services, because of the delay in the publication of the Government’s response; welcomes the creation of the post of a Minister for Children, after six years in government; and calls on the Government to publish the Green Paper immediately as planned in order to secure the confidence and support of all those involved in the protection of vulnerable children;

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 children’s services as evidenced by the appointment of the Minister of State for Children; congratulates the Government on its Quality Protects initiative, which provided £885 million to improve children’s social services; supports the action the Government is taking to legislate to establish an independent inspectorate to inspect local authority children’s services and social care provided by the private and voluntary sector; notes that the Government, local authorities and other statutory bodies are already taking further action to improve services for children, in the light of the Victoria Climbie Inquiry Report; congratulates the Government and local services on the announcement of the 35 Children’s Trusts Pathfinders on 10th July; and looks forward to the publication of the Green Paper on children in the autumn’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Clarke.)

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, but the Speaker withheld his assent, and declined then to put that Question.

The Question, That the original words stand part of the Question, being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Mark Field: 179.
Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Joan Ryan: 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, Jim Fitzpatrick, Bridget Prentice: 300.
Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Mark Field: 168.
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 children’s services as evidenced by the appointment of the Minister of State for Children; congratulates the Government on its Quality Protects initiative, which provided £885 million to improve children’s social services; supports the action the Government is taking to legislate to establish an independent inspectorate to inspect social care provided by the private and voluntary sector; notes that the Government, local authorities and other statutory bodies are already taking further action to improve services for children, in the light of the Victoria Climbie Inquiry Report; congratulates the Government and local services on the announcement of the 35 Children’s Trusts Pathfinders on 10th July; and looks forward to the publication of the Green Paper on children in the autumn.
9 Local Government Finance (England).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Special Grant Report (No. 125) (House of Commons Paper No. 776) on the Preserved Rights Grant for 2003–04, dated 16th June 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th June, be approved—(Charlotte Atkins);

And the Speaker’s decision as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 10th September, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002].

10 Local Government Finance (England).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Special Grant Report (No. 124) (House of Commons Paper No. 777) on the Delayed Discharges Grant for 2003–04, dated 16th June 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th June, be approved—(Charlotte Atkins);

And the Speaker’s decision as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 10th September, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002].

11 Local Government Finance (England).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Special Grant Report (No. 123) (House of Commons Paper No. 778) on the Social Services (High Performers No. 2) Grant for 2003–04, dated 16th June 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th June, be approved—(Charlotte Atkins);

And the Speaker’s decision as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 10th September, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002].

12 Public Petitions.—Public Petitions from:

(1) Save our Pharmacy Services against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions, and

(2) constituents of South West Bedfordshire for justice in international trade were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

13 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the residents of Bootle against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

14 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.05 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Civil Aviation.—(1) Aerodromes (Noise Restrictions) (Rules and Procedures) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1742), dated 12th July 2003, and

(2) Civil Aviation (Air Travel Organisers’ Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1741), dated 11th July 2003

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

2 Criminal Law.—Burma (Freezing of Funds) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1810), dated 16th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

3 Food.—Collagen and Gelatine (Intra-Community Trade) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1736), dated 10th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

4 Pesticides.—Plant Protection Products (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1787), dated 13th July 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

5 Social Security.—Social Security (Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit) (Consequential Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1731), dated 13th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

6 Water.—Urban Waste Water Treatment (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1788), dated 15th July 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
Other Papers:

7 Church Commissioners,—Report and Accounts of the Church Commissioners for England for 2002 [by Measure] [Mr David Lammy].

8 Coal Industry,—Report and Accounts of the Coal Authority for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

9 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Appeals Panel for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 960] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

10 Criminal Justice,—Report of the Serious Fraud Office for 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 869] [The Solicitor General].

11 Criminal Justice and Court Services,—Report and Accounts of the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 973] [Mr David Lammy].

12 Development of Tourism,—Accounts of the—
   (1) British Tourist Authority, and
   (2) English Tourism Council
for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1000 and 1001] [Clerk of the House].

13 Duchies of Cornwall and Lancaster,—Report and Accounts of the Duchy of Lancaster for 2002–03 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

14 Education and Skills,—Department for Education and Skills Minute, dated 16th July 2003, concerning a potential contingent liability that would result from possible legal action against schools in England by Frontline Technology Ltd/Bromcom Computers plc in respect of an infringement of European Patent Number O6644061 (pupil attendance registration and pupil data management systems) [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

15 Export Credits Guarantee Department,—Report and Resource Accounts of the Export Credits Guarantee Department for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 758] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

16 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Reports and Accounts of the—
   (i) Appeals Service for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 792] [Mr Secretary Smith],
   (ii) Central Science Laboratory for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 893] [Secretary Margaret Beckett],
   (iii) Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 711] [Secretary Margaret Beckett],
   (iv) Child Support Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 844] [Mr Secretary Smith],
   (v) Defence Analytical Services Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 797] [Mr Secretary Hoon],
   (vi) Defence Estates Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 896] [Mr Secretary Hoon],
   (vii) Defence Housing Executive for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 848] [Mr Secretary Hoon],
   (viii) Defence Transport and Movements Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 762] [Mr Secretary Hoon],
   (ix) Defence Vetting Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 867] [Mr Secretary Hoon],
   (x) Disposal Services Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 939] [Mr Secretary Hoon],
   (xi) Insolvency Service 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 941] [Ms Secretary Hewitt],
   (xii) Jobcentre Plus for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 948] [Mr Secretary Smith],
   (xiii) Medical Devices Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 542] [Mr Secretary Reid],
   (xiv) National Distribution Centre for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 887] [Mr Secretary Smith].
(xiv) Medical Supplies Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 805] [Mr Secretary Hoon],

(xv) Ministry of Defence Police for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 931] [Mr Secretary Hoon],

(xvi) National Weights and Measures Laboratory 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 882] [Ms Secretary Hewitt],

(xvii) Naval Manning Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 888] [Mr Secretary Hoon],

(xviii) Naval Recruiting and Training Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 932] [Mr Secretary Hoon],

(xix) NHS Purchasing and Supply Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 862] [Mr Secretary Reid],

(xx) Office of Fair Trading for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 906] [Ruth Kelly],

(xx) Pay and Personnel Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 829] [Mr Secretary Hoon],

(xxii) Pension Service for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 790] [Mr Secretary Smith],

(xxiii) Public Record Office for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 965] [Ruth Kelly],

(xxiv) Radiocommunications Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 742] [Ms Secretary Hewitt],

(xxv) Rent Service for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 861] [Mr Secretary Prescott],

(xxvi) Royal Air Force Personnel Management Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 851] [Mr Secretary Hoon],

(xxvii) Royal Parks for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 726] [Secretary Tessa Jowell] and

(xviii) Veterans Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 897] [Mr Secretary Hoon] and

(2) Resource Accounts of—

(i) Department for International Development Overseas Superannuation,
(ii) Export Credits Guarantee Department
(iii) HM Treasury, and
(iv) National Savings and Investments
for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 948, 818, 999 and 949] [Ruth Kelly].

17 Government Trading Funds,—Reports and Accounts of the—

(1) Central Office of Information,
(2) Fire Service College,
(3) NHS Estates,
(4) Royal Mint, and
(5) Vehicle Inspectorate
for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 822, 972, 828, 821 and 827] [Clerk of the House].

18 Health,—Accounts of the Commission for Health Improvement for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1010] [Clerk of the House].

19 Hong Kong,—Six-monthly Report on Hong Kong, January–June 2003 [by Command] [Cm. 5864] [Mr Secretary Straw].

20 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Accounts of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1017] [Clerk of the House].
21 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 and of the sums credited and debited to the Investment Account by the National Debt Commissioners for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1018] [Clerk of the House].

22 Local Government,—Financial Statements of the South Bank Centre for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

23 Merchant Shipping,—Accounts of the General Lighthouse Fund for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1015] [Mr Secretary Darling].

24 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of the—
   (1) British Museum, and
   (2) National Portrait Gallery
   for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 1020 and 1019] [Clerk of the House]

25 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of the National Heritage Memorial Fund for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 819] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

26 National Lottery,—(1) Strategic Plan of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts for 2003–06 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell],
   (2) Report and Accounts of the Heritage Lottery Fund for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 793] [Secretary Tessa Jowell],
   (3) Report and Accounts of the National Lottery Commission for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 871] [Clerk of the House],
   (4) Accounts of the English Sports Council Lottery Distribution, and
   (5) Accounts of the United Kingdom Sports Council Lottery Distribution for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 1021 and 990] [Clerk of the House].

27 Northern Ireland,—Report of the Life Sentence Review Commissioners for 2002–03 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

28 Northern Ireland Office Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of the—
   (1) Forest Service,
   (2) Health and Social Services Estates Agency,
   (3) Ordnance Survey of Northern Ireland,
   (4) Public Record Office of Northern Ireland,
   (5) Rate Collection Agency,
   (6) Roads Service,
   (7) Social Security Agency, and
   (8) Water Service
   for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 839, 841, 761, 887, 850, 910, 922 and 838] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

29 Northern Ireland (Sentences),—Report of the Sentence Review Commissioners for 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 877] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

30 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister,—Government Response to the Eighth Report of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee. Session 2002–03: Planning for Sustainable Communities: Sustainable Communities in the South East [by Command] [Cm. 5895] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

31 Police (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland for 2002–03 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].
32 Postal Services.—(1) Report and Accounts of Postwatch for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt], and
   (2) Accounts of the Consumer Council for Postal Services for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1016] [Clerk of the House].

33 Public Expenditure.—Paper, entitled Public Expenditure 2002–03: Provisional Outturn [by Command] [Cm. 5884] [Mr Paul Boateng].

34 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [25th June] from Jeff White, Kate Knight and others for the return of two geese removed from the banks of the River Parrett at Bridgwater [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

35 Railways.—Annual Report and Accounts of the Strategic Rail Authority for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

36 Science and Technology.—(1) Paper, entitled The Forward Look 2003: Government-funded science, engineering and technology [by Command] [Cm. 5877],
   (2) Report and Accounts of the Council for the Central Laboratory of the Research Councils for 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 804],
   (3) Report and Accounts of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 798],
   (4) Report and Accounts of the Natural Environment Research Council for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 794], and
   (5) Report and Accounts of the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No.800] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

37 Standards and Privileges.—Report of the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards for 1st March 2002 to 31st March 2003 [by Standing Order]; to be printed [No. 905] [Clerk of the House].

38 Teaching and Higher Education.—Report and Accounts of the General Teaching Council for England for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 924] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

39 Treaty Series (No. 22, 2003).—Treaty of Nice, done at Nice on 26th February 2001, amending the Treaty on European Union, the Treaties establishing the European Communities and certain related Acts including the Protocols with Final Act and Declarations [by Command] [Cm. 5879] [Mr Secretary Straw].

40 Treaty Series (No. 23, 2003).—Convention, done at London on 24th July 2001, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital Gains, with Exchange of Notes; and Protocol, done at Washington on 19th July 2002, amending the Convention [by Command] [Cm. 5880] [Mr Secretary Straw].

41 Utilities.—Report of Energywatch for 2002–03 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Sexual Offences Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B, and has appointed Mr Roger Gale and Mr Win Griffiths Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated nineteen Members to serve on the Committee: Vera Baird, Sir Paul Beresford, Annette Brooke, Mr Chris Bryant, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mr Neil Gerrard, Sandra Gilley, Paul Goggins, Mr Dominic Grieve, Ms Harriet Harman, Mr John Heppell, Stephen Hesford, Beverley Hughes, Ms Sally Keeble, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Mr Humfrey Malins, Julie Morgan and Mr John Randall.

2 Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) (No.2) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Mr Roger Gale.
Draft Vienna Document 1999 (Privileges and Immunities) Order 2003:

(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 Richard Bacon, Mr Colin Breed, Mr David Chaytor, Mr David Clelland, Ann Clwyd, Dr Ian Gibson, Mr Denis MacShane, Chris Mole, Mr Jim Murphy, Hugh Robertson, Mr Mark Simmonds, Mr Siôn Simon, Geraldine Smith, Mr Richard Spring, Dr Phyllis Starkey and Dr Jenny Tonge.

Draft Contracting Out (Local Education Authority Functions) (England) (Amendment) Order 2003:

(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 Graham Brady, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Stephen Dorrell, Mr David Drew, Mr Mark Fisher, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr David Miliband, Albert Owen, Dr John Pugh, Joan Ruddock, Mr Dennis Skinner, Mr Andrew Turner, Derek Twigg, Angela Watkinson, Mr Tom Watson and Mr Phil Willis.

European Standing Committees

European Union Document No. 10243/03, relating to Asylum systems, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—(1) Sixth Report from the Education and Skills Committee [The Work of Ofsted]; with the Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, together with Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 521]; and

(2) Third Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Third Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on A Level Standards]; to be printed [No. 1026] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environmental Audit,—(1) Ninth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Budget 2003 and Aviation], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the report [No. 672] [Mr John Horam]; and

(2) Tenth Report from the Committee [Learning the Sustainability Lesson], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education for Sustainable Development Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the report [No. 472] [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Twelfth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Departmental Report 2003]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 832] [Mr David Curry],

(2) Thirteenth Report from the Committee [Poultry Farming in the United Kingdom], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Poultry Farming in the United Kingdom Sub-Committee of the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 779] [Mr David Curry],

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Vets and Veterinary Services Sub-Committee of the Committee [Vets and Veterinary Services]; to be printed [No. 703-iii] [Mr Michael Jack].

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The WTO Negotiations and Cancún]; to be printed [No. 1042]; and

(5) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Poultry Farming in the United Kingdom] [Mr David Curry].

4 European Scrutiny,—(1) Thirtieth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63-xxx]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Convention, the Draft Treaty and the IGC]; to be printed [No. 1030-i] [Mr Jimmy Hood].
5 House of Lords Reform,—Special Report from the Joint Committee on House of Lords Reform [Government Response to the Second Report from the Committee]; to be printed [No. 1027] [Mr Paul Tyler].

6 Select Committees (Choice of Chairmen),—(1) Mr Peter Ainsworth reported from the Environmental Audit Committee, That he had been chosen as Chairman of the Committee; and
(2) Mr Peter Hain reported from the Select Committee on the Modernisation of the House of Commons, That he had been chosen as Chairman of the Committee.

7 Standards and Privileges,—Fifth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Complaints against Mr Clive Betts], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 947] [Sir George Young].

8 Treasury,—(1) Tenth Report from the Treasury Committee [Inland Revenue Matters]; together with the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 834]; and
(2) Seventh Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Committee’s Seventh Report, the 2003 Budget] to be printed [No. 1028] [Mr John McFall].

9 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Railways in Wales], to be printed [No. 1029-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].

MEMORANDUM

Chairmen’s Panel,—In pursuance of Standing Order No. 4 (Chairmen’s Panel) the Speaker nominated Mr Jonathan Sayeed to be a member of the Chairmen’s Panel during this Session.

[No. 130; WH, No. 83.]

Wednesday 16th July 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Margaret Moran.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 4.45 p.m.

[No. 131.]

Thursday 17th July 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Income Tax,—The Vice Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, that its Addresses of 8th July relating to Income Tax had been presented to Her Majesty; and that Her Majesty had been pleased to receive the same very graciously and to give the following Answer:

I have received your Addresses praying that the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Canada) Order 2003 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Mauritius) Order 2003 be made in the form of the drafts laid before your House on 18th June 2003.

I will comply with your request.

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

Communications Act 2003.

3 Energy Efficiency Bill,—Mr David Chaytor, supported by Mr Martin O’Neill, Mr John Horam, Dr Ian Gibson, Dr Alan Whitehead, Alan Simpson, Brian White and Mr David Drew, presented a Bill to require the Secretary of State to issue new Building Regulations in relation to the installation of boilers in domestic premises; to make provision for the continuation of the energy efficiency commitment in relation to domestic premises; to
require the Secretary of State to consult on extending that provision to non-domestic premises; to require the Chancellor of the Exchequer to consult on reducing value added tax on energy saving materials; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 153].

4 Care Homes (Tenancy) Bill,—Mr Paul Burstow presented a Bill to establish the tenancy rights of care home residents; to provide for continuity of care where a care home is closed; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 154].

5 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 Vernon Coaker);

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

6 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—
   (1) Anne Stephens for a fairer allocation of funding to schools in Somerset,
   (2) the Yellow Advertiser for the reduction of smells emanating from Pitsea Tip, and
   (3) residents of Reading against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions 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—(Charlotte Atkins);

And the Motion having been made after Six o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-six minutes to Seven o’clock, till Monday 8th September, pursuant to Resolution [7th July].

[Adjourned at 6.34 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 County Courts,—Enforcement of Road Traffic Debts (Certificated Bailiffs) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1857), dated 15th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr David Lammy].

2 Food,—Welfare Food (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1864), dated 17th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

3 Horticulture,—Horticultural Produce (Community Grading Rules) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1846), dated 16th July 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

   (2) Double Taxation Relief (Surrender of Relievable Tax within a Group) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1829), dated 16th July 2003,
   (3) Income Tax (Authorised Unit Trusts) (Interest Distributions) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1830), dated 16th July 2003,
   (4) Insurance Companies (Taxation of Reinsurance Business) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1828), dated 16th July 2003,
   (6) Open-ended Investment Companies (Tax) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1831), dated 17th July 2003,
   [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

5 Social Care,—Care Homes (Adult Placements) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1845), dated 16th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

Other Papers:

6 Agriculture,—Report and Accounts of the Meat and Livestock Commission for 2002-03 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].
7 Audit Commission.—Report and Summary Financial Statement of the Audit Commission for the year ended October 2002, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 996] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 Broadcasting.—Review and Financial Statements of the Broadcasting Standards Commission for 2002–03 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

9 Care Standards.—Accounts of the National Care Standards Commission for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1034] [Clerk of the House].

10 Charities.—Report of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales for 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 713] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

11 Disability Rights Commission.—Account of the Disability Rights Commission for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1037] [Clerk of the House].

12 Environmental Pollution.—(1) Government Response, as regards England, to the Twenty-third Report from the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, on Environmental Planning, and
(2) UK Government’s Response to the Twenty-third Report from the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution, on Environmental Planning [by Command] [Cm. 5887 and 5888] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

13 Foreign Affairs.—Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2002–03, on Zimbabwe [by Command] [Cm. 5869] [Mr Secretary Straw].

14 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Accounts of the Royal Naval Museum for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1031] [Clerk of the House],
(2) Reports and Accounts of the—
(i) Compensation Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 890] [Mr Secretary Murphy],
(ii) Debt Management Office for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 865] [Ruth Kelly],
(iii) Debt Management Office Debt Management Account for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 866] [Ruth Kelly],
(iv) Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 964] [Mr Secretary Darling],
(v) Employment Tribunals Service for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 788] [Ms Secretary Hewitt],
(vi) NHS Pensions Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 958] [Mr Secretary Reid],
(vii) Office for National Statistics for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1002] [Ruth Kelly],
(viii) UK Passport Service for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 969] [Mr Secretary Blankett],
(ix) Vehicle Certification Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 920] [Mr Secretary Darling], and
(x) Wilton Park Executive Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 878] [Mr Secretary Straw], and
(3) Resource Accounts of the National Investment and Loans Office for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 986] [Ruth Kelly].

15 Government Trading Funds.—(1) Report and Accounts of Companies House for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 712] [Clerk of the House], and
(2) Treasury Minutes on
   (i) the UK Hydrographic Office Trading Fund, and
   (ii) the Defence, Science and Technology Laboratory Trading Fund
dated 17th July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Paul Boateng].

16 Health,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Health Committee, Session 2002–03, on the Control of Entry Regulations and Retail Pharmacy Services in the UK [by Command] [Cm. 5896] [Mr Secretary Reid].

17 Housing,—Accounts of the Housing Corporation for 2002–03 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

18 Lord Chancellor’s Department,—Government Response to the First Report from the Select Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department, Session 2002–03, on the Courts Bill [by Command] [Cm. 5889] [Mr Christopher Leslie].

19 Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks),—Accounts of the Marine and Aviation Insurance (War Risks) Fund for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1039] [Clerk of the House].

20 Museums and Galleries,—Accounts of—
   (1) the National Maritime Museum,
   (2) National Museum of Science and Industry, and
   (3) the Victoria and Albert Museum Grant in Aid
for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1040, 1035 and 1032] [Clerk of the House].

21 National Lottery,—Account of the Arts Council of Wales Lottery Distribution for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1041] [Clerk of the House].

22 Northern Ireland Office Executive Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) Driver and Vehicle Licensing Northern Ireland,
   (2) the Environment and Heritage Service, and
   (3) the Northern Ireland Statistics and Resource Agency
for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 907, 967 and 889] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

23 Prisons (Northern Ireland),—Report and Accounts of the Northern Ireland Prison Service for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 895] [Mr Secretary Murphy].


25 Radiological Protection,—Accounts of the National Radiological Protection Board for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1033] [Clerk of the House].

26 Regional Development Agencies,—Reports and Accounts of—
   (1) Advantage West Midlands Development Agency,
   (2) East Midlands Development Agency,
   (3) East of England Development Agency,
   (4) Northwest Development Agency,
   (5) One NorthEast Development Agency,
   (6) South East England Development Agency,
   (7) South West of England Development Agency, and
   (8) Yorkshire Forward Development Agency
for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

27 Science and Technology,—Accounts of the—
   (1) Economic and Social Research Council for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 801] [Ms Secretary Hewitt], and
   (2) Medical Research Council for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1043] [Clerk of the House].
28 Senior Salaries,—Fifty-fifth Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries, on Pay for Select Committee Chairmen in the House of Commons [by Command] [Cm. 5673] [Mr Peter Hain].

29 Treasury,—HM Treasury Departmental Minute, dated 17th July 2003, on the Renewal of Regulatory Capital for Dormant HM Treasury Airline Insurance Scheme [by Command] [Mr Paul Boateng].

30 Wildlife and Countryside,—Report and Accounts of the Countryside Agency for 2002-03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1038] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Sexual Offences Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Barry Gardiner from Standing Committee B (in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Ms Dari Taylor.

2 Sexual Offences Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Ms Annette Brooke, Mr Neil Gerrard, Paul Goggins, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr John Heppell, Mr Humfrey Malins and Ms Dari Taylor members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Peter Bottomley from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Hugo Swire.

European Standing Committees

4 The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 8566/03 on Maritime Transport Security.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Corruption Bill,—Report from the Joint Committee on the Draft Corruption 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 [No. 705] [Mr Richard Shepherd].

2 Environmental Audit,—Memorandum laid before the Environmental Audit Committee [Government Response to the Committee’s Fifth Report, on Waste—An Audit] [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

3 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [The Decision to go to War in Iraq]; to be printed [No. 755-ii] [Donald Anderson].

4 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Obesity]; to be printed [No. 755-ii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

5 Joint Committees (Choice of Chairmen).—Dr Lewis Moonie reported from the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on the Draft Civil Contingencies Bill, That he had been chosen Chairman of the Joint Committee.

[No. 131; WH, No. 84.]
Thursday 17th July 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Financing development),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned. (Mr. Nick Ainger.)

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

[Adjourned at 4.55 p.m.]
[No. 132.]

Monday 8th September 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Water Bill [Lords],—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the Water 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 Water Bill [Lords] because it fails to provide the strategic framework to meet the challenges posed by the European Water Framework Directive and to ensure the long-term provision of safe, clean water across England and Wales; does not make adequate provision for water resources in areas such as the south east of England where new housing is planned; undermines current customer structures; and fails to make proper provision for water conservation and flood prevention’, instead thereof.—(Mr David Lidington.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr John Randall: 136.

Tellers for the Noes, Gillian Merron, Mr Jim Murphy: 356.

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.

2 Water Bill [Lords] (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Water Bill [Lords]:

Committal

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

Proceedings in Standing Committee

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Tuesday 21st October 2003.

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

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on that day.

6. Sessional Order B (programming committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords amendments or any further message from the Lords) may be programmed—(Mr Nick Ainger),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Jim Murphy: 350.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr John Randall: 135.

So the Question was agreed to.
3 Water Bill [Lords] [Money].—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Water 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 Water 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,

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums payable out of money so provided under any other enactment—(Mr Nick Ainger)—It was agreed to.

4 Water 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 Water Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise—

(1) the extension of charging schemes of the Environment Agency under the Environment Act 1995;

(2) the extension of matters which may be covered by conditions included in an appointment under Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Water Industry Act 1991 by virtue of section 11(1)(c) of that Act;

(3) the imposition of penalties on companies holding appointments under Chapter 1 of Part 2 of the Water Industry Act 1991, on companies holding licences under Chapter 1A of that Part of that Act (‘water supply licences’), and (by virtue of the application of section 111 of the Enterprise Act 2002) on other persons;

(4) the inclusion in water supply licences of conditions requiring the rendering of payments to the Secretary of State;

(5) the payment of sums into the Consolidated Fund—(Mr Nick Ainger)—It was agreed to.

5 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 17th December 2002:

Proceedings in Standing Committee (re-committed Bill)

1. Proceedings in the Standing Committee on re-committal shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 23rd October 2003.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Vernon Coaker: 307.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr John Randall: 167.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Three Communicable 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 Document No. 7115/03, Commission Communication on the EC Programme of Action on HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis in the context of poverty reduction; welcomes the update and considers this an important area for reducing poverty; and encourages the Commission to do more work on these diseases, including increasing access to essential medicines and strengthening health systems—(Mr Thomas McAvoy)—It was agreed to.

7 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—Ordered, That—

(1) the matter of the future direction of community relations policy 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 23rd October at half-past Two o’clock; and

(3) at that sitting—

(a) the Committee shall consider the matter referred to it under paragraph (1) above;

(b) the Chairman shall interrupt proceedings not later than two hours after their commencement; and
(c) at the conclusion of those proceedings, a motion for the adjournment of the Committee may be made by a Minister of the Crown, pursuant to paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 116 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (sittings)).—(Mr Thomas McAvoy.)

8 Standards and Privileges,—Ordered, That Tom Levitt be discharged from the Committee on Standards and Privileges.—(Mr Thomas McAvoy.)

9 Modernisation of the House of Commons,—Ordered, That Mr Greg Knight be discharged from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons and Mr David Cameron be added.—(Mr Thomas McAvoy.)

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Thomas McAvoy.)

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

Friday 18th July 2003

1 Animals,—Statistics of Scientific Procedures on Living Animals in Great Britain for 2002 [Cm. 5886] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Miscellaneous (No. 11, 2003),—Convention, done at The Hague on 13th January 2000, on the International Protection of Adults, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5881] [Mr Secretary Straw].

3 Treaty Series (No. 25, 2003),—Exchange of Notes, done at Kinshasa on 4th February and 13th March 2003, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Democratic Republic of Congo Debt Agreement No. 10 (2002)) [Cm. 5883] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Tuesday 22nd July 2003

4 Public Administration,—Government Response to the Third Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration, Session 2002–03, on Ombudsman Issues [Cm. 5890] [Mr Douglas Alexander].

Friday 25th July 2003

5 Treaty Series (No. 24, 2003),—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 [Cm. 5882] [Mr Secretary Straw].

6 Treaty Series (No. 26, 2003),—Agreement, done at Bridgetown on 3rd April 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Barbados on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons [Cm. 5891] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 Treaty Series (No. 27, 2003),—Agreement, done at Caracas on 12th June 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons [Cm. 5892] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Monday 28th July 2003

8 Education and Skills,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Education and Skills Committee, Session 2002–03, on the Future of Higher Education [Cm. 5932] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Wednesday 30th July 2003

9 Miscellaneous (No. 12, 2003),—International Treaty, adopted at Rome on 3rd November 2001, on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5899] [Mr Secretary Straw].
10 Treaty Series (No. 28, 2003),—2002 Amendments to the Annex, adopted at London on 10th January 2002, to the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965, as amended (Resolution FAL. 7 (29)) [Cm. 5893] [Mr Secretary Straw].

11 Treaty Series (No. 29, 2003),—Agreement, done at London on 9th May 2003, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany concerning the Mutual Protection of Protectively Marked Information [Cm. 5894] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Thursday 31st July 2003

12 Northern Ireland,—Northern Ireland Office Minute, dated 31st July 2003, concerning a proposed contingent liability in respect of the possible payment of benefits upon death in service of staff in the North/South Implementation Bodies prior to the commencement of the North/South Pension Scheme [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Friday 1st August 2003

13 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the merger situation of Centrica plc and Dynegy Storage Ltd and Dynegy Onshore Processing UK Ltd [Cm. 5885] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

14 Miscellaneous (No. 13, 2003),—Protocol, done at Aarhus on 24th June 1998, to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5935] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Wednesday 6th August 2003

15 Treaty Series (No. 30, 2003),—Exchange of Notes, done at Addis Ababa on 6th and 10th December 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Ethiopian Debt Agreement No. 3 (2001)) [Cm. 5900] [Mr Secretary Straw].

16 Treaty Series (No. 31, 2003),—Amendments, adopted at London on 5th December 2000, to the Guidelines on the Enhanced Programme of Inspections during Surveys of Bulk Carriers and Oil Tankers (Resolution A. 744(18) as amended) (Resolution MSC. 105(73)) [Cm. 5933] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Tuesday 12th August 2003

17 European Union,—Paper, entitled The Draft Constitutional Treaty for the European Union [Cm. 5897] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Wednesday 13th August 2003

18 Miscellaneous (No. 14, 2003),—Agreement, done at Paris on 19th August 2002, between the States Parties to the Convention for the Establishment of a European Space Agency and the European Space Agency for the Protection and the Exchange of Classified Information, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5936] [Mr Secretary Straw].

19 Treaty Series (No. 32, 2003),—Agreement, done at St. George’s on 6th February 1995, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Grenada concerning Mutual Assistance in relation to Drug Trafficking [Cm. 5940] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Friday 15th August 2003

20 Antigua and Barbuda (No. 1, 2003),—Agreement, done at London on 23rd June 2003, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda on the Transfer of Prisoners, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5941] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Tuesday 19th August 2003

21 Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors,—Twenty-first Report of the Review Body for Nursing Staff, Midwives, Health Visitors and Professions Allied to Medicine [Cm. 5716] [The Prime Minister].
Wednesday 20th August 2003

22 Treaty Series (No. 60, 2002).—Fourth Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, Etc., for 2002 [Cm. 5942] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Thursday 21st August 2003

23 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [Cm. 5949] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

24 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission for 2002-03 [Cm. 5937] [Mr Christopher Leslie].

Friday 22nd August 2003

25 Treaty Series (No. 33, 2003).—Agreement, done at Wellington on 11th October 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of New Zealand concerning Trials under Pitcairn Law in New Zealand and Related Matters [Cm. 5944] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Tuesday 26th August 2003

26 Northern Ireland,—Northern Ireland Department of Finance and Personnel Memorandum on the Twenty-seventh Report from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2002–03 [Cm. 5953] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Friday 29th August 2003

27 Treaty Series (No. 34, 2003).—Agreement, done at Washington on 31st March 2003, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the United States of America regarding the sharing of Forfeited or Confiscated Assets or their Equivalent Funds [Cm. 5946] [Mr Secretary Straw].


Tuesday 2nd September 2003

29 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Land, Valuation and Housing Tribunals: The Future [Cm. 5948] [Mr Christopher Leslie].

Friday 5th September 2003

30 United Nations,—Paper, entitled The United Kingdom in the United Nations [Cm. 5898] [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:

Wednesday 13th August 2003


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

Friday 18th July 2003

32 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (Type Approval for Goods Vehicles) (Great Britain) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1866), dated 17th July 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].

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35 Customs and Excise.—Export of Goods (Control) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1905), dated 16th July 2003 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

36 Disabled Persons.—Public Service Vehicles Accessibility (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1818), dated 14th July 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].

37 Electronic Communications.—(1) Advanced Television Services Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1901), and
    (2) Electronic Communications (Universal Service) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1904), dated 17th July 2003 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

38 Freedom of Information.—(1) Freedom of Information (Additional Public Authorities) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1882), and

39 Public Passenger Transport.—Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment, Use and Certification) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1817), dated 14th July 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].

40 Road Traffic.—(1) Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1816), dated 14th July 2003,
    (2) International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1811), dated 15th July 2003,
    (3) International Transport of Goods under Cover of TIR Carnets (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1813), dated 15th July 2003,
    (4) Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1815), dated 14th July 2003,
    (5) Passenger and Goods Vehicles (Recording Equipment) (Approval of Fitters and Workshops) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1812), dated 15th July 2003, and
    (6) Vehicle Excise Duty (Reduced Pollution) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1814), dated 14th July 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].


Tue 22nd July 2003

43 National Health Service.—National Treatment Agency (Establishment and Constitution) Amendment Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1827), dated 15th July 2003 [Mr Secretary Reid].

Thu 24th July 2003

44 Food (England and Scotland).—Food Safety (Ships and Aircraft) (England and Scotland) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1895), dated 17th July 2003 [Mr Secretary Reid].

Fri 25th July 2003


46 Education.—Education (Teacher Student Loans) (Repayment etc.) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1917), dated 21st July 2003 [Mr Secretary Clarke].

47 Health and Safety.—Asbestos (Prohibitions) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1889), dated 17th July 2003 [Mr Secretary Smith].
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48 Social Security.—Social Security Amendment (Students and Income-related Benefits) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1914), dated 22nd July 2003 [Mr Secretary Smith].

Tuesday 29th July 2003


51 European Communities.—European Communities (Designation) (No. 3) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1888), dated 17th July 2003 [Mr Secretary Straw].


53 Food.—Food (Hot Chilli and Hot Chilli Products) (Emergency Control) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1940), dated 28th July 2003 [Mr Secretary Reid].


Wednesday 30th July 2003


58 Environmental Protection.—Packaging (Essential Requirements) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1941), dated 28th July 2003 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


Thursday 31st July 2003


Friday 1st August 2003

63 National Health Service.—National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (Supplementary, Consequential etc. Provisions) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1937), dated 22nd July 2003 [Mr Secretary Reid].
64 Road Traffic,— Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Swindon) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1924), dated 25th July 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Tuesday 5th August 2003

(2) Education (Independent School Standards) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1910), and
dated 25th July 2003 [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Wednesday 6th August 2003


67 Ecclesiastical Law,— (1) Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1933), dated 11th July 2003,
(2) Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1936), dated 12th July 2003, and
[Clerk of the House].


Thursday 7th August 2003


70 Land Registration,— Land Registration (Proper Office) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2040),
dated 2nd August 2003 [Mr David Lammy].


72 Rehabilitation of Offenders,— Rehabilitation of Offenders (Exceptions) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 355), dated 24th July 2003 [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Friday 8th August 2003

(2) Day Care and Child Minding (National Standards) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1996), and
dated 1st August 2003 [Mr Secretary Clarke], and
(4) Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults and Care Standards Tribunal (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2043), dated 7th August 2003 [Mr Secretary Reid].

(2) Insolvent Companies (Reports on Conduct of Directors) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 357), and
(3) Insolvent Partnerships (Amendment No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 359),
dated 27th July 2003 [Mr David Lammy].

75 National Health Service,— Commission for Patient and Public Involvement in Health (Functions) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2044), dated 7th August 2003 [Mr Secretary Reid].
76 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Middlesbrough) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1984), dated 31st July 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].


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(3) Education Act 2002 (School Teachers) (Consequential Amendments, etc) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2039), dated 5th August,

(4) Federation of Schools (Community Schools, Community Special Schools, Voluntary Controlled Schools and Maintained Nursery Schools) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1965), dated 5th August,

(5) Independent Schools (Employment of Teachers in Schools with a Religious Character) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2037), dated 5th August,

(6) School Companies (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2049), dated 30th July,


(9) Teacher Training Agency (Additional Functions) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2038), dated 5th August,

[Mr Secretary Clarke].

79 Financial Services and Markets,—(1) Collective Investment Schemes (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2066), and

dated 11th August 2003 [John Healey].

80 Food,—Food (Peanuts from Egypt) (Emergency Control) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2074), dated 8th August 2003 [Mr Secretary Reid].


(3) Right to Manage (Prescribed Particulars and Forms) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1988), and

dated 4th August 2003 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

83 Rating and Valuation,—(1) Non-Domestic Rating (Alteration of Lists and Appeals) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1999), and

dated 25th July 2003 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

84 National Health Service,—Mental Health (Correspondence of Patients, Patient Advocacy and Liaison Services) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2042), dated 11th August 2003 [Mr Secretary Reid].
85 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1946), dated 28th July 2003; and
[Mr Secretary Darling].

86 Social Security,—(1) Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 5) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2085), and
(2) Social Security Contributions (Intermediaries) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2079),
dated 11th August [Dawn Primarolo].


89 Tax Credits,—Children Act 1989, Section 17 (12) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2077),
dated 11th August 2003 [John Healey].

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Wednesday 13th August 2003

91 Bankruptcy (Scotland),—Insolvency (Scotland) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2109),
dated 7th August 2003 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

(2) Insolvency (Amendment) Rules 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1730), and
dated 8th August 2003 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

93 Insolvency (Scotland),—(1) Insolvency (Scotland) Amendment Rules 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2111), and
dated 8th August 2003 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


95 Social Security,—(1) Child Benefit and Guardian’s Allowance (Administration) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2106), and
(2) Child Benefit and Guardian’s Allowance (Administration) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2107),
dated 12th August 2003 [Dawn Primarolo].

96 Supreme Court of England and Wales,—Civil Procedure (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2113), dated 31st July 2003 [Mr Christopher Leslie].

Thursday 14th August 2003

97 Environmental Protection,—Air Quality Limit Values Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2121), dated 13th August 2003, and
[Secretary Margaret Beckett].

98 Land Registration,—Land Registration (Referral to the Adjudicator to HM Land Registry) Rules 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2114), dated 2nd August 2003 [Mr David Lammy].

99 National Health Service,—(1) Patients’ Forums (Functions) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2124), and
(2) Patients’ Forums (Membership and Procedure) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2123), dated 13th August 2003 [Mr Secretary Reid].


101 Town and Country Planning,—(1) Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2048), and


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(2) Leasehold Valuation Tribunals (Procedure) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2099), and
(3) RTM Companies (Memorandum and Articles of Association) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2120), dated 7th August 2003 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

106 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (England) (No. 3) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2069), dated 7th August 2003 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Wednesday 20th August 2003

107 Education,—Federation of Schools (Community Schools, Community Special Schools, Voluntary Controlled Schools and Maintained Nursery Schools) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2133), dated 13th August 2003 [Mr Secretary Clarke].


Thursday 21st August 2003


111 Horse Racing and Betting,—Horse Racing (Charges on Bookmakers) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), No. 375), dated 11th August 2003 [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Friday 22nd August 2003


114 Income Tax,—(1) Finance Act 1995, Section 127(12) (Designated Transactions) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2172), and
   (2) Finance Act 2003, Schedule 26, Paragraph 3(3) (Designated Transactions) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2173),
dated 21st August 2003 [Dawn Primarolo].


Tuesday 26th August 2003


118 Road Traffic,—(1) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (City of Peterborough) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2153),
   (2) Road Vehicles (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Cumbria) (Borough of Copeland) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2152), and
   (3) Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2154),
dated 19th August 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Thursday 28th August 2003

119 Education,—Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) (No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2169), dated 21st August 2003 [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Friday 29th August 2003

120 Highways,—(1) Crime Prevention (Designated Areas) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2208),
dated 27th August 2003 [Secretary Margaret Beckett], and
   (2) M6 Toll (Collection of Tolls) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2186), dated 21st August 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].

121 Road Traffic,—(1) M6 Toll (Speed Limit) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2188), and
   (2) M6 Toll Wide Load Routes (Speed Limit) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2187),
dated 21st August 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].


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124 Customs and Excise,—Gaming Duty (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2247),
dated 1st September 2003 [John Healey].


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129 Commons,—Commons Registration (General) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2260), dated 3rd September 2003 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

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130 Agriculture,—Feeding Stuffs (Enforcement) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2264), dated 3rd September 2003 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


133 Food,—Honey (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2243), dated 29th August 2003 [Mr Secretary Reid].

134 Prices,—Price Marking (Food and Drink Services) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2253), dated 1st September 2003 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


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Other Papers:

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139 Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism,—Suppression of Terrorism Act 1978 (Designation of Countries) (No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1863), dated 17th July 2003 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Tuesday 29th July 2003

140 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Confirmation of Legislation) (Falkland Islands) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1877), dated 17th July 2003 [Mr Secretary Straw].


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 8th September 2003:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

142 Electronic Communications,—Draft Electronic Communications (Networks and Services) (Penalties) (Rules for Calculation of Turnover) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

143 Income Tax,—(1) Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Australia) Order 2003, and

(2) draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Chile) Order 2003, [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Dawn Primarolo].

144 Local Government Finance,—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 127) on Special Grants for reducing fire deaths in those areas in England suffering the highest fatality rate [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1049] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

145 Northern Ireland,—Draft Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


147 Mental Health,—Mental Health Review Tribunals (Regions) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2251), dated 30th August 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

148 Pensions,—Local Government Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2249), dated 1st September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Other Papers:

149 Air Force (Constitution).—(1) Amendment List 9 to Air Publication 1269 the Royal Air Force Manual of Medical Management and Administration, and
(2) Order by Her Majesty as to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition)
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

150 Census.—Paper, entitled Census 2001: Key Statistics for health areas in England and Wales
[by Act] [John Healey].

151 Companies,—Report and Financial Statement of Investors in People UK for 2002-03 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

152 Defence,—(1) Draft Code of Practice A for the exercise by the Service Police of statutory powers of Stop and Search,
(2) Draft Code of Practice B for the exercise by the Service Police of statutory powers for entry and search of premises and the seizure of property found on persons and premises by the service police, and
(3) Commanding Officer’s draft Code of Practice,
[by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon], and
(4) Paper, entitled The Operational Service Medal: Service on Operation VERITAS from 11th September 2001 [by Command] [Cm. 5939] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

153 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Minute, dated 8th September 2003, concerning a contingent liability on Lease Guarantee Scheme and Equity Fund [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

154 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Forensic Science Service for 2002-03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 886] [Clerk of the House].

155 Health,—Keeping Children Safe: The Government’s Response to the Victoria Climbie Inquiry Report and Joint Chief Inspectors’ Report on Safeguarding Children [by Command] [Cm 5861] [Mr Secretary Reid].

156 Health Professions,—Accounts of the Health Professions Council for 2002-03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Christopher Leslie].

157 Home Office,—Home Office Minute, dated 8th September 2003, concerning a contingent liability for facilities for the French authorities to operate juxtaposed controls under the Treaty signed at Le Touquet on 4th February 2003 [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

158 Industrial Organisation and Development,—Report and Accounts of the Horticultural Development Council for 2001-02 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

159 Isle of Man,—Account of Receipts and Payments for 2001-02 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].

160 Industrial Training,—Report and Accounts of the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board for 2002 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

161 Miscellaneous (No. 15, 2003),—New Revised Text of the International Plant Protection Convention, done at Rome on 17th November 1997, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5945] [Mr Secretary Straw].
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162 Miscellaneous (No. 16, 2003),—Operational Protocol, done at New York on 18th December 2002, to the Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5957] [Mr Secretary Straw].

163 Northern Ireland,—Reports and Accounts of—

(1) the Environment and Heritage Service for 2001–02, and

(2) the Valuation and Lands Agency for 2002–03,

with Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [Nos. 283 and 1071] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

164 Opticians,—Accounts of the General Optical Council for 2002–03 [by Act] [Mr Christopher Leslie].


166 Public Petitions,—(1) Observations by the Secretary of State for Education and Skills on the Petition [25th June] from pupils of Ashdown School, Poole, for improved funding for schools,

(2) Observations by the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [15th July] from Mrs A. Crumpler and others for medical guidelines for diagnosing and treating reflex sympathetic dystrophy, and

(3) Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on:

(i) the Petition [19th June] from residents of Pagham, Bognor Regis, against the closure of Pagham Post Office,

(ii) the Petition [1st July] from Councillor Lionel Hart, Councillor Pat Haunts, Janet Penn, residents of Canvey Island and other for the maintenance of Post Office facilities in Canvey Island shopping centre,

(iii) the Petitions [3rd July] [one Petition] from residents of Chatham, Larkfield and Snodland; [10th July] [two Petitions] from customers of Paydens Pharmacists of Cheriton High Street, Kent; and customers of Taylors Pharmacists of Cheriton High Street, Kent; [16th July] [two Petitions] from Save Our Pharmacy Services, and Residents of Bootle against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions; and

(iv) the Petitions [10th July] from residents of Humberstone Village, Leicester, against the closure of Humberstone Post Office

[by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

167 Public Processions (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Parades Commission for Northern Ireland for 2002–03 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

168 Recreation and Youth Services (Northern Ireland),—Statement of Accounts of the Sports Council for Northern Ireland for 2000–01, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1046] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

169 Reserve Forces,—Amendment 26 to the Territorial Army Regulations 1978 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

170 Social Security Administration,—Account of Securities held for the National Insurance Fund as at 31st March 2003 [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

171 Trade Union and Labour Relations,—Report and Accounts of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Clerk of the House].

172 Treasury,—Paper, entitled Every Child Matters [by Command] [Cm. 5860] [Mr Paul Boateng].
Papers withdrawn:

173 Aviation Security,—Draft Policing of Airports (Belfast City) Order 2003 [laid 10th July].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

Foreign Affairs,—(1) First Special Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Evidence from Mr Andrew Gilligan to the Committee's Inquiry into the Decision to go to War in Iraq]; to be printed [No. 1044] [ordered to be printed in the adjournment pursuant to S.O. No. 137 (Select Committees (adjournment of the House))]; [Clerk of the House]; and

(2) Certain papers relating to the Committee’s inquiry into the Decision to go to War in Iraq [Donald Anderson].

MEMORANDUM

Under the Recess Elections Act 1975, the Speaker, during the adjournment, issued his warrant to the Clerk of the Crown to make out a New Writ for the electing of a Member to serve in the present Parliament for the borough constituency of Brent East, in the room of Paul Andrew Dasley, deceased.

[No. 133.]

Tuesday 9th September 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Mersey Tunnels Bill, as amended;

Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Tuesday 16th September.

2 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2003.

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:

Draft Gambling Bill (Joint Committee),—The Lords communicate that they have appointed a Committee of eight Lords to join with the Committee appointed by the Commons, to consider and report on any draft Gambling Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown;

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

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

That the Committee have power to appoint specialist advisers;

That the Committee have power 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 the House;

And that the Committee do report on the draft Bill by 8th April 2004;

And they propose that the Committee do meet with the Committee appointed by the Commons on Tuesday 16th September at half-past Nine o'clock in Committee Room 3.

4 Skin Piercing,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for cosmetic body piercing and micropigmentation; and for connected purposes: And that Ms Gisela Stuart, Ms Meg Munn, Richard Burden, Mr Philip Hammond, Dr Evan Harris and Ann Coffey do prepare and bring it in.

5 Skin Piercing Bill,—Ms Gisela Stuart accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for cosmetic body piercing and micropigmentation; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 155].
6 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.

Military Situation in Iraq.—Resolved, That this House takes note of the military situation in Iraq. (Mr Bernard Jenkin.)

Teacher Shortages.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that thousands of teaching posts have been lost in schools as a result of this year’s funding crisis; condemns the Government for failing to respond early enough to reports of these redundancies, instead seeking to lay the blame on local authorities; further condemns the Government for not using any of the Department for Education and Skills’ underspent money to alleviate this crisis; further notes that schools are having to ask parents for regular contributions to alleviate cash shortages; is concerned about the effect of these redundancies among teachers and support staff on the implementation of the Workload Agreement; and urges the Government to simplify the funding system for schools so that there will be no repeat of this year’s problems in the recruitment and retention of teachers. (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 significant increase in funding made available by the Government to schools since 1997 and the increase in standards schools have achieved; recognises that schools have had extra costs as well as extra investment this year; welcomes the statement to the House on 17th July by the Secretary of State for Education and Skills announcing measures to bring stability to school funding in 2004–05 and 2005–06, including a guarantee of a minimum per pupil increase in funding for schools, and maintaining and inflation-proofing the income that schools will receive from the Standards Fund, supports the consultation his Department is undertaking with representatives of head teachers and local education authorities; welcomes the fact that there are around 25,000 more teachers in schools and over 80,000 more support staff than there were in 1997 and more teachers with Qualified Teacher Status in schools than at any time since 1984; acknowledges three years of rising recruitment to teacher training and the 3,000 more graduates who have accepted training places than this time last year; and welcomes a 25 per cent. fall in the number of unfilled teacher vacancies between 2002 and 2003’ instead thereof. (Mr David Miliband.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

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

7 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, proceedings on the Motions in the name of the Leader of the Opposition may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Eight o’clock. —(Mr Fraser Kemp).—It was agreed to.

8 Teacher Shortages.—The Question being again proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question. —The House resumed the adjourned Debate.

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Mark Field: 171.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Fraser Kemp: 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);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Vernon Coaker: 269.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Mark Field: 169.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House applauds the significant increase in funding made available by the Government to schools since 1997 and the increase in standards schools have achieved; recognises that schools have had extra costs as well as extra investment this year; welcomes the statement to the House on 17th July by the Secretary of State for Education and Skills announcing measures to bring stability to school funding in 2004–05 and 2005–06, including a guarantee of a minimum per pupil increase in funding for schools, and maintaining and inflation-proofing the income that schools will receive from the Standards Fund; supports the consultation his Department is undertaking with representatives of head teachers and local education authorities, welcomes the fact that
there are around 25,000 more teachers in schools and over 80,000 more support staff than there were in 1997 and more teachers with Qualified Teacher Status in schools than at any time since 1984; acknowledges three years of rising recruitment to teacher training and the 3,000 more graduates who have accepted training places than this time last year; and welcomes a 25 per cent. fall in the number of unfilled teacher vacancies between 2002 and 2003.

9 Adjournment (Conference Recess).—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 18th September, do adjourn till Tuesday 14th October—(Derek Twigg).—It was agreed to.

10 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Our Mother of Mercy Nursing and Residential Home, County Down, for the reinstatement of permission for local churches to broadcast their services on the radio was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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 four minutes to Nine o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 8.56 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Defence,—(1) Armed Forces (Entry, Search and Seizure) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2273), dated 4th September 2003,

(2) Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 (Codes of Practice) (Armed Forces) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2315), dated 8th September 2003, and

(3) Royal Air Force Terms of Service (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2305), dated 4th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].


4 Fees and Charges,—(1) Kimberley Process (Fees) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2327), dated 8th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw]; and

(2) Medicines for Human Use (Fees and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2321), dated 8th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

5 Landlord and Tenant,—(1) Leasehold Valuation Tribunals (Fees) (Revocation and Saving) (England) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2270), and

(2) Leasehold Valuation Tribunals (Service Charges, Insurance or Appointment of Managers Applications) (Revocation and Saving) (England) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2269), dated 8th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

6 National Health Service,—National Health Service Pension Scheme (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2322), dated 8th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

7 Public Health,—Care Standards Act 2000 (Domiciliary Care Agencies and Nurses Agencies) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2323), dated 8th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

8 Road Traffic,—(1) Motor Vehicles (Type Approval and Approval Marks) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2258), and
(2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hertfordshire) (Borough of Dacorum) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2326), dated 8th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

9 Taxes,—Tonnage Tax (Training Requirement) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2320), dated 8th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:

11 Air Force (Constitution),—Queen’s Order in respect of Royal Air Force Retired Pay and Pensions [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

12 Foreign and Commonwealth,—Paper, entitled A Constitutional Treaty for the EU: The British Approach to the European Union Intergovernmental Conference [by Command] [Cm. 5934] [Mr Secretary Straw].

13 Police,—Report of the Chief Surveillance Commissioner to the Prime Minister and to the Scottish Ministers for 2002–03, [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1062] [The Prime Minister].

14 Regulation of Investigatory Powers,—Reports of the—
(1) Intelligence Services Commissioner, and
(2) Interception of Communications Commissioner
for 2002, [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1048 and 1047] [The Prime Minister].

15 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of the—
(1) Ashington Education Action Zone,
(2) New Addington Education Action Zone,
(3) North East Lincolnshire (Grimsby) Education Action Zone,
(4) North West Shropshire Education Action Zone,
(5) Nottingham Education Action Zone, and
(6) Withernsea and Southern Holderness Education Action Zone
for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1063, 1064, 1065, 1050, 1066 and 1067] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Northern Ireland Act 2000 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Doug Naysmith from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Tom Harris.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Sixth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [The British Film 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. 667] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Draft Civil Contingencies Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Civil Contingencies Bill; to be printed [Nos. 1074-i and -ii] [Dr Lewis Mooney].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Asylum Applications], to be printed [No. 692-vi] [Mr John Denham].

4 Trade and Industry,—(1) Fourteenth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Trade and Investment Opportunities with China and Taiwan], together with Appendices to the Report, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 128];
(2) Fifteenth Report from the Committee [Retaining Retentions?]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 976]; and
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(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Pre-legislative scrutiny of the draft Nuclear Sites and Radioactive Substances Bill]; to be printed [No. 968-ii]
[Mr Martin O’Neill].

5 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Transparency of Credit Card Charges]; to be printed [No. 962-iv] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 133; WH, No. 85.]

Tuesday 9th September 2003.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Margaret Moran.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.
[Adjourned at 4.26 p.m.

[No. 134.]

Wednesday 10th September 2003.
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 European Standing Committee A,—Miss Anne Begg reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:
That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 8566/03, Commission Communication on enhancing maritime transport security and draft Regulation on enhancing ship and port facility security; and supports the Government’s continuing commitment to working with the European Union to that end.
Report, together with Resolution, to lie upon the Table.

2 Licensing and Registration of Gangmasters,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to register and license gangmasters in the agricultural and food processing industries:
And that Mr Mark Simmonds, Mr John Hayes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr John Baron, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Mark Field, Mr George Osborne, Mr Peter Duncan and Mr Hugo Swire do prepare and bring it in.

3 Licensing and Registration of Gangmasters Bill,—Mr Mark Simmonds accordingly presented a Bill to register and license gangmasters in the agricultural and food processing industries: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 156].

4 Opposition Day [16th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the leader of the second largest opposition party in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.
Fairness and Security in Old Age,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that this Government has failed to deliver fairness and security for older people; is concerned that home care services for older people have been cut back and that the Government has presided over the collapse of the care home sector through botched regulations and underfunding; condemn the Government for putting in place rules that allowed thousands of elderly people to be forced to give up their life savings and homes to fund their continuing healthcare; believes that the Government has failed to tackle the pensions crisis both for current and future pensioners, putting in place a complex system of means-tests that fails to get help to the poorest pensioners, whilst heaping extra costs on pensioners by relying on the unfair Conservative council tax to fund local services; is concerned that many pensioners will suffer as a result of the closure of local post offices, a problem made worse by the Government’s plans to scrap the pension book and introduce direct payment; and calls on the Government to stabilise the care home and home care sectors, offer security and real choice to older people, simplify the pension system, boost the basic state pension and abolish the council tax and replace it with a tax related to ability to pay.—(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 that from 2004-05 Government will be spending £9.2 billion extra per year in real terms on pensioners compared with the 1997 system; notes this is £5.7 billion more than if the basic state pension had been linked to earnings; recognises that the poorest third of pensioners will
be £1,600 a year better off in real terms compared with the 1997 system; applauds Government action for older people on health and social care, fuel poverty, transport and lifelong learning; approves of action to stabilise the care home sector by increasing resources available to councils to increase care home fees where required; supports the Government’s commitment to increase resources available for social services by an average six per cent. a year in real terms over the next three years, the expansion of intensive home care support, and the largest ever sustained increase in funding for the NHS; welcomes the real terms increase of 25 per cent. in grant to local authorities since 1997, and the review of the balance of funding between central and local government; further welcomes the successful introduction of universal banking services, giving Post Office access through a number of current accounts, basic bank accounts and the Post Office card account; congratulates Government on its intention to bring in Pension Credit from October; notes eligible households stand to gain on average £400 a year; and applauds the actions of the Government which result in over 1 million people being ready to receive Pension Credit who will gain more money than they had before’, instead thereof.—(Malcolm Wicks.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Richard Younger-Ross, Mr Alan Reid: 58.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Margaret Moran: 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, Mr Fraser Kemp, Margaret Moran: 307.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Reid, Richard Younger-Ross: 182.

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 that from 2004–05 Government will be spending £9.2 billion extra per year in real terms on pensioners compared with the 1997 system; notes this is £5.7 billion more than if the basic state pension had been linked to earnings; recognises that the poorest third of pensioners will be £1,600 a year better off in real terms compared with the 1997 system; applauds Government action for older people on health and social care, fuel poverty, transport and lifelong learning; approves of action to stabilise the care home sector by increasing resources available to councils to increase care home fees where required; supports the Government’s commitment to increase resources available for social services by an average six per cent. a year in real terms over the next three years, the expansion of intensive home care support, and the largest ever sustained increase in funding for the NHS; welcomes the real terms increase of 25 per cent. in grant to local authorities since 1997, and the review of the balance of funding between central and local government; further welcomes the successful introduction of universal banking services, giving Post Office access through a number of current accounts, basic bank accounts and the Post Office card account; congratulates Government on its intention to bring in Pension Credit from October; notes eligible households stand to gain on average £400 a year; and applauds the actions of the Government which result in over 1 million people being ready to receive Pension Credit who will gain more money than they had before.

Role of the United Nations in Iraq.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the publication of the recent draft resolution of the United Nations Security Council on Iraq; calls upon Her Majesty’s Government to honour the Prime Minister’s commitment to give the United Nations a vital role in the political and economic reconstruction of Iraq through a new Security Council Resolution which would expedite the restoration of sovereignty and democratic control to the Iraqi people, place the process of political transition under the auspices of the United Nations, transfer the whole responsibility for the economic reconstruction and rebuilding of Iraq to an Iraqi provisional government assisted as necessary by the United Nations and replace existing security arrangements with a multinational force under unified command obliged to report to the Security Council—(Mr Menzies Campbell);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘supports the vital role played by the United Nations in Iraq as endorsed by UN Security Council Resolutions 1483 and 1500 (2003); pays tribute to the Secretary General’s Special Representative, Sergio Vieira de Mello and his colleagues brutally murdered in the terrorist atrocity of 19th August; welcomes the determination of the United Nations Secretary General to remain engaged in Iraq; further welcomes the initiation of discussions on a new UN Security Council Resolution on Iraq, which aims to reaffirm the United Nations’ support for the work of
the Governing Council, calls on the Governing Council to submit a timetable and programme for the drafting of a new constitution for Iraq and for the holding of democratic elections, proposes a United Nations-mandated multinational force under existing unified command arrangements and encourages UN Member States and international organisations to help the Iraqi people by providing resources for rehabilitation and reconstruction at next month's conference in Madrid', instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Straw.)

5 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of Divisions which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Orders of the House [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]:

Local Government Finance (England).—That the Special Grant Report (No. 125) (House of Commons Paper No. 776) on the Preserved Rights Grant for 2003–04, dated 16th June 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th June, be approved.

Ayes: 389.

Noes: 1.

So the Question was agreed to.

Local Government Finance (England).—That the Special Grant Report (No. 124) (House of Commons Paper No. 777) on the Delayed Discharges Grant for 2003–04, dated 16th June 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th June, be approved.

Ayes: 255.

Noes: 40.

So the Question was agreed to.

Local Government Finance (England).—That the Special Grant Report (No. 123) (House of Commons Paper No. 778) on the Social Services (High Performers No. 2) Grant for 2003–04, dated 16th June 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th June, be approved.

Ayes: 387.

Noes: 1.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Opposition Day [16th allotted day].—Role of the United Nations in Iraq.—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, Annette Brooke, Richard Younger-Ross: 53.

Tellers for the Noes, Charlotte Atkins, Mr John Heppell: 285.

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 supports the vital role played by the United Nations in Iraq as endorsed by UN Security Council Resolutions 1483 and 1500 (2003); pays tribute to the Secretary General’s Special Representative, Sergio Vieira de Mello and his colleagues brutally murdered in the terrorist atrocity of 19th August; welcomes the determination of the United Nations Secretary General to remain engaged in Iraq; further welcomes the initiation of discussions on a new UN Security Council Resolution on Iraq, which aims to reaffirm the United Nations’ support for the work of the Governing Council, calls on the Governing Council to submit a timetable and programme for the drafting of a new constitution for Iraq and for the holding of democratic elections, proposes a United Nations-mandated multinational force under existing unified command arrangements and encourages UN Member States and international organisations to help the Iraqi people by providing resources for rehabilitation and reconstruction at next month’s conference in Madrid.

7 Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Geraint Davies and Mr George Howarth be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Jon Cruddas and Jim Sheridan be added.—(Joan Ryan.)
Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Joan Ryan);

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 a quarter to Eight o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.45 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Family Law.—Draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Clean Air.—Smoke Control Areas (Exempted Fireplaces) (England) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2328), dated 8th September 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


4 Food.—Food (Star Anise from Third Countries) (Emergency Control) (England) (Revocation) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2338), dated 9th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].


6 Medicines.—Medicines (Child Safety) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2317), dated 6th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

7 National Health Service.—(1) Delayed Discharges (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2277), and

(2) Delayed Discharges (Mental Health Care) (England) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2276),
dated 4th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

8 Social Security.—(1) Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 6) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2340), dated 10th September 2003 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo],

(2) Social Security (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2279), dated 7th September 2003, and

(3) Social Security (Incapacity) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2262), dated 2nd September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Other Papers:

9 Care Standards.—Account of the General Social Care Council for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1069] [Clerk of the House].

10 Government Resources and Accounts.—Account of the Royal Naval Submarine Museum for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [No. 1070] [Clerk of the House].

11 Health.—Government Response to the Third Report of the Health Committee, Session 2002–03, on Sexual Health [by Command] [Cm. 5959] [Mr Secretary Reid].

12 Home Office.—Home Office Minute, dated 10th September 2003, concerning a proposed contingent liability for the provision of an indemnity to operators of new detection technology [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

13 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.—Government Response to the Ninth Report of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2002–03, on Reducing Regional Disparities in Prosperity [by Command] [Cm. 5958] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Planning and Compulsory Purchase (Re-committed) Bill.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Pike and Mr Alan Hurst Chairmen of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

2 Water Bill [Lords]:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee D and has appointed Mr Bill O’Brien and Mr David Amess Chairmen; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-five Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Nick Ainger, Ms Candy Atherton, Norman Baker, Kevin Brennan, Richard Burden, Tony Cunningham, Jim Dobbin, Sue Doughty, Mr David Drew, Dr Brian Iddon, Miss Melanie Johnson, Mr Robert Key, Andy King, Jim Knight, Mr Andrew Lansley, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Mr Elliot Morley, Diana Organ, Mr George Osborne, Dr Nick Palmer, Mr Simon Simon, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr Simon Thomas, Paddy Tipping and Mr Bill Wiggin.

3 Draft Vienna Document 1999 (Privileges and Immunities for Partners) Regulations 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nigel Beard Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

4 Thurrock Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Order to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Paul Clark, Mr David Clelland, Mr Edward Davey, Julia Drown, Paul Farrelly, Mr Adrian Flook, Mr Mark Francois, Mike Gapes, Matthew Green, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Philip Hammond, Keith Hill, Linda Perham, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Jonathan Sayeed and Jim Sheridan.

5 Draft Contracting Out (Local Education Authority Functions) (England) (Amendment) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

6 Draft Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation and has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman;
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Roy Beggs, Virginia Bottomley, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Huw Irranca-Davies, Alan Keen, Jane Kennedy, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr Eric Martlew, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Greg Pope, James Purnell, Mr Clive Soley, Mr John Taylor and Angela Watkinson.

7 Draft Partnerships etc. (Removal of Twenty Member Limit) Northern Ireland Order 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Order to the Fifth 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 Roy Beggs, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Frank Doran, Mrs Lorna Fitzsimons, Huw Irranca-Davies, Lembit Opik, Mr Ian Pearson, Mr Ken Purchase, Mr Chris Smith, Mr John Taylor, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr Michael Trend, Dr Rudi Vis, Angela Watkinson and Mr Brian Wilson.

Grand Committees

8 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 23rd October.

European Standing Committees

9 European Union Document No. 10980/03, relating to the Recovery Plan for Northern Hake, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

10 European Union Document No. 11817/03, relating to Reduced Rates of VAT, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Lessons of Iraq], to be printed [No. 695-ix]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Draft Civil Contingencies Bill] [Mr Bruce George].
2 Draft Mental Incapacity Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the
Draft Mental Incapacity Bill; to be printed [No. 1083-i] [Mrs Angela Browning].

3 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills
Committee [Secondary Education: School Admissions]; to be printed [No. 1075-i] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Environmental Audit,—(1) Eleventh Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [The
Sustainable Development Headline Indicators 2002]; to be printed, with the Minutes of
Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1080].
   (2) Fourth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Fifth
Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on Waste—An Audit], together with
Appendices to the Report; to be printed [No. 1081]; and
   (3) Fifth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Sixth
Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on the Government’s Response to the
Sixth Report, Session 2001–02, on Buying Time for Forests: Timber Trade and Public
Procurement]; to be printed [No. 1082]
   [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

5 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Fourteenth Report from the Environment, Food
and Rural Affairs Committee [Gangmasters], together with Appendices to the Minutes
of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings
of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 691].
   (2) Ninth Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Reply to the Eighth
Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on The Future of Waste Management];
to be printed [No. 1084];
   (3) Tenth Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Reply to the Ninth
Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on The Delivery of Education in Rural
Areas]; to be printed [No. 1085];
   (4) Eleventh Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Reply to the Tenth
Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on Horticulture Research International];
to be printed [No. 1086];
   (5) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Alternative Uses for Crops
(Biofuels)]; to be printed [No. 929-ii]; and
   (6) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Gangmasters]
   [Mr David Curry].

6 European Scrutiny,—(1) Thirty-first Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be
printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No.
63-xxx]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Inter-Governmental
Conference on the Draft Treaty on a Constitution for Europe]; to be printed [No. 1078-i]
   [Mr Jimmy Hood].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Seventh Special Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs
Committee [Government’s Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee,
Session 2002–03, on Peace II]; to be printed [No. 1077] [Mr Michael Mates].

8 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Sessional Orders
and Resolutions]; to be printed [No. 855-iii] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].

9 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts
[Progress on 15 major capital projects funded by Arts Council England]; to be printed
[No. 1087-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

10 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Departmental
Annual Report]; to be printed [No. 918-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee
[HM Treasury Departmental Report 2003]; to be printed [No. 1079-i] [Mr John McFall].

12 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee
[Departmental Report]; to be printed [No. 1068-i] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment.—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.55 p.m.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 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. 7623/03, Commission Communication towards uniform and effective implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy, and No. 10509/03, Commission Communication on compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy: “Compliance work plan and scoreboard”; takes note of the Government’s support for the work plan; and supports the Government’s objective of playing a constructive part in detailed discussion of the proposals to improve co-operation between enforcement agencies and of the feasibility study on the proposed Community Fisheries Control Agency.

Report, together with Resolution, 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 Local Government Bill, with Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

3 Local Government Bill,—Lords Amendmentsto the Local Government Bill to be considered on Monday 15th September; and to be printed [Bill 157].

4 Draft Gambling Bill,—Ordered, That the Lords Message of 9th September relating to the Joint Committee on any draft Gambling 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.

5 Standards and Privileges,—Resolved, That this House—

(i) approves the Fifth Report of the Committee on Standards and Privileges (House of Commons Paper No. 947); and

(ii) accordingly suspends Mr Clive Betts, Member for Sheffield Attercliffe, from the service of the House for seven days.—(Derek Twigg.)

6 Adjournment (Defence in the United Kingdom),—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Derek Twigg);

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

7 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission Etc.) Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That, if a Bill entitled the Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Bill is brought from the Lords and read the first time, notices of Amendments, new Clauses and new Schedules to be moved in Committee in respect of the Bill may be accepted by the Clerks at the Table before the Bill has been read a second time.—(Gillian Merron.)

8 Sittings of the House,—Ordered, That—

(1) at the sittings on Tuesday 16th, Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th September, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Message from the Lords has been received and any Committee to draw up Reasons which has been appointed at the sitting has reported; and

(2) at the sitting on Thursday 18th September, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until he has reported the Royal Assent to any Act agreed upon by both Houses.—(Gillian Merron.)
9 Machinery of Government Changes: Amendments to Standing Orders.—Ordered, That—

(1) Standing Order No. 94 (Scottish Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)) be amended in line 2 by leaving out the second ‘Scottish’ and inserting ‘Scotland’;

(2) Standing Order No. 103 (Welsh Grand Committee (questions for oral answer)) be amended in line 2 by leaving out the second ‘Welsh’ and inserting ‘Wales’;

(3) Standing Order No. 119 (European Standing Committees) be amended in the table in paragraph (6), as follows:

(a) in line 5, by leaving out ‘Transport, Local Government and the Regions’ and inserting ‘Transport; Office of the Deputy Prime Minister’;

(b) in line 12, by leaving out ‘Lord Chancellor’s Department’ and inserting ‘Department for Constitutional Affairs (excluding those responsibilities of the Scotland and Wales Offices which fall to European Standing Committee A)’;

(4) Standing Order No. 152 (Select committees related to government departments) be amended in the Table in paragraph (2), as follows:

(a) before item 1 insert ‘1 Constitutional Affairs Department for Constitutional Affairs 11’;

(b) leave out the item relating to the Lord Chancellor’s Department inserted on 27th January;

(c) in item 16, leave out ‘Welsh Office (Office of the Secretary of State for Wales (including relations with the National Assembly for Wales))’ and insert ‘Wales Office (including relations with the National Assembly for Wales)’; and

(5) the Order of 5th November 2001 relating to Liaison Committee (Membership) be amended, in paragraph (2), by leaving out ‘Lord Chancellor’s Department’ and inserting ‘Constitutional Affairs’.—(Gillian Merron.)

10 Environmental Audit,—Ordered, That Mr Michael Meacher be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Mr Elliot Morley be added.—(Gillian Merron.)

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

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

12 Adjournment,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn.—(Gillian Merron);

And the Motion having been made at Six o’clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday 15th September.

[Adjourned at 6.30 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Dangerous Drugs.—Draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Investigatory Powers.—(1) Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) Order 2003, [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett],


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


5 National Assistance Services,—National Assistance (Assessment of Resources) (Amendment) (No. 2) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2343), dated 11th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].


Other Papers:

7 Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security,—Draft Voluntary Code of Practice on the Retention of Communications Data under Part 11 of the Anti-Terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 Culture, Media and Sport,—Department of Culture, Media and Sport Minute dated 11th September 2003, concerning contingent liabilities relating to the ‘Gothic: Art for England, 1400–1547’ exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

9 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency with Trust Statement for 2002–03 (in continuation of House of Commons Paper No. 964), with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1056] [Mr Secretary Darling].

10 Intelligence and Security,—Paper, entitled Iraqi Weapons of Mass Destruction: Intelligence and Assessments [by Command] [Cm. 5972] [The Prime Minister].

11 Northern Ireland,—Review and Accounts of the InterTradeIreland Trade and Business Development Body for 2002, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1052] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

12 Standards in Public Life,—Government response to the Ninth Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life [by Command] [Cm 5964] [The Prime Minister].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Water Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Norman Baker, Mr Tony Cunningham, Mr Elliot Morley, Mr George Osborne, Mr Paddy Tipping and Mr Bill Wiggin members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

2 Draft Vienna Document 1999 (Privileges and Immunities) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Denis McShane and Dr Phyllis Starkey from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Roger Casale and Mr Bill Rammell.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Work of the Home Office]; to be printed [No. 1088-i] [Mr John Denham].

2 International Development,—Appendix to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee on 15th July [The UK Government Response to the Report of the Commission on Intellectual Property Rights]; to be printed [No. 1013] [Tony Baldry].

[No. 135; WH, No. 87.]
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting commenced at half-past Two o’clock.

Adjournment (The United Nations),—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Joan Ryan.)
And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 16th September.
[Adjourned at 4.55 p.m.]

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

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Roger Gale reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Animal By-Products Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1482).

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:

Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision in connection with the establishment under international law of an independent commission with monitoring functions in relation to Northern Ireland, to make further provision about exclusion from Ministerial office in Northern Ireland, to make provision about reduction of remuneration of members of the Northern Ireland Assembly, to make provision about reduction of financial assistance under the Financial Assistance for Political Parties Act (Northern Ireland) 2000, to make provision about censure resolutions of the Northern Ireland Assembly, and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Patients’ Protection Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to prohibit the withdrawal or withholding of sustenance with the intention of causing the death of a patient; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Fireworks Bill,—The Lords have agreed to the Fireworks Bill, without Amendment.

3 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Bill [Lords].—The Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Bill [Lords] was read the first time, and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 158].

4 Water Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the Programme Order of 8th September 2003 in relation to the Water Bill [Lords] be amended by the substitution in paragraph (2) (time for conclusion of proceedings in Standing Committee) for the words ‘Tuesday 21st October’ of the words ‘Thursday 23rd October’—(Mr Nick Ainger).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Bridget Prentice: 240.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr John Randall: 98.

So the Question was agreed to.

5 Local Government Bill (Programme) (No. 4),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That the following provisions shall apply to the Local Government Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 7th January 2003, 28th January 2003 and 25th February 2003:

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption at this day’s sitting.

2. Those proceedings shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the following Table, and each part of those proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the time shown in the second column.

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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 Nick Raynsford);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Bridget Prentice: 237.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr John Randall: 140.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Local Government Bill.—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the Lords Amendments to the Local Government Bill;

Mr Nick Raynsford, by Her Majesty’s Command, acquainted the House, That Her Majesty, having been informed of the purport of the Bill, gives her consent, so far as Her Majesty’s interest is concerned, That the House may do therein as it shall think fit.

The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Local Government Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 3.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Nick Raynsford);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Bridget Prentice: 258.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Field, Mr Mark Francois: 154.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed 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 Nick Raynsford);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr John Heppell: 256.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr John Randall: 144.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

It being more than two and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Local Government Bill (Programme)(No. 4), the Deputy Speaker put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour, pursuant to Order [this day].

Lords Amendment No. 20.

Amendments (a) and (b) were made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges.

Amendments (c), (d), (e) and (f), consequential to Lords Amendment No. 20, were made to the Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 19 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 2, 4, 5, 7 to 18 and 21 to 42 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 18, 21, 22 and 27.

Lords Amendment No. 43.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House agrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Nick Raynsford);

And it being Ten o’clock, the Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [this day].

Lords Amendment No. 43 was agreed to.

The Speaker then put forthwith the Question on the remaining Lords Amendments.
Lords Amendments Nos. 44 to 56 agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 47, 48, 49, 53 and 54.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendments Nos. 3, 6 and 19;

That Paul Clark, Mr Edward Davey, Linda Gilroy, Mr Philip Hammond and Phil Hope be members of the Committee;

That Phil Hope be the Chairman of the Committee;

That three be the Quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Paul Clark.)

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 2000 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 3rd July, be approved—(Gillian Merron)—It was agreed to.

8 Maritime Transport Security.—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. 8566/03, Commission Communication on enhancing maritime transport security and draft Regulation on enhancing ship and port facility security; and supports the Government’s continuing commitment to working with the European Union to that end—(Gillian Merron)—It was agreed to.

9 European Scrutiny Committee,—Ordered, That Miss Anne McIntosh be discharged from the European Scrutiny Committee and Mr David Heathcoat-Amory be added.—(Gillian Merron.)

10 Standing Committee on the Inter-governmental Conference,—Ordered, That—

(1) There shall be a standing committee, called the Standing Committee on the Inter-Governmental Conference on the Future of Europe.

(2) At any sitting of the standing committee, the chairman may permit a Minister or Ministers to make statements on the Inter-Governmental Conference, 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) At the conclusion of proceedings under paragraph (2), the committee may consider either of the following—

(a) when a written report has been laid before Parliament by a Minister or Ministers, a Motion proposed from the chair ‘That the committee has considered the report of [date] on the Inter-Governmental Conference’; or

(b) a Motion for the adjournment of the committee, provided that a Minister of the Crown has given notice of a subject relating to the Inter-Governmental Conference for the debate on the adjournment not later than five days before the sitting.

(4)(a) The chairman shall put any Questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings on any Motion under paragraph (3)(a), if not previously concluded, when the committee shall have sat for two and a half hours; and the chairman shall thereupon report that the committee has considered the report of [date] on the Inter-Governmental Conference, without putting any further Question;

(b) in case of a Motion under paragraph (3)(b), the chairman shall adjourn the committee without putting any question, not later than two and a half hours after the committee has begun sitting

(5)(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), and

(b) any Member of the House, not being a member of the committee, may take part in the proceedings of the committee and be counted in the quorum, but shall not vote or make any motion, except that any member of the government may move a Motion under paragraph (3)(b).

(6) 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.

That this Order be a Standing Order of the House until the end of the next Session of Parliament.—(Gillian Merron.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.
11 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Ordered, That the Working Time (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1684), be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Gillian Merron.)

12 Public Health,—Ordered, That the Care Standards Act 2000 (Domiciliary Care Agencies and Nurses Agencies) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2323), be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Gillian Merron.)

13 Local Government Bill,—Phil Hope reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Local Government Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reasons, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 3 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 Commons disagree to Lords Amendments No. 6 for the following Reason:—
Because it would affect the levy of local revenues, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this reason may be deemed sufficient.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 19 for the following Reason:—
Because it would alter the area of taxation, 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.

14 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Cllr Ruth Burrow and residents of East Devon against a new town being built in East Devon was presented and read, and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

15 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Gillian Merron.)

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 delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 12th September 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Bulgaria (No. 1, 2003),—Agreement, done at Sofia on 21st February 2003, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria on the Readmission of Persons, and Protocol for the implementation of the Agreement, with an Explanatory Memorandum [Cm. 5966] [Mr Secretary Straw].


Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 12th September 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2335), dated 10th September 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].

4 Social Security,—(1) Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (State Pension Credit and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2275), and (2) State Pension Credit (Transitional and Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2274), dated 7th September 2003 [Mr Secretary Smith].
Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 15th September 2003:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Legal Services Commission.—Criminal Defence Service (General) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2378), dated 11th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr David Lammy].

6 National Health Service.—(1) National Health Service (Optical Charges and Payments) and (General Ophthalmic Services) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2381), and
(2) National Health Service (Travel Expenses and Remission of Charges) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2382) dated 14th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

7 Social Security.—(1) Income Support (General) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2379), dated 15th September, and
(2) Social Security (Third Party Deductions and Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2325), dated 9th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Other Papers:


9 Crown Agents.—Account of the Crown Agents Holding and Realisation Board for 2002, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1091] [Clerk of the House].

10 Disabled Persons (Services, Consultation and Representation).—Thirteenth Report on the Development of Services for People with a Mental Illness in England [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1036] [Mr Secretary Reid].

11 Law Commissions.—Report of the Law Commission on Children: Their Non-accidental Death or Serious Injury (Criminal Trials) [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1054] [Mr Christopher Leslie].

12 Marshall Aid Commemoration.—Account of the Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission for 2002-03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1090] [Clerk of the House].

13 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Achieving Improvements through Clinical Governance: A Progress Report on Implementation by NHS Trusts [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1055] [Clerk of the House].

14 Police.—Report and Accounts of the Independent Police Complaints Authority for 2002-03 [by Act], with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon; to be printed [No. 1061] [Mr Secretary Blankett].

15 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Education and Skills on the Petition [17th July] from Anne Stephens for a fairer allocation of funding to schools in Somerset [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Water Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Dr Nick Palmer and Kevin Brennan in place of Tony Cunningham and Paddy Tipping as members of the Programming Sub-Committee in respect of the Bill.

2 Animal By-Products Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1482).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Jon Cruddas, Mr Iain Luke, Ms Debra Shipley and Dr Gavin Strang from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations), and nominated in substitution Mr Russell Brown, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Diana Organ and Mr James Plaskitt.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Fourth Special Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Government Observations on the Fourth Report from the Committee, on Secondary Education: Diversity of Provision]; to be printed [No. 1096] [Mr Barry Sheerman].
2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Alternative Uses for Crops (Biofuels)]; to be printed [No. 929-iii] [Mr David Curry].

3 Human Rights,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on Human Rights [The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights]; to be printed [No. 1099-i] [Jean Corston].

4 International Development,—Memorandum laid before the International Development Committee [Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, Trade and Development at the WTO: Issues for Cancún]; to be printed [No. 1092] [Tony Baldry].

5 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Improving Service Delivery: The Forensic Science Service]; to be printed [No. 1097-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Science and Technology,—Seventh Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Light Pollution and Astronomy], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 747-I and -II] [Dr Ian Gibson].

7 Select Committees (Choice of Chairman),—Mr Michael Jack reported from the Information Committee, That he had been chosen as Chairman of the Committee.

Tuesday 16th September 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill [Lords],—Ordered, That the London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill [Lords] be now considered.

Amendments made to the Bill.

Bill to be read the third time.

2 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read for further consideration of the Mersey Tunnels Bill, as amended;

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

3 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nigel Beard reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Vienna Document 1999 (Privileges and Immunities) Order 2003.

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:

National Lottery (Funding of Endowments) Bill,—The Lords have agreed to the National Lottery (Funding of Endowments) Bill, without Amendment.

5 Transport (Concessionary Fares),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to allow pensioners and disabled persons in England to benefit from free travel on buses in current travel concession authority areas and in the vicinity of those areas; and for connected purposes: And that Joyce Quin, Valerie Davey, Mr Jim Cousins, Mr Chris Smith, Lynne Jones, Angela Eagle, Mr Win Griffiths, Mrs Jackie Lawrence, Mr Ian Davidson, Alan Keen, Mr Parmjit Dhanda and Vera Baird do prepare and bring it in.

6 Transport (Concessionary Fares) Bill,—Joyce Quin accordingly presented a Bill to allow pensioners and disabled persons in England to benefit from free travel on buses in current travel concession authority areas and in the vicinity of those areas; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 159].

7 Opposition Day [17th allotted day],—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Security of the Electricity Supply and London Underground,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is greatly concerned about the security of the electricity supply; recognises the crucial importance of reliable supplies to every aspect of domestic and business life, including transport, believes that the Government
is neglecting the risk of power cuts this winter and in the longer term; condemns the Government’s Energy White Paper for planning to make Britain dependent on gas imports from unreliable sources and for not balancing the need for secure supplies with environmental responsibilities; notes that the consequences of the recent power cut on the London Underground may have been worsened by the inadequacies of the Public Private Partnership negotiated and imposed by the Government; and calls for urgent action to ensure no repetition of the alarming experiences endured by hundreds of thousands of people in London and the South East—(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 ‘regrets the problems that have recently occurred on the National Grid and the disruption that was caused particularly to transport services; further notes that the report published by the National Grid last Wednesday shows that the problem was not caused by under-investment on the network, shortage of capacity or its contractual relationship with any of its customers but rather by a local transmission failure; notes that security of supply is one of the key responsibilities of the regulator, that Ofgem is considering the incident in the light of the National Grid’s licence obligations and will be reporting at the end of September; and further notes that the Government’s engineering inspectorate will also be conducting its own investigation’, instead thereof.—(Mr Stephen Timms.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Syms, Mr Mark Francois: 124.

Tellers for the Noes, Gillian Merron, Joan Ryan: 332.

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 regrets the problems that have recently occurred on the National Grid and the disruption that was caused particularly to transport services; further notes that the report published by the National Grid last Wednesday shows that the problem was not caused by under-investment on the network, shortage of capacity or its contractual relationship with any of its customers but rather by a local transmission failure; notes that security of supply is one of the key responsibilities of the regulator, that Ofgem is considering the incident in the light of the National Grid’s licence obligations and will be reporting at the end of September; and further notes that the Government’s engineering inspectorate will also be conducting its own investigation.

Referendum on the EU Constitution.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes that the draft Constitution, presented by the Convention on the Future of Europe to the Inter-Governmental Conference on 20th June at Thessalonica, constitutes a fundamental change to the relationship between the European Union and the Member States and should therefore only be implemented if the British people have freely consented to it in a referendum—(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 ‘welcomes the Government’s commitment to keeping Parliament fully informed of the progress of the IGC negotiations, including through the publication of a White Paper, and to continued intense Parliamentary scrutiny of the draft Constitutional Treaty; believes the proposals from the Convention on the Future of Europe are a good starting point for discussions between the elected governments of the EU’s member states; further believes that, as the proposals do not alter the fundamental constitutional relationship between the EU and its Member States, and the role of national parliaments is strengthened, there is no reason to depart from the precedent set by previous governments, which rejected referendums on previous constitutional treaties; and notes that it will be for Parliament to decide on whether it should become part of UK law’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Straw.)

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 Mark Francois, Mr Robert Syms: 177.

Tellers for the Noes, Charlotte Atkins, Derek Twigg: 250.
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, Derek Twigg, Charlotte Atkins: 241.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Robert Syms: 165.

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 commitment to keeping Parliament fully informed of the progress of the IGC negotiations, including through the publication of a White Paper, and to continued intense Parliamentary scrutiny of the draft Constitutional Treaty; believes the proposals from the Convention on the Future of Europe are a good starting point for discussions between the elected governments of the EU’s member states, further believes that, as the proposals do not alter the fundamental constitutional relationship between the EU and its Member States, and the role of national parliaments is strengthened, there is no reason to depart from the precedent set by previous governments, which rejected referendums on previous constitutional treaties; and notes that it will be for Parliament to decide on whether it should become part of UK law.

8 Implementation of and Compliance with 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 No. 7623/03, Commission Communication towards uniform and effective implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy, and No. 10509/03, Commission Communication on compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy: ‘Compliance work plan and scoreboard;’ takes note of the Government’s support for the work plan, and supports the Government’s objective of playing a constructive part in detailed discussion of the proposals to improve co-operation between enforcement agencies and of the feasibility study on the proposed Community Fisheries Control Agency—(Mr John Heppell);

And the Deputy Speaker’s decision as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till to-morrow, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002].

9 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Bicester, Oxfordshire, and the surrounding area for the provision of an extended community hospital in Bicester was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

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 Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

2 British Library,—Statement of appointment of Eileen Mackay CB to the Board of the British Library [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

3 Criminal Injuries Compensation,—Report and Accounts of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority for 2001–02, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 450] [Clerk of the House].

4 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Public Guardianship Office for 2002-03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 738] [David Lammy].

5 Police (Northern Ireland),—Eighth Report of the Oversight Commissioner [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Vienna Document 1999 (Privileges and Immunities) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Chaytor, Mr David Clelland, Mr Síón Simon and Geraldine Smith from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Graham Allen, Jeff Ennis, Mr Mark Fisher and Mike Gapes.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [The office of Lord Chancellor and the establishment of a judicial appointments commission and Supreme Court]; to be printed [No. 1105-i];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Legal Services Commission Annual Report 2002-03]; to be printed [No. 1106-i]; and

(3) Further Memoranda laid before the Committee [Asylum and Immigration Appeals]; to be printed [No. 772-II] [Mr A. J. Beith].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [London Olympic Bid 2012]; to be printed [No. 1098-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Draft Civil Contingencies Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Civil Contingencies Bill; to be printed [Nos. 1074-iii and -iv] [Dr Lewis Mooney].

4 Draft Mental Incapacity Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Mental Incapacity Bill; to be printed [No. 1083-ii] [Jim Dowdl].

5 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Asylum Applications]; to be printed [No. 692-vii] [Mr John Denham].

6 International Development,—(1) Fifth Special Report from the International Development Committee [Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee, on Trade and Development at the WTO: Issues for Cancún]; to be printed [No. 1093];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Development Assistance and the Occupied Palestinian Territories]; to be printed [No. 1107-i]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Development Assistance and the Occupied Palestinian Territories] [Tony Baldry].

7 Joint Committees (Choice of Chairmen),—Mr John Greenway reported from the Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the Lords as the Joint Committee on the Draft Gambling Bill, that he had been chosen Chairman of the Joint Committee.

8 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Introduction of the Aggregates Levy in Northern Ireland: One Year On]; to be printed [No. 1101-i] [Mr Michael Mates].

9 Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-seventh Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xxvii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

10 Trade and Industry,—(1) Sixteenth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Rewards for Failure], together with Appendices to the Report; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 914];

(2) Fourth Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Eleventh Report from the Committee, on People, Pensions and Post Offices: The impact of ‘Direct Payment’ on post offices and their customers]; to be printed [No. 1102];

(3) Fifth Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Ninth Report from the Committee, on UK Steel 2003]; to be printed [No. 1103]; and

(4) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Electricity companies’ responses to the storms of October 2002]; to be printed [No. 1104-i] [Mr Martin O’Neill].
11 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Manufacturing and Trade in Wales]; to be printed [No. 1100-i] [Mr Martyn Jones].

[No. 137; WH, No. 88.]
Tuesday 16th September 2003.
The House sitting in Westminster Hall
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 the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.40 p.m.]

[No. 138.]
Wednesday 17th September 2003.
The House met at half-past Eleven o’clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Transas Group 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 Transas Group Bill and found the same to be true; and that through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, as amended in 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 draft Contracting Out (Local Education Authority Functions) (England) (Amendment) Order 2003.

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 certain of their Amendments to the Local Government Bill to which this House has disagreed; they agree to the Amendments proposed by this House to another Lords Amendment, and they agree to the consequential Amendments made by this House to the Bill; and they do not insist on the remaining Amendment to which this House has disagreed, but propose an Amendment in lieu thereof.

The Lords communicate that they have resolved that any Lord may participate in the proceedings of the Standing Committee on the Inter-Governmental Conference appointed by the Commons, but may not vote or move any Motion or be counted in the Quorum, as proposed in this House’s message of 16th September.

4 Local Government Bill.—Lords Amendment in lieu of a Amendment to the Local Government Bill to which the Commons have disagreed to be printed [Bill 162].

5 European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Bill.—Mr Christopher Leslie, supported by the Prime Minister, Mr Secretary Prescott, Peter Hain, Mr Secretary Darling, Mr David Miliband and Mr Denis MacShane, presented a Bill to make provision for piloting in certain regions different methods of voting at the European Parliamentary general election in 2004 and at certain local elections held at the same time; and to enable consequential alterations to be made to voting procedures at local elections; And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time tomorrow and to be printed [Bill 160].

Ordered, That the Explanatory Notes relating to the European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Bill be printed [Bill 160–EN].

6 Stray Animals.—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for stray animals and for their ownership; and for connected purposes: And that Mr David Amess, Mrs Helen Clark, Bob Spink, Miss Ann Widdecombe, Mr David Atkinson, Angela Watkinson, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Tony Banks, Mr Keith Bradley, Bob Russell, Mr David Drew and Mr Ian Cawsey do prepare and bring it in.

7 Stray Animals Bill.—Mr David Amess accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for stray animals and for their ownership; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 161].
Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) 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 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Bill [Lords]—

Timetable

1. Proceedings on Second Reading, in Committee, on consideration and on Third Reading shall be completed at this day’s sitting and shall be brought to a conclusion, if not previously concluded, nine hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for this Order.

Timing of proceedings and Questions to be put

2. When the Bill has been read a second time—
   (a) it shall, notwithstanding Standing Order No. 63 (Comittal of bills), stand committed to a Committee of the whole House without any Question being put;
   (b) proceedings on the Bill shall stand postponed while the Question is put, in accordance with paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 52 (Money and ways and means resolutions in connection with bills), on any financial resolutions relating to the Bill;
   (c) on the conclusion of proceedings on any financial resolutions relating to the Bill, proceedings on the Bill shall be resumed and the Speaker shall leave the Chair whether or not notice of an Instruction has been given.

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.

Subsequent stages

6.—(1) Any further Message from the Lords on the Bill shall be considered forthwith without any Question being put.
   (2) Proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall, if not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

7.—(1) This paragraph applies for the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with paragraph 6.
   (2) The Speaker shall first put forthwith any Question which has already been proposed from the Chair and not yet decided.
   (3) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown which is related to the Question already proposed from the Chair.
   (4) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown on, or relevant to, any of the remaining items in the Lords Message.
   (5) The Speaker shall then put forthwith the Question, That this House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords Proposals.

Reasons Committee

8.—(1) The Speaker shall put forthwith the Question on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for the appointment, nomination and quorum of a Committee to draw up Reasons in relation to the Bill and the appointment of its Chairman.
   (2) A Committee appointed to draw up Reasons shall report before the conclusion of the sitting at which it is appointed.
   (3) Proceedings in the Committee shall, if not previously brought to a conclusion, be brought to a conclusion 30 minutes after their commencement.
   (4) For the purpose of bringing any proceedings to a conclusion in accordance with sub-paragraph (3) the Chairman shall—
      (a) first put forthwith any Question which has been proposed from the Chair but not yet decided, and
(b) then put forthwith successively Questions on motions which may be made by a
Minister of the Crown for assigning a Reason for disagreeing with the Lords in
any of their Amendments.

(5) The proceedings of the Committee shall be reported without any further Question
being put.

Miscellaneous

9. Paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business) shall apply to any
proceedings to which this Order applies.

10. The proceedings on any Motion made by a Minister of the Crown for varying or
supplementing the provisions of this Order shall, if not previously concluded, be brought
to a conclusion one hour after their commencement and paragraph (1) of Standing Order
No. 15 shall apply to those proceedings.

11. Standing Order No. 82 (Business Committee) shall not apply in relation to any
proceedings to which this Order applies.

12. No Motion shall be made to alter the order in which any proceedings on the Bill
are taken or to re-commit the Bill.

13. No dilatory Motion shall be made in relation to proceedings to which this Order
applies except by a Minister of the Crown; and the Question on any such Motion shall
be put forthwith.

14.—(1) This paragraph applies if—

(a) a Motion for the Adjournment of the House under Standing Order No. 24
(Adjournment on specific and important matter that should have urgent
consideration) has been stood over to Four o’clock, Three o’clock or Seven
o’clock (as the case may be), but

(b) proceedings to which this Order applies have begun before then.

(2) Proceedings on that Motion shall stand postponed until the conclusion of those
proceedings.

15. If the House is adjourned, or the sitting is suspended, before the conclusion of any
proceedings to which this Order applies, 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.

16. Proceedings to which this Order applies shall not be interrupted under any
Standing Order relating to the sittings of the House—(Mr Secretary Murphy);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jim Murphy, Charlotte Atkins: 243.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nigel Dodds, David Burnside: 21.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being
read, for the Second Reading of the Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.)
Bill [Lords].

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

10 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had
been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Orders of the House [28th June 2001 and 29th
October 2002]:

Implementation of and Compliance with the Common Fisheries Policy.—That this
House takes note of European Union Documents No. 7623/03, Commission
Communication towards uniform and effective implementation of the Common
Fisheries Policy, and No. 10509/03, Commission Communication on compliance with
the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy: ‘Compliance work plan and scoreboard’; takes
note of the Government’s support for the work plan; and supports the Government’s
objective of playing a constructive part in detailed discussion of the proposals to improve
co-operation between enforcement agencies and of the feasibility study on the proposed
Community Fisheries Control Agency.

Ayes: 235.

Noes: 155.

So the Question was agreed to.

11 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Bill [Lords].—The Question being again
proposed, That the Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Bill [Lords] be now
read a second time;

And it being Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker interrupted the proceedings.
12 Business of the House.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 15 (Exempted business), That, at this day’s sitting, consideration of any Lords Messages that may be received may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Gillian Merron):—It was agreed to.

13 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Bill [Lords].—The Question being again proposed, That the Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Bill [Lords] be now read a second time;

And the Question being put;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Gillian Merron: 325.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Iris Robinson, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson: 7.

So the Question was agreed to.
The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

Further proceedings stood postponed, pursuant to Order [this day].

14 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Bill [Lords] [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) 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 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) 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 amount refunded under the Act in respect of any tax or duty—(Derek Twigg):—It was agreed to.

15 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) 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 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Bill [Lords], it is expedient to authorise such incidental charges to inheritance tax as may arise from granting any relief from tax provided for by the Act—(Derek Twigg):—It was agreed to.

16 Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Bill [Lords],—The House, pursuant to Order [this day], resolved itself into a Committee on the Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Bill [Lords].

(In the Committee)
Clause No. 1 (The Monitoring Commission).
Amendment (No. 64) proposed, in page 1, line 4, to leave out from the word ‘established’ to the word ‘to’ in line 6.—(Mr Gregory Campbell.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 1) proposed, in page 1, line 11, at the end, to insert the words—

‘(1A) But, notwithstanding the provisions of that agreement, the Monitoring Commission shall consist of two members only, who shall be appointed by Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom, and of whom one shall be from Northern Ireland.’—(David Burnside.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Gregory Campbell, The Reverend Martin Smyth: 7.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Gillian Merron: 321.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.
The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Fraser Kemp: 330.

Tellers for the Noes, David Burnside, Mrs Iris Robinson: 7.

Clauses Nos. 2 and 3 agreed to.

Clause No. 4 (Resolutions about exclusion).
Amendment (No. 22) proposed, in page 3, line 20, at the end, to insert the words—

'(6A) In subsection (5) (motion for resolution not to be moved unless certain conditions are satisfied), for “Presiding Officer in pursuance of a notice” there is substituted “Secretary of State”.'—(Andrew Mackinlay.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

And it being nine hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion relating to Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Bill [Lords] (Allocation of Time), the Chairman, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair:—It was negatived.

The Chairman then proceeded to put the remaining Questions necessary to bring proceedings in Committee to a conclusion.

Question put, That the Clause stand part of the Bill.

The Committee divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Fraser Kemp: 338.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Andrew Hunter, Mr Jeffrey M. Donaldson: 8.

Clauses Nos. 5 to 11 agreed to.

Clause No. 12 (Short title, commencement and repeals).

Amendment (No. 81) made.

Clause, as amended, agreed to.

Whereupon the Chairman left the Chair to report the Bill, as amended, to the House.

The Deputy Speaker resumed the Chair; and Mr Vernon Coaker reported, That the Committee had gone through the Bill, and made an Amendment thereunto.

The House, pursuant to Order [this day], proceeded to consider the Bill, as amended in the Committee.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [this day], That the Bill be now read the third time;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Gillian Merron: 334.

Tellers for the Noes, Mrs Iris Robinson, Mr Nigel Dodds: 9.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with an Amendment.

17 Local Government Bill,—The House, pursuant to Order [15th September], proceeded forthwith to consider a Lords Amendment in lieu of an Amendment to which the Commons have disagreed.

Lords Amendment No. 3B.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Mr Nick Raynsford);

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And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Bridget Prentice: 221.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Mark Field: 112.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 3B.

That Paul Clark, Mr Edward Davey, Linda Gilroy, Mr Philip Hammond and Phil Hope be members of the Committee.

That Phil Hope be the Chairman of the Committee.

That three be the Quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Paul Clark.)

18 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from

(1) Patrick Iddenden, Zena Gould and others for those on disability benefits to qualify for winter fuel allowance,
(2) residents of Chenies, Buckinghamshire, and others against the installation of a telecommunications mast at Chenies, and
(3) residents of Jordans, Buckinghamshire, and others against proposed changes in school catchment areas affecting children living in Jordans
were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

19 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of West Wiltshire for international trade rules more favourable to the poorest nations was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

20 Local Government Bill,—Phil Hope reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 3B. That it had drawn up the following Reason, which it had directed him to report to the House:
The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 3B for the following Reason:—
Because it would alter the financial arrangements made by the Commons, and the Commons do not offer any further Reason, trusting that this Reason may be deemed sufficient.
The Reason was agreed to.
Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill.

21 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Jim Murphy.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till ten minutes to One o'clock on Thursday morning, adjourned till this day.

[Adjourned at 12.50 a.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:
1 Regulatory Reform,—(1) Draft 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], and
(2) draft Regulatory Reform (Gaming Machines) Order 2003, together with a statement by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:
2 Criminal Procedure,—Pre-Sentence Report Disclosure (Prescription of Prosecutors) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 394), dated 1st September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].
3 Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Hampshire) (Borough of Test Valley) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2336), dated 8th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:
5 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 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1051] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].
6 Government Resources and Accounts,—(1) Account of the Football Licensing Authority for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1110] [Clerk of the House], and
(2) Report and Accounts of National Savings and Investments for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1053] [Ruth Kelly].
7 Government Trading Funds,—Report and Accounts of the Defence Aviation Repair Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 770] [Clerk of the House].
8 Museums and Galleries,—Account of the Board of Trustees of the Tate Gallery for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1111] [Clerk of the House].
9 National Lottery,—Accounts of—
   (1) the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1094] [Clerk of the House], and of
   (2) the Scottish Arts Council National Lottery Distribution Fund, and
   (3) sportscotland National Lottery Fund for 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1057 and 1056] [Mr Secretary Darling].

10 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister,—Government Response to the Electoral Commission’s Report: The Shape of Elections to Come—A Strategic Evaluation of the 2003 Electoral Pilot Schemes [by Command] [Cm. 5975] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

11 Osteopaths,—Report and Accounts of the General Osteopathic Council for 2002–03 [by Act] [Mr Christopher Leslie].

12 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Nineteenth to the Twenty-first and the Twenty-third to the Twenty-fifth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2002–03 [by Command] [Cm. 5961] [Ruth Kelly].

13 Superannuation,—(1) Principal Pension Scheme, and
   (2) Supplementary Pension Scheme, for Mr David Calvert-Smith in respect of his appointment as Director of Public Prosecutions, dated 17th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Douglas Alexander].

14 Treaty Series (No. 36, 2003).—Agreement, done at Havana on 13th June 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Cuba on the Transfer of Prisoners [by Command] [Cm. 5970] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Planning and Compulsory Purchase (Re-committed) Bill:
   (1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock an additional Chairman of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Clive Betts, Sir Sydney Chapman, Paul Clark, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, Yvette Cooper, Mr Edward Davey, Barbara Follett, Dr Hywel Francis, Mr Mark Francois, Matthew Green, Keith Hill, Siobhain McDonagh, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Don Touhig, Mr Andrew Turner and Dr Alan Whitehead.

2 Planning and Compulsory Purchase (Re-committed) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee),—The Speaker has appointed Paul Clark, Mr Mark Francois, Matthew Green, Keith Hill, Mr Terry Rooney, Mr Andrew Turner and Dr Alan Whitehead members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee A in respect of the Bill.

3 Draft Contracting Out (Local Education Authority Functions) (England) (Amendment) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Graham Brady from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Charles Hendry.

4 Draft Electronic Communications (Network and Services) (Penalties) (Rules for Calculation of Turnover) Order 2003.
   (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: Janet Anderson, Charlotte Atkins, Peter Bottomley, Dr Vincent Cable, Mr Iain Coleman, Derek Conway, Brian Cotter, Ross Cranston, Jon Cruddas, Michael Fabricant, Mr Mark Field, Mr Michael Meacher, Chris Mole, Ian Stewart, Mr Stephen Timms and Dr Rudi Vis.

5 Working Time (Amendment) Regulations (S.I., 2003, No. 1684):—
   (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: Charlotte Atkins, Mr Henry Bellingham, Mr Keith Bradley, Dr Vincent Cable, Brian Cotter, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Mark Field, Mr Nick Gibb, Ann McKechin, Judy Mallaber, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Clive Soley, Ian Stewart, Mr Gerry Sutcliffe, Brian White and Mrs Betty Williams.
6 Draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2003:
   (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: David Cairns, Mr David Clelland, Mr Bill Etherington, Mr Paul
       Goodman, Paul Holmes, Mr Andrew Landley, Mr Peter Lilley, Chris McCafferty,
       Margaret Moran, Mr Chris Pond, Ms Debra Shipley, Dr Gavin Strang, Ms
       Gisela Stuart, Mr Robert Syms, Steve Webb and Derek Wyatt.

7 Draft Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has
   discharged James Purnell from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated
   Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr
   Tom Harris.

   Grand Committees

8 Northern Ireland Grand Committee.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr
   David Wilshire from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee and nominated in substitution
   Angela Watkinson.

   European Standing Committees

9 European Union Document No. 5007/03 and unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated
   13th January 2003, submitted by the Department of Trade and Industry, relating to
   Competition policy: Mergers, have been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Mental Incapacity Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the
   Draft Mental Incapacity Bill; to be printed [No. 1083-iii] [Jim Dowd].

2 Education and Skills,—Seventh Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary
   Education: Pupil Achievement], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence
   taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the
   Committee relating to the Report [No. 513] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit,—Twelfth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [The
   world Summit on Sustainable Development 2002: From Rhetoric to Reality],
   together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed,
   with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 98] [Mr
   Peter Ainsworth].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Fifteenth Report from the Environment, Food
   and Rural Affairs Committee [New Covent Garden market: a Follow-up], 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. 901]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Alternative Uses for Crops
       (Biofuels)]; to be printed [No. 929-iv] [Mr David Curry].

5 European Scrutiny,—Thirty-second Report from the European Scrutiny Committee, to be
   printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No.
   63-xxxii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Health,—Memorandum laid before the Health Committee [Public Expenditure on Health
   and Personal Services 2003]; to be printed [No. 1108] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

7 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 [Social Cohesion],
   to be printed [No. 1060-i and -ii] [Andrew Bennett].

8 Procedure,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Procedure Committee [Procedures
   for debates, private Members’ bills and the powers of the Speaker]; to be printed [No.
   333-viii] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].

9 Public Accounts,—(1) Forty-second Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [A Safer
   Place to Work: Improving the management of health and safety risks to staff in NHS
   trusts], together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report
   [No. 704]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Improving Service Delivery: The
       Veterans Agency]; to be printed [No. 1113-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].
10 Transport,—(1) Seventh Report from the Transport Committee [Overcrowding on Public Transport], 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. 201-I and -II]; and

(2) Eighth Report from the Committee [The Highways Agency], 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. 453] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

11 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Statistics Commission Annual Report 2002–03]; to be printed [No. 1112-i] [Mr John McFall].

12 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Empowering Children and Young People in Wales], to be printed [No. 433-vii] [Mr Martyn Jones].

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[No. 138; WH, No. 89.]

Wednesday 17th September 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4.44 p.m.

[No. 139.]

Thursday 18th September 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2003.

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

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Partnerships etc. (Removal of Twenty Member Limit) Northern Ireland Order 2003.

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

3 European Standing Committee A,—Mr Joe Benton reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That this Committee takes note of European Union Documents No. 9081/03, draft Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of cod stocks, and No. 10980/03, draft Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of the Northern hake stock; welcomes the Government’s support of the adoption of recovery plans for cod and hake in which effort control and other measures can play a part, and also supports the Government’s intention to ensure a close dialogue with the fishing industry in developing these plans.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords have agreed without Amendment to the Amendment made by the Commons to the Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Bill.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Local Government Bill to which the Commons have disagreed.

5 Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords].—The Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords] was, according to Order, read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee.
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:

- Fireworks Act 2003
- National Lottery (Funding of Endowments) Act 2003
- Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Act 2003
- Northern Ireland (Monitoring Commission etc.) Act 2003

Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from residents of Knutsford, Alderley Edge and the surrounding area for international trade rules more favourable to the poorest nations was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-six minutes past Four o’clock, adjourned till Tuesday 14th October, pursuant to Resolution [9th September].

Adjourned at 4.26 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Education,—Draft Education (Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Fourth Key Stage) (England) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


4. Road Traffic,—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Cumbria) (Borough of Allerdale) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2334), dated 11th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:


8. Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Rural Payments Agency for 2002-03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 940] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

9. Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs,—Report on Human Rights for 2003 [by Command] [Cm 5967] [Mr Secretary Straw].


11. Work and Pensions,—Report by the Department for Work and Pensions for 2003 [by Command] [Cm. 5956] [Mr Secretary Smith].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Thurrock Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 2003,— The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

2 Draft Electronic Communications (Networks and Services) (Penalties) (Rules for Calculation of Turnover) Order 2003,— The Speaker has appointed Miss Anne Begg Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

3 Working Time (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1684),— The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

4 Draft Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2003,— The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Clive Soley from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West).

5 Draft Partnerships etc. (Removal of Twenty Member Limit) Northern Ireland Order 2003,— The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Parmjit Dhanda from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Tom Harris.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 European Scrutiny,— First Special Report from the European Scrutiny Committee [Government Observations on the Twenty-sixth Report from the Committee, on The Convention’s proposals on criminal justice]; to be printed [No. 1118] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

2 Health,— Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Obesity]; to be printed [No. 755-iv] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

3 International Development,— (1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Iraq], together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 1116-i]; and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Afghanistan], together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 1117-i] [Tony Baldry].

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 [Social Cohesion]; to be printed [No. 1060-iii] [Andrew Bennett].

5 Treasury,— Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Bank of England August 2003 Inflation Report]; to be printed [No. 1114] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 139; WH, No. 90.]

Thursday 18th September 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjourment (The Future of Higher Education—Fifth Report from the Education and Skills Committee, Session 2002-03, and the Government response thereto).— A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Budget Prentice); And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned, without Question put, till Tuesday 14th October.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Two o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—The Order of the day being read for further consideration of the Mersey Tunnels Bill, as amended;
   Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Tuesday 21st October.

2 Sexual Offences Bill [Lords].—Mr Roger Gale reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the Sexual Offences Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.
   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 164].
   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 1172].

3 Message from the Lords.—A Message was brought from the Lords, as follows:
   The Lords have agreed to the Dealing in Cultural Objects (Offences) Bill, without Amendment.
   The Lords have agreed to the Legal Deposit Libraries Bill, without Amendment.
   The Lords have agreed to the Household Waste Recycling Bill, without Amendment.

4 New Member sworn.—Sarah Louise Teather, Member for Brent East, was sworn.

5 Ministry of Peace,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to establish a Ministry of Peace with the function of promoting conflict resolution and the avoidance of military conflict: And that John McDonnell, Mr Elfyn Llwyd, Mr Alex Salmond, Mr John Randall, Dr Rudi Vis, Alan Simpson, Jeremy Corbyn, Alice Mahon and Mr Kelvin Hopkins do prepare and bring it in.

6 Ministry of Peace Bill.—John McDonnell accordingly presented a Bill to establish a Ministry of Peace with the function of promoting conflict resolution and the avoidance of military conflict: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 163].

7 Crime (International Co-operation) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Crime (International Co-operation) Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.
   A Clause (Driver licensing information)—(Caroline Flint)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.
   Amendment (No. 1) made to the Bill.
   Another Amendment (No. 37) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 43, at the end, to insert the words—
   '(8) Nothing in this section shall permit the disclosure of items subject to legal professional privilege.'.—(Mr Alistair Carmichael.)
   Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
   Another Amendment (No. 34) proposed to the Bill, in page 15, line 35, to leave out the word 'Treasury' and insert the words 'Secretary of State', instead thereof.—(Mr James Paice.)
   Question put, That the Amendment be made.
   The House divided.
   Tellers for the Ayes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Robert Syms: 191.
   Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Vernon Coaker: 300.

Other Amendments (Nos. 14 to 17) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 20, line 3, to leave out paragraph (a).—(Mr David Heath.)
   Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.
   Another Amendment (No. 44) proposed to the Bill, in page 28, line 9, to leave out the words 'cannot be withdrawn after the issue of the warrant' and insert the words 'can only be withdrawn on cause shown and with the consent of the court', instead thereof.—(Mr Alistair Carmichael.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 13) proposed to the Bill, in page 55, line 44, at the end, to insert the words—

‘( ) the officer does not seek to stop or question the person under surveillance’.—

(Mr David Heath.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 18) proposed to the Bill, in page 56, line 6, at the end, to insert the words—

‘but no surveillance is lawful by virtue of this subsection if the officer subsequently seeks to stop and question the person in relation to the relevant crime’.—

(Caroline Flint.)

Question proposed, That the Amendment be made.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the proposed Amendment.

Proposed Amendment, as amended, made to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 19 to 31) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

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) (Amendment) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 11th July, be approved—(Bridget Prentice):—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 Vienna Document 1999 (Privileges and Immunities) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 3rd July, be approved—(Bridget Prentice):—It was agreed to.

10 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Bridget Prentice.)

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

[Adjourned at 8.16 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

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

Friday 19th September 2003

1 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Eleventh Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2002–03, on Gibraltar [Cm. 5954] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Wednesday 24th September 2003

2 Department of Health,—Department of Health Minute, dated 24th September 2003, concerning a contingent liability on Indemnity for the Council for the Regulation of Health Care Professionals [Mr Secretary Reid].

3 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Twenty-sixth, Twenty-ninth to the Thirty-second and the Thirty-fourth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2002–03 [Cm. 5962] [Ruth Kelly].

4 Social Security Administration,—Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee under Section 174(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 and a Statement by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the Housing Benefit (General) (Local Housing Allowance) Amendment Regulations 2003 [Cm. 5955] [Mr Secretary Smith].

5 Treaty Series (No. 37, 2003).—Agreement, done at Blackpool on 2nd October 2002, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Bosnia and Herzegovina for the Promotion and Protection of Investments [Cm. 5973] [Mr Secretary Straw].
Friday 26th September 2003

6 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the mergers in contemplation of Safeway plc and Asda Group Limited (owned by Wal-Mart Stores Inc); Wm Morrison Supermarkets plc; J Sainsbury plc; and Tesco plc [Cm. 5950] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

7 Social Security Administration,—Report by the Social Security Advisory Committee under Section 174(1) of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 and a Statement by the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions on the [draft] Social Security (Incapacity Benefit Work-focused Interviews) Regulations 2003 [Cm. 5969] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Tuesday 30th September 2003

8 Foreign Affairs,—Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee, Session 2002–03, on Foreign Policy Aspects of the War Against Terrorism [Cm. 5968] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Wednesday 1st October 2003

9 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minutes on the Thirty-sixth and Thirty-eighth to the Fortieth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2002–03 [Cm. 5963] [Ruth Kelly].

10 Treaty Series (No. 38, 2003),—First Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, Etc., for 2003 [Cm. 5974] [Mr Secretary Straw].

11 Treaty Series (No. 39, 2003),—Exchange of Notes, done at Amman on 9th March 2003, between the Government of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Jordan Debt Agreement No. 6 (2002)) [Cm. 5976] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Tuesday 7th October 2003

12 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed merger of Carlton Communications plc and Granada plc [Cm. 5952] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Wednesday 8th October 2003

13 Treaty Series (No. 61, 2002),—Index to Treaty Series 2002 [Cm. 5965] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Friday 10th October 2003

14 Home Affairs,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Home Affairs Committee, Session 2002–03, on the Sexual Offences Bill [Cm. 5986] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

15 Treaty Series (No. 40, 2003),—Exchange of Notes, done at Managua on 22nd and 30th July 2003, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Nicaragua concerning Certain Commercial Debts (The United Kingdom/Nicaragua Debt Agreement No. 2 (2002)) [Cm. 5982] [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:

Friday 19th September 2003

16 Industrial Development,—Air Route Development (Northern Ireland) Limited (Funding) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 [S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 395], dated 3rd September 2003 [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Tuesday 23rd September 2003

18 Dangerous Drugs.—Misuse of Drugs (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2429), dated 18th September 2003 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Wednesday 24th September 2003

19 Disabled Persons.—Rail Vehicle Accessibility (Bristol Harbour Railway Vehicle Number DB978121) Exemption Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2408), dated 17th September 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].

20 Housing.—Rent Officers (Housing Benefit Functions) (Local Housing Allowance) Amendment Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2398), dated 18th September 2003 [Mr Secretary Smith].

21 Social Security.—Housing Benefit (General) (Local Housing Allowance) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2399), dated 18th September 2003 [Mr Secretary Smith].

Thursday 25th September 2003


23 Pensions.—Local Government (Gratuities) (Members of County Councils and County Borough Councils) (Wales) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2437), dated 19th September 2003 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

Friday 26th September 2003


25 Social Security.—(1) Employment Zones Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2438), dated 22nd September 2003; and

(2) Social Security (Incacity Benefit Work-focused Interviews) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2439), dated 20th September 2003 [Mr Secretary Smith].


Monday 29th September 2003

27 Education.—Park College (Dissolution) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2442), dated 22nd September 2003 [Mr Secretary Clarke].

28 Income Tax.—(1) Income Tax (Employments) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2494), and


30 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (County of Essex) (District of Harlow) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2440), dated 17th September 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Tuesday 30th September 2003


32 Environmental Protection.—Environmental Protection (Restriction on Use Of Lead Shot) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2512), dated 29th September 2003 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

33 Sea Fisheries.—Fal and Helford (Prohibition of Scallop Dredging) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2513), dated 29th September 2003 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

35 Housing,—(1) Allocation of Housing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 402); and
(2) Homelessness Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 403), dated 6th September 2003 [Mr Secretary Murphy].


37 Road Traffic,—Motor Vehicles (EC Type Approval) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2428), dated 16th September 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].

38 Copyright,—(1) Copyright and Related Rights Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2498), dated 27th September 2003; and
(2) Copyright and Rights in Databases (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2501), dated 28th September 2003 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

(2) Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Restrictions) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2553), dated 2nd October 2003 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


41 Road Traffic,—(1) Registered Health Care Profession (Designation) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2461), and
(2) Registered Health Care Profession (Designation No.2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2462), dated 25th September 2003 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

42 Social Security,—Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (State Pension Credit and Miscellaneous Amendments) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2526), dated 30th September 2003 [Mr Secretary Smith].

43 Children and Young Persons,—Adoption Agencies (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2555), dated 6th October 2003 [Mr Secretary Clarke].

44 Electricity,—Electricity (Guarantees of Origin of Electricity Produced from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2562), dated 3rd October 2003 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

45 Merchant Shipping,—Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution Compensation Limits) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2559), dated 3rd October 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].

46 Food,—Olive Oil (Marketing Standards) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2577), dated 6th October 2003 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


48 Agriculture,—Pesticides (Maximum Residue Levels in Crops, Food and Feeding Stuffs) (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2591), dated 7th October 2003 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


52 Legal Services Commission,—Community Legal Service (Funding) (Counsel in Family Proceedings) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2590), dated 3rd October 2003 [Mr David Lammy].


58 Legal Aid and Advice,—(1) Legal Advice and Assistance (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 437), and
(2) Legal Aid (General) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 438), dated 6th October 2003 [Mr David Lammy].


63 Immigration,—Immigration Employment Document (Fees) (Amendment No. 3) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2626), dated 8th October 2003 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

64 Local Government,—Local Authorities (Goods and Services) (Public Bodies) (England) (No. 4) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2558), dated 27th September 2003 [Mr Secretary Prescott].

65 Social Security,—Social Fund Cold Weather Payments (General) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2605), dated 8th October 2003 [Mr Secretary Smith].

66 Education,—Education (School Teachers’ Pay and Conditions) (No. 3) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2640), dated 13th October 2003 [Mr Secretary Clarke].


68 National Health Service,—National Health Service (Personal Medical Services) (Services List) and the (General Medical Services Supplementary List) and (General Medical Services) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2644), dated 10th October 2003 [Mr Secretary Reid].
Other Papers:

Thursday 9th October 2003

69 Overseas Territories.—Democratic Republic of the Congo (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2627), dated 8th October 2003 [Mr Christopher Leslie].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 14th October 2003:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

70 Local Government Finance.—Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 128) on Dealing with Disadvantage Grant [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1127] [Mr Secretary Darling].

71 Postal Services.—Draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2003 [by Act], with Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

72 Education.—Education (Funding for Teacher Training) Designation (No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2636), dated 13th October 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].


74 Universities of Oxford and Cambridge.—(1) Statute by the Governing Body of Nuffield College, Oxford, amending the Statutes of the College, dated 14th October 2003, and
   (2) Statute by the University of Oxford, dated 3rd December 2002 [by Act] [Mr Christopher Leslie].

Other Papers:

75 Air Force (Constitution).—(1) Amendment List 21 to Air Publication 1269A—The Royal Air Force Manual of Assessment of Medical Fitness, and
   (2) Amendment List 7 to Queen’s Regulations for the Royal Air Force (Fifth Edition) [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

76 Census.—Paper, entitled Census 2001: Report for Parliamentary Constituencies [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

77 Culture, Media and Sport.—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2002–03, on Privacy and Media Intrusion [by Command] [Cm. 5985] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

78 Government Resource and Accounts.—Resource Accounts of the Charity Commission for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1115] [Ruth Kelly].

79 Industrial Organisation and Development.—Report and Accounts of the British Potato Council for 2001–02 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

80 National Audit.—Report by the Comptroller and Auditor General on Progress in improving the medical assessment of incapacity and disability benefits [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1141] [Clerk of the House].

81 National Savings Bank.—(1) Accounts of the National Savings Investment Deposits for 2001–02, and
   (2) Accounts of the National Savings Ordinary Deposits for 2001–02, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1148 and 1149] [Clerk of the House].

82 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.—Government Response to the Eleventh Report from the Committee on the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Planning, Local Government and the Regions, Session 2002–03, on Living Places: Cleaner, Safer, Greener [by Command] [Cm. 5989] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

83 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on:
   (1) the Petitions [9th July] [one Petition] from constituents of Angus; [10th July] [one Petition] from pupils, teachers and helpers of Wentworth High School, Eccles; [16th July] [one Petition] from constituents of S W Bedfordshire; and [17th September] [one Petition] from residents of West Wiltshire for an end to the imbalance in International Trade,
(2) the Petition [9th September] from residents of Our Mother of Mercy Nursing and Residential Home, County Down, for the reinstatement of permission for local churches to broadcast their services on the radio, and
(3) the Petition [17th September] from Patrick Iddenden, Zena Gould and others for those on disability benefits to qualify for winter fuel allowance
(by Standing Order), to be printed [Clerk of the House].

84 Regulatory Reform,—Proposal under the Regulatory Reform Act 2001 for a Regulatory Reform (Sunday Trading) Order 2004, with a statement by the Department of Trade and Industry [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

85 Reserve Forces,—Report under section 56(7) of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 of a call-out order under section 56(1) of that Act [by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

86 Treasure,—Treasure Report for 2001 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

87 United Nations,—(1) Democratic Republic of the Congo (United Nations Sanctions) (Channel Islands) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2616), and

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Immigration and Asylum: the Government’s proposed changes to publicly funded immigration and asylum work], to be printed [No. 1171-i] [Mr A. J. Beith].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Arts Development: Musical Theatre], to be printed [No. 1153-i] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Draft Mental Incapacity Bill,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Mental Incapacity Bill on 8th and 9th October; to be printed [Nos. 1083-iv and -v] [Clerk of the House], and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee, to be printed [No. 1083-vi] [Mrs Angela Browning].

4 Foreign Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2003], to be printed [No. 1166-i] [Donald Anderson].

5 International Development,—Memoranda laid before the International Development Committee [Development Assistance and the Occupied Palestinian Territories], to be printed [No. 1107-ii] [Tony Baldry].

6 Standards and Privileges,—Sixth Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Pay for Select Committee Chairmen], to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1150] [Sir George Young].

[No. 140; WH, No. 91.]

Tuesday 14th October 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

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

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 1.56 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill [Lords].—The London Local Authorities and Transport for London Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

2 Transas Group Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Transas Group Bill, as amended in the Committee.

Bill to be read the third time.

3 Hereford Markets 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 Hereford Markets Bill [Lords] and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and had directed him to report the same without Amendment.

Bill to be read the third time.

4 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Joe Benton reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Thurrock Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 2003.

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

5 High Hedges (No. 2) Bill.—The Order for reading the High Hedges (No. 2) Bill the third time on Friday 14th November was read and discharged.

Bill withdrawn.

6 Representation of the People (Consequences of Devolution).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for a reduction in the number of Members of Parliament; to make provision for referendums on regional assemblies; and for connected purposes: And that Andrew George, Mr Graham Allen, Mr Anthony Steen, Mr Colin Breed, Nick Harvey, Sue Doughty, Mr Paul Tyler and Matthew Taylor do prepare and bring it in.

7 Representation of the People (Consequences of Devolution) Bill.—Andrew George accordingly presented a Bill to make provision for a reduction in the number of Members of Parliament; to make provision for referendums on regional assemblies; and for connected purposes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 165].

8 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.

State Pension Reform.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House expresses its deep concern at Government policies that have led to a decline in funded pension provision and a massive extension of dependence on means-tested benefits, deplores the £5 billion per annum pensions tax and the erosion of incentives to save, which have caused the halving of the Savings Ratio, and have resulted in only 19 per cent. of final salary pension schemes remaining open to new members; condemns the Government for extending dependence on means-testing to over half of pensioners, despite earlier promises to the contrary, and for ignoring the interests of 1.4 million of the poorest pensioners who, on the Government’s own target, will still not be receiving Pension Credit in 2006; notes that Government policies have created a big disincentive to save and led to an increase in the number of pensioners in persistent poverty, and calls on the Government to support state pension reform to reduce dependence on means-tested benefits, to remove the disincentive to save, to improve the financial position of pensioners, including the 1.4 million poorest pensioners, and to provide better incentives to save—(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 fact that people are living longer than ever before; welcomes Government action to tackle pensioner poverty and to promote retirement flexibility, occupational pension security and informed choice; condemns the inheritance of 1997, with millions of pensioners in poverty, many being expected by the Government to live on under £68 a week, and the legacy of pension mis-selling, endorses the Work and Pensions Committee’s judgement that “current policies have been successful in reducing pensioner poverty”; notes that the Government is spending £9 billion extra per year in real terms on pensioners compared with the 1997 system; further notes that this is £5.7 billion more than if the basic pension had been linked to earnings, applauds the fact that the poorest third of pensioners will be £1,600
a year better off; welcomes the successful payment of Pension Credit from this month to over two million pensioners and the fact that 1.3 million are gaining more money than they had before; further supports the Government’s approach to renew the pensions partnership, outlined in the recent Green Paper and Action Plan; commends plans to introduce a Pension Protection Fund, guaranteeing protection if a company scheme winds up; welcomes proposals to allow individuals to defer their state pension and draw it as a lump sum; looks forward to further measures enabling people to make an informed choice in pension provision, increase flexibility approaching retirement and to work free from age discrimination; and condemns the unfair, unaffordable and unsustainable policies of Opposition parties, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Smith.)

And the Question being put, That the original words stand part of the Question;
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Mark Field: 200.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Fraser Kemp: 331.

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 people are living longer than ever before; welcomes Government action to tackle pensioner poverty and to promote retirement flexibility, occupational pension security and informed choice; condemns the inheritance of 1997, with millions of pensioners in poverty, many being expected by the Government to live on under £68 a week, and the legacy of pension mis-selling; endorses the Work and Pensions Committee’s judgement that ‘current policies have been successful in reducing pensioner poverty’; notes that the Government is spending £9 billion extra per year in real terms on pensioners compared with the 1997 system; further notes that this is £5.7 billion more than if the basic pension had been linked to earnings; applauds the fact that the poorest third of pensioners will be £1,600 a year better off; welcomes the successful payment of Pension Credit from this month to over two million pensioners and the fact that 1.3 million are gaining more money than they had before; further supports the Government’s approach to renew the pensions partnership, outlined in the recent Green Paper and Action Plan; commends plans to introduce a Pension Protection Fund, guaranteeing protection if a company scheme winds up; welcomes proposals to allow individuals to defer their state pension and draw it as a lump sum; looks forward to further measures enabling people to make an informed choice in pension provision, increase flexibility approaching retirement and to work free from age discrimination; and condemns the unfair, unaffordable and unsustainable policies of Opposition parties.

Neighbourhood Policing.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House welcomes the emerging political and professional consensus about the need to increase the level and effectiveness of neighbourhood policing in Britain in order to restore the confidence of the public but regrets that the Government is seeking to achieve this through a burdensome and ineffective bureaucracy; and urges the Government instead to return power to decentralised local policing and to make local policing more accountable to local people—(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 ‘welcomes the Government’s investment in policing which has resulted in 136,386 officers by the end of August 2003; an increase of more than 4,000 since December 2002 and the highest level ever; notes that there are now more than 1900 Community Support Officers and record numbers of police staff assisting police officers in their work; further notes the priority given by the Government to reducing bureaucracy to enable officers to concentrate on frontline duties; and welcomes the Government’s commitment to further reform to improve accountability and engagement between the police and the communities they serve’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Blunkett.)

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, Angela Watkinson, Mr Mark Field: 183.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Vernon Coaker: 319.

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr John Heppell: 306.
Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Mark Field: 182.

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 investment in policing which has resulted in 136,386 officers by the end of August 2003, an increase of more than 4,000 since December 2002 and the highest level ever; notes that there are now more than 1900 Community Support Officers and record numbers of police staff assisting police officers in their work; further notes the priority given by the Government to reducing bureaucracy to enable officers to concentrate on frontline duties; and welcomes the Government’s commitment to further reform to improve accountability and engagement between the police and the communities they serve.

9 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), that the draft Partnerships etc. (Removal of Twenty Member Limit) Northern Ireland Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 7th July, be approved—(Bridget Prentice):—It was agreed to.

10 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), that the draft Employment (Northern Ireland) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 8th September, be approved—(Bridget Prentice):—It was agreed to.

11 Recovery Plan for Cod and the Recovery of the Northern Hake Stock,—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. 9081/03, draft Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of cod stocks, and No. 10980/03, draft Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of the Northern hake stock; welcomes the Government’s support of the adoption of recovery plans for cod and hake in which effort control and other measures can play a part, and also supports the Government’s intention to ensure a close dialogue with the fishing industry in developing these plans—(Bridget Prentice);

And the Deputy Speaker’s opinion as to the decision of the Question being challenged, the Division was deferred till Wednesday 22nd October, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002].

12 National Health Service,—Ordered, That the following Statutory Instruments be referred to Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation: the Commission for Health Improvement (Functions) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1587), the Strategic Health Authorities (Consultation on Changes) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1617), the Patients’ Forums (Membership and Procedure) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2123) and the Patients’ Forums (Functions) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2124).—(Bridget Prentice.)

13 Human Rights (Joint Committee),—Ordered, That Standing Order No. 152B (Human rights (joint committee)) be amended, in paragraph (5), by leaving out the words ‘shall be three, except that for the purposes of taking evidence, the quorum’,—(Bridget Prentice.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

14 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Bridget Prentice.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.54 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Dentists,—Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Reid].

2 Investigatory Powers,—Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
3 Police,—Draft Police (Complaints) (Informal Resolution) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

4 Road Traffic,—Draft Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

5 Consumer Protection,—Creosote (Prohibition on Use and Marketing) (No. 2) Amendment Regulations 2003 [S.I., 2003, No. 2650], dated 9th October 2003 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


7 Immigration,—Immigration (Passenger Transit Visa) (Amendment No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2628), dated 14th October 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

8 Police,—Police Trainee (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 436), dated 30th September 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

9 Social Security,—Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2634), dated 9th October 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

Other Papers:

10 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed merger between Arla Foods amba and Express Dairies plc [by Command] [Cm. 5983] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

11 Defence,—Paper, entitled The Accumulated Campaign Service Medal [by Command] [Cm. 5979] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

12 Government Resource and Accounts,—Resource Accounts for 2002–03 of the—(1) Central Office of Information, and (2) Office of Water Services, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1121 and 1120] [Ruth Kelly].

13 Miscellaneous (No. 17, 2003),—Criminal Law Convention on Corruption and Additional Protocol to the Criminal Law Convention on Corruption, done at Strasbourg on 27th January 1999 and 15th May 2003, with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Cm. 5990] [Mr Secretary Straw].

14 National Heritage,—Report and Accounts of English Heritage for 2002–03 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

15 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Twenty-second, Twenty-eighth and Thirty-fifth Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2002–03 [by Command] [Cm. 5984] [Ruth Kelly].

Papers withdrawn:

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

1 Harbours 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: Mr David Borrow, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr David Jamieson, Dr Julian Lewis, Mr Andrew Love, Mr Peter Luff, Dr Doug Naysmith, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Lawrie Quinn, Syd Rapson, Hugh Robertson, Bob Russell, Mr Andrew Turner, Dr Alan Whitehead and Derek Wyatt.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 127) on Special Grants for reducing fire deaths in those areas in England suffering the highest fatality rate:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Report to the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Nicholas Brown, Mr Martin Caton, Paul Clark, Mrs Janet Dean, Mr Parmjit Dhaanda, Mr Mark Francois, Linda Gilroy, Matthew Green, Mr Philip Hammond, Phil Hope, Alan Howarth, Dr John Pugh, Geraldine Smith, Mr Paul Truswell and Mr Robert Walter.

3 Thurrock Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Clelland and Julia Drown from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Gwyn Prosser and Lawrie Quinn.

4 Commission for Health Improvement (Functions) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1587):
(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: Gregory Barker, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Paul Burstow, Mrs Patsy Calton, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Ian Davidson, Mr Mark Francois, Jim Knight, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Mr David Lepper, Mr Andy Reed, Joan Ryan, Clare Short, Jon Trickett, Dr Desmond Turner and Mr Andrew Tyrie.

5 Draft Electronic Communications (Networks and Services) (Penalties) (Rules for Calculation of Turnover) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order, in place of Miss Anne Begg.

6 Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) Rules Order of Council 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1572):
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Order of Council to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr John Baron, Sir Paul Beresford, Mr Paul Burstow, Mrs Patsy Calton, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Neil Gerrard, Stephen Hesford, Mr John Hutton, Lynne Jones, Mrs Helen Liddell, Mr Tony McWalter, Mr Ernie Ross, Joan Ryan, Mr Marsha Singh, Mr Robert Walter and Claire Ward.

7 Draft Education (Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for the Fourth Key Stage) (England) Order 2003:
(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 Graham Brady, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Tony Colman, Mr John Grogan, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr David Miliband, Julie Morgan, Albert Owen, Dr John Pugh, Andrew Selous, Mr Andrew Turner, Derek Twigg, Mr Robert N. Wareing, Angela Watkinson, Mr Phil Willis and Mr Michael Wills.

8 Care Standards Act 2000 (Domiciliary Care Agencies and Nurses Agencies) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2323):
(1) The Speaker has allocated the 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 Tony Banks, Mr Harry Barnes, Mr John Battle, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Paul Burstow, Mrs Patsy Calton, Mr Jonathan Djanogly, Mr Mark Francois, Helen Jackson, Mr Boris Johnson, Jim Knight, Dr Stephen Ladyman, Dr Lewis Moone, Mr Gwyn Prosser, Christine Russell and Joan Ryan.

9 Strategic Health Authorities Consultation on Changes Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1617):

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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Vera Baird, Mr Paul Burstow, Sir Sydney Chapman, Mr Michael Connarty, Mrs Louise Ellman, Mr Mark Francois, Mr David Heyes, Tim Loughton, Mr Peter Mandelson, Mr Paul Marsden, Mr Archie Norman, Joan Ryan, Mr Martin Salter, Phil Sawford, Claire Ward and Ms Rosie Winterton.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Kevin Brennan, Mr Simon Burns, Mr Paul Burstow, Mrs Anne Campbell, Mr David Clelland, Ross Cranston, Mr Mark Francois, Jim Knight, Mr Khalid Mahmood, Judy Mallaber, Mr Paul Marsden, Joan Ryan, Paddy Tipping, Mr Andrew Turner, Ann Winterton and Ms Rosie Winterton.

11 Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Australia) Order 2003 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Chile) Order 2003:

(1) The Speaker has allocated the 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 John Burnett, Mr Colin Challen, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Michael Jabez Foster, Mr Nick Gibb, Mr Mark Hoban, Mr Michael Jack, Mr David Laws, John Mann, Mr Greg Pope, Mr Stephen Pound, Dawn Primarolo, Mr Mark Prisk, Mr Siôn Simon, Mr Graham Stringer and Mr Tom Watson.

Grand Committees

12 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Shona McIsaac and Mark Tami from the Northern Ireland Grand Committee and nominated in substitution Huw Irranca-Davies and Mr Iain Luke.

European Standing Committees

13 European Union Document Nos. 11954/03 and 11993/03, relating to the Activities of OLAF and the fight against fraud, has been referred to European Standing Committee B.

14 European Union Document No. 10122/03, relating to the Quality and safety of human tissues and cells, has been referred to European Standing Committee C.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Fourth Special Report from the Defence Committee [Government’s Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on Defence Procurement] to be printed [No. 1194]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Inter-Governmental Conference 2003: European Security and Defence], to be printed [No. 1195] [Bruce George].

2 Draft Mental Incapacity Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Mental Incapacity Bill, to be printed [No. 1083-viii] [Jim Dowd].

3 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: School Admissions], to be printed [No. 1075-ii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Sixteenth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Vets and Veterinary Services], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 703].
(2) Twelfth Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Reply to the Eleventh Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on Rural Broadband]; to be printed [No. 1174];

(3) Thirteenth Special Report from the Committee [Government’s Reply to the Twelfth Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on The Departmental Annual Report 2003]; to be printed [No. 1175]; and

(4) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Vets and Veterinary Services]

[Mr David Curry].

5 European Scrutiny,—(1) Thirty-third Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63-xxxiii]; and

(2) Second Special Report from the Committee [Government Observations on the Twenty-fourth Report from the Committee, on The Convention on the Future of Europe and the Role of National Parliaments]; to be printed [No. 1176]

[Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—(1) Memoranda laid before the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee [The Fire Service]; to be printed [No. 1168-II]; and

(2) Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee on 14th July [The Electoral Commission and the Boundary Committee for England]; to be printed [Nos. 1003-i]

[Andrew Bennett].

7 Trade and Industry,—(1) Seventeenth Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority], together with Appendices to the Report; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 968]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Outcome of the WTO Talks at Cancun and Manufacturing Strategy]; to be printed [Nos. 1178-i and 1179-i]

[Mr Martin O’Neill].

8 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [The Future of the Railways]; to be printed [No. 875-iii] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Office for National Statistics: Annual Report and Accounts 2002–03]; to be printed [No. 1177-i] [Mr John McFall].

10 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Railways in Wales]; to be printed [No. 1029-ii] [Mr Martyn Jones].

11 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before Work and Pensions Committee [Employers’ Liability Insurance]; to be printed [No. 1170-i] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 141; WH, No. 92.]

Wednesday 15th October 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 Ben Bradshaw);

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.47 p.m.]
Thursday 16th October 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr James Cran reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Electronic Communications (Network and Services) (Penalties) (Rules for Calculation of Turnover) Order 2003.

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

2 Adjournment (Defence policy).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Paul Clark);

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

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 at Six o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, till Monday 20th October.

Adjourned at 6.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Sea Fishermen.—Fishing Vessels (Decommissioning) Scheme 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2669), dated 14th October 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Education.—Education (Extension of Careers Education) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2645), dated 9th October 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

3 Police,—(1) Police (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2594),

(2) Police (Complaints) (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2602),

(3) Police (Conduct) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2599),

(4) Police (Conduct) (Senior Officers) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2596),

(5) Police (Efficiency) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2600),

(6) Police (Promotion) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2595),

(7) National Crime Squad (Dispensation from Requirement to Investigate Complaints) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2601), and

dated 14th October 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

4 Road Traffic,—(1) M62 Motorway (City of Liverpool) (Speed Limit) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2615), dated 8th October 2003; and

(2) Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Borough of Blackpool) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2677), dated 15th October 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].
Other Papers:

5 Animals (Scientific Procedures).—Report of the Animal Procedures Committee for 2002 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1128] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

6 Constitutional Affairs.—Government and the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service Response to the Third Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee, Session 2002–03, on the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (CAFCASS) [by Command] [Cm. 6004] [Mr Christopher Leslie].

7 Government Resources and Accounts.—Report and Accounts of the Court Service for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1089] [Mr Christopher Leslie].

8 National Lottery.—(1) Account of the Scottish Screen National Lottery Distribution Fund Account for 2002–03 [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1126]
(2) Report of the sportscotland Lottery Fund for 2002–03 [by Act]
[Mr Secretary Darling].

9 Police.—Police Appeals Tribunals (Amendment) Rules 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2597), dated 14th October 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

10 School Standards and Framework.—Accounts of the:

(1) Barnsley Education Action Zone,
(2) Blackburn with Darwen Education Action Zone,
(3) Bolton Education Action Zone,
(4) Bridgwater Education Action Zone, and
(5) Bristol Education Action Zone,

for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1155, 1156, 1157, 1158, and 1159] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Water Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara an additional Chairman of Standing Committee D in respect of the Bill.

2 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 127).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report.

3 Commission for Health Improvement (Functions) Regulations 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

4 Draft Electronic Communications (Network and Services) (Penalties) (Rules for Calculation of Turnover) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ross Cranston from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Mr Jim Cunningham.

5 Working Time (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1684).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Greg Pope from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Frank Doran.

Grand Committees

6 The Speaker has appointed Mr John Butterfill Chairman of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Thursday 23rd October, in place of Mr John McWilliam.
European Standing Committees

7 The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document No. 6090/03, relating to Official Feed and Food Controls.

Standing Committee on the Inter-Governmental Conference

8 The Speaker has appointed Frank Cook Chairman of the Standing Committee on the Inter-Governmental Conference in respect of its meeting on Monday 20th October.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Civil Contingencies Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Civil Contingencies Bill; to be printed [No. 1074-v] [Dr Lewis Mooney].

2 Health,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Public Expenditure 2003]; to be printed [No. 1109-i] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

3 International Development,—(1) Eighth Report from the International Development Committee [Department for International Development: Departmental Report 2003], 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. 825];

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Trade and Development at the WTO: After Cancun]; to be printed [No. 1183-i]; and

(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Department for International Development: Departmental Report 2003] [Tony Baldry].

4 Treasury,—(1) Eighth Special Report from the Treasury Committee [Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Committee, on Inland Revenue Matters]; to be printed [No. 1181]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Transparency of Credit Card Charges]; to be printed [No. 962-v] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 142; WH, No. 93.]

Thursday 16th October 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Reducing Regional Disparities in Prosperity—Ninth Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee, Session 2002–03, and the Government’s response thereto).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Charlotte Atkins);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 21st October.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
Monday 20th October 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Courts Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Courts Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Judicial independence)—(Mr David Heath)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tom Brake, Annette Brooke: 122.

Tellers for the Noes, Margaret Moran, Mr John Heppell: 284.

Another Clause (Circuits)—(Mr David Heath)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 1) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 5, to leave out the words ‘and effective’ and insert the words ‘effective and accessible’, instead thereof.—(Mr David Heath.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tom Brake, Annette Brooke: 107.

Tellers for the Noes, Gillian Merron, Jim Fitzpatrick: 275.

Another Amendment (No. 56) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 35, to leave out from the word ‘specifying’ to the first word ‘the’ in line 38 and insert the words—

‘(a) in respect of areas except London, areas which are the same as, or fall entirely within, the police areas listed in Schedule 1 to the Police Act 1996 (c. 16) (division of England and Wales, except London, into police areas), and

(b) in respect of London, at least five separate areas falling entirely within’, instead thereof.—(Mr David Heath.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tom Brake, Annette Brooke: 98.

Tellers for the Noes, Gillian Merron, Jim Fitzpatrick: 278.

Another Amendment (No. 4) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 13, at the end, to insert the words—

‘( ) No local justice area may include areas which form part of more than one area specified under section 4.’.—(Mr David Heath.)

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

Amendment (No. 37) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 14, after the word ‘courts’, to insert the words ‘(including family proceedings courts and youth courts)’.—(Mr David Heath.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 6) proposed to the Bill, in page 14, line 33, after the word ‘place’, to insert the words ‘in the local justice area’.—(Mr David Heath.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Tom Brake, Annette Brooke: 86.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Jim Fitzpatrick: 278.

Another Amendment (No. 53) proposed to the Bill, in page 45, line 6, to leave out the word ‘and’.—(Mr Nick Hawkins.)
Question proposed, That the Amendment be made:—Amendment, by leave, withdrawn.

Another Amendment (No. 38) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 9) proposed to the Bill, in page 49, line 17, after the word 'may', to insert the words 'if the claimant consents'.—(Mr Andrew Dismore.)

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

Other Amendments (Nos. 39 and 40) made to the Bill.

A Schedule—(Transitional Provisions and Savings)—(Mr Christopher Leslie)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Other Amendments (Nos. 41 to 43, 11 to 35, 44, 36 and 45) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time and passed, with Amendments.

2 Urban Development,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Thurrock Development Corporation (Area and Constitution) Order 2003, dated 23rd June 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 2nd July, be approved—(Margaret Moran):—It was agreed to.

3 Social Security,—Ordered, That the following Statutory Instrument be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation: the Housing Benefit (General) (Local Housing Allowance) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2399).—(Margaret Moran.)

4 Draft Gambling Bill (Joint Committee) (Power to Travel Outside the United Kingdom),—Ordered, That the Order of the House of 10th July 2003 appointing a Select Committee to join with a Committee of the Lords to consider and report on any Clauses of a draft Gambling Bill presented to both Houses by a Minister of the Crown be amended by leaving out the words 'within the United Kingdom'—(Margaret Moran.)

Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

5 Environmental Audit,—Ordered, That Ian Lucas be discharged from the Environmental Audit Committee and Paul Flynn be added.—(Margaret Moran.)

6 Joint Committee on Human Rights,—Ordered, That Vera Baird be discharged from the Joint Committee on Human Rights and Mr Paul Stinchcombe be added.—(Margaret Moran.)

7 Accommodation and Works,—Ordered, That Syd Rapson be discharged from the Accommodation and Works Committee and Mr Stephen Hepburn be added.—(Mr John Heppell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Defence,—Ordered, That Patrick Mercer, Jim Knight and Syd Rapson be discharged from the Defence Committee and Mr Peter Viggers, Mike Gapes and Mr Dai Havard be added.—(Mr John Heppell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

9 Education and Skills,—Ordered, That Ms Meg Munn be discharged from the Education and Skills Committee and Helen Jones be added.—(Mr John Heppell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

10 Health,—Ordered, That Andy Burnham and Julia Drown be discharged from the Health Committee and Mr Keith Bradley and Mr Jon Owen Jones be added.—(Mr John Heppell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

11 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr Stephen McCabe be discharged from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Mr Iain Luke be added.—(Mr John Heppell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

12 Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That Eric Joyce be discharged from the Scottish Affairs Committee and Mr John MacDougall be added.—(Mr John Heppell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Trade and Industry,—Ordered, That Dr Ashok Kumar and Mrs Jackie Lawrence be discharged from the Trade and Industry Committee and Mr Michael Clapham and Judy Mallaber be added.—(Mr John Heppell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 Treasury,—Ordered, That Dr Nick Palmer be discharged from the Treasury Committee and John Mann be added.—(Mr John Heppell, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)
15 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from Katrina Wynne for the removal of Crown immunity in relation to health and safety legislation was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

16 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

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

[Adjourned at 10.33 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers delivered or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 17th October 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry,—Government Response to the First Joint Report from the Defence Committee, the Foreign Affairs Committee, the International Development Committee and the Trade and Industry Committee, Session 2002–03, on the Government’s Proposals for Secondary Legislation under the Export Control Act [Cm. 5988] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Health,—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Health Committee, Session 2002–03, on the Victoria Climbie Inquiry Report [Cm. 5992] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

3 Investigatory Powers,—Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Retention of Communications Data (Extension of Initial Period) Order 2003 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 17th October 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 20th October 2003:

Other Papers:

5 Defence,—Ministry of Defence Minute, dated 20th October 2003, concerning the gifting of a non-core MOD site in Northern Ireland to the Office of the First Minister/Deputy First Minister of the Northern Ireland Executive [by Command] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

6 Northern Ireland,—Account of the Public Income and Expenditure of Northern Ireland for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1123] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

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

(1) East Cleveland Education Action Zone, and
(2) South East Sheffield Education Action Zone
for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1187 and 1185] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

8 Explanatory Memorandum to the draft Retention of Communications Data (Extension of Initial Period) Order 2003 [laid 11th September].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 127) on Special Grants for reducing fire deaths in those areas in England suffering the highest fatality rate,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Paul Clark and Paul Truswell from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Mr Stephen Pound and Bridget Prentice.

2 Working Time (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1684),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Dr Vincent Cable from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Malcolm Bruce.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Fifth Special Report from the Education and Skills Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on The Work of Ofsted]; to be printed [No. 1190] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Public Accounts,—(1) Forty-third Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Fisheries Enforcement in England]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 752];
   (2) Forty-fourth Report from the Committee [New IT Systems for Magistrates’ Courts: the Libra Project]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 434]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Procurement of Vaccines by the Department of Health]; to be printed [No. 1209-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

3 Science and Technology,—(1) Seventh Special Report from the Science and Technology Committee [Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on The Work of the Natural Environment Research Council]; to be printed [No. 1161];
   (2) Eighth Special Report from the Committee [Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Committee, Session 2002–03, on UK Science and Europe: Value for Money?]; to be printed [No. 1162];
   (3) Eighth Report from the Committee [The Work of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research 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. 936];
   (4) Ninth Report from the Committee [The Scientific Response to 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. 415]; and
   (5) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Government Support for Nanotechnology]; to be printed [No. 1160-i] [Dr Ian Gibson].

[No. 144.]

Tuesday 21st October 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Transas Group Bill,—The Transas Group Bill was read the third time, and passed.

2 Mersey Tunnels Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for further consideration of the Mersey Tunnels Bill, as amended;

    Ordered, That the Bill be further considered on Wednesday 29th October at Four o’clock.

3 Regulatory Reform,—Mr Peter Pike reported from the Regulatory Reform Committee the following Resolutions:

    That the draft Regulatory Reform (Business Tenancies) (England and Wales) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 17th September, should be approved.
    That the draft Regulatory Reform (Gaming Machines) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 17th September, should be approved.

    The Committee came to these Resolutions without a Division.

4 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Joe Benton reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 127) on Special Grants for reducing fire deaths in those areas in England suffering the highest fatality rate.

    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 Sustainable Energy Bill, without Amendment.

6 European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Bill,—The Order of the day being read, for the Second Reading of the European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) 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 Fraser Kemp, Gillian Merron: 306.

Tellers for the Noes, Richard Younger-Ross, Mr Robert Syms: 172.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read a second time.

7 European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Bill (Programme),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Bill:

Committal

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

Proceedings in Standing Committee

2. Proceedings in the Standing Committee shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on Thursday 30th October 2003.

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

Consideration and Third Reading

4. Proceedings on consideration shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour before the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced.

5. Proceedings on Third Reading shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which proceedings on consideration are commenced.

6. Sessional Order B (Programming Committees) made on 28th June 2001 shall not apply to proceedings on consideration and Third Reading.

Other proceedings

7. Any other proceedings on the Bill (including any proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments or on any further messages from the Lords) may be programmed—(Margaret Moran),

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Fraser Kemp: 302.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Syms, Hugh Robertson: 180.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Bill [Money],—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) 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 European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Bill it is expedient to authorise—

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

(a) any expenses of the Secretary of State in making arrangements for the purposes of the Act in connection with the holding of the European Parliamentary general election of 2004;

(b) any increase attributable to the Act in the sums so payable under any other enactment other Act are payable out of that Fund;

(2) the payment out of the Consolidated Fund of any increase attributable to the Act in the sums which under any other Act are payable out of that Fund—(Mr John Heppell).—It was agreed to.
9 European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Bill (Carry-over),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Order [29th October 2002], That, if at the conclusion of this Session of Parliament, proceedings on the European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Bill have not been completed, they shall be resumed in the next Session—(Mr John Heppell);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Fraser Kemp: 349.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Robert Syms, Hugh Robertson: 125.

So the Question was agreed to.

10 Electronic Communications,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Electronic Communications (Networks and Services) (Penalties) (Rules for Calculation of Turnover) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 8th September, be approved—(Mr John Heppell):—It was agreed to.

11 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Hospice Hope for improved hospice and palliative care provision in North West Leicestershire 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 John Heppell),

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 two minutes to Eight o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.58 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Other Papers:

1 Competition Commission,—Report by the Competition Commission on the proposed transfers between Newsquest (London) Limited and Independent News & Media PLC [by Command] [Cm. 5951] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Department for Culture, Media and Sport Minute, dated 21st October 2003, concerning a contingent liability consequent upon indemnification relating to the loan of a sculpture entitled ‘Room 101’ by Rachel Whiteread to the Victoria and Albert Museum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

3 Development of Tourism,—Report and Accounts of VisitBritain for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

4 National Statistics,—Report for 2002–03 of National Statistics [by Command]; to be printed [No. 1180] [Ruth Kelly].

5 Public Petitions,—Observations by—

(1) the Deputy Prime Minister on the Petition [15th September] from Cllr Ruth Burrow and residents of East Devon against a new town being built in East Devon, and

(2) the Secretary of State for Health on the Petition [17th July] from residents of Reading against the unrestricted opening of pharmacies able to dispense NHS prescriptions [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Immigration and Asylum: the Government’s proposed changes to publicly funded immigration and asylum work]; to be printed [No. 1171-a] [Mr A. J. Beith].

2 Draft Civil Contingencies Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Civil Contingencies Bill; to be printed [No. 1074-vi] [Dr Lewis Mooney].

3 Draft Mental Incapacity Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on the Draft Mental Incapacity Bill; to be printed [No. 1083-viii] [Mrs Angela Browning].
4. Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Asylum Applications]; to be printed [No. 692-viii] [Mr John Denham].


6. Regulatory Reform,—Fourteenth Report from the Regulatory Reform Committee [Draft Regulatory Reform (Business Tenancies) (England and Wales) Order 2003 and the Draft Regulatory Reform (Gaming Machines) Order 2003]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1210] [Mr Peter Pike].

7. Statutory Instruments,—Twenty-eighth Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xxviii]; and

(2) Third Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with a Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 126-ii] [Mr David Tredinnick].

8. Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [The Financial Services Authority]; to be printed [No. 1211-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 144; WH, No. 94.]

Tuesday 21st October 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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—(Gillian Merron);

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

[No. 145.]

Wednesday 22nd October 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1. Hereford Markets Bill [Lords].—The Hereford Markets Bill [Lords] was read the third time, and passed, without Amendment.

2. Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Working Time (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1684).

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

3. Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 116 (Northern Ireland Grand Committee (sittings)), That the Order of the House [8th September] referring the matter of the future direction of community relations policy in Northern Ireland to the Northern Ireland Grand Committee for consideration on Thursday 23rd October be discharged—(Charlotte Atkins):—It was agreed to.

4. Motorcycles (Bus Lanes),—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to allow motorcycles to use bus lanes: And that Mr Bill Wiggin, Mr Don Foster, Angela Watkinson, Mr Mark Todd, Mr Stephen Pound, Peter Bottomley, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Robert Key, Mr Adrian Flook, Mr Bill Tynan, Mrs Jackie Lawrence and Mr Roger Gale do prepare and bring it in.

5. Motorcycles (Bus Lanes) Bill,—Mr Bill Wiggin accordingly presented a Bill to allow motorcycles to use bus lanes: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 166].
6 Opposition Day [19th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuance of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

Judicial Inquiry on Iraq.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House is concerned at growing public confusion since the summer adjournment as a result of increasingly conflicting accounts of intelligence relating to and events leading up to the recent Iraq war and what has happened since; and calls for the setting up of a comprehensive independent judicial inquiry into the Government’s handling of the run-up to the war, of the war itself, and of its aftermath, and into the legal advice which it received—(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 ‘notes that the Intelligence and Security Committee, established by Parliament by statute, and the appropriate body to consider the intelligence relating to Iraq, and the Foreign Affairs Committee have both carried out inquiries into matters relating to the decision to go to war in Iraq; further notes that substantial oral and written evidence, by and on behalf of the Government, was provided to both inquiries; believes that there is no case for a further inquiry, including a judicial inquiry; and further believes that, following the passage of UN Security Council Resolution 1511 on 17th October 2003, attention should now be focused on building a better future for Iraq and its people, and on offering full support to the coalition, including British military and civilian personnel, and the United Nations in this endeavour’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Straw.)

And the Question being proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

7 Deferred Divisions.—The Deputy Speaker announced the results of the Division which had been deferred to this day, pursuant to the Orders of the House [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002].

Recovery Plan for Cod and the Recovery of the Northern Hake Stock.—That this House takes note of European Union Documents No. 9081/03, draft Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of cod stocks, and No. 10980/03, draft Council Regulation establishing measures for the recovery of the Northern hake stock; welcomes the Government’s support of the adoption of recovery plans for cod and hake in which effort control and other measures can play a part, and also supports the Government’s intention to ensure a close dialogue with the fishing industry in developing these plans.

Ayes: 251.
Noes: 168.

So the Question was agreed to.

8 Opposition Day.—Judicial Inquiry on Iraq.—The Question being again proposed, That the original words stand part of the Question;

And the Question being put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Mark Field: 190.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Joan Ryan: 303.

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, Joan Ryan: 293.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Field, Angela Watkinson: 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 notes that the Intelligence and Security Committee, established by Parliament by statute, and the appropriate body to consider the intelligence relating to Iraq, and the Foreign Affairs Committee have both carried out inquiries into matters relating to the decision to go to war in Iraq; further notes that substantial oral and written evidence, by and on behalf of the Government, was provided to both inquiries; believes that there is no case for a further inquiry, including a judicial inquiry; and further believes that, following the passage of UN Security Council Resolution 1511 on 17th October 2003, attention should now be focused on building a better future for Iraq and its people, and on offering full support to the coalition, including British military and civilian personnel, and the United Nations in this endeavour.
9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr John Spellar.)
And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes to Eight o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.55 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Northern Ireland,—(1) Draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2003,
(2) Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Act 2003 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2696), dated 21st October 2003, and
(3) Northern Ireland (Date of Next Assembly Poll) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2697), dated 21st October 2003,
[by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command][Mr Secretary Murphy].

Other Papers:

2 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of the:
(1) Armed Forces Pension Scheme, and
(2) Department for Culture, Media and Sport
for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 1152 and 1129][Ruth Kelly].

3 Health,—Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Health Committee, Session 2002–03, on Patient and Public Involvement in the NHS [by Command][Cm. 6005][Mr Secretary Reid].

4 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:
(1) Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Act 2003 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2696); and
(2) Northern Ireland (Date of Next Assembly Poll) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2697)
[by Standing Order][Clerk of the House].

5 Treaty Series (No. 41, 2003),—Second Supplementary List of Ratifications, Accessions, Withdrawals, Etc., for 2003 [by Command][Cm. 5998][Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Bill:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee B; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Crispin Blunt, Annette Brooke, Mr Alan Campbell, Geraint Davies, Mr David Drew, Mr Tom Harris, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr David Heath, Mr Lindsay Hoyle, Mr Kevan Jones, Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Christopher Leslie, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Bridget Prentice, Joyce Quin, John Robertson, Ms Dari Taylor, Sir Teddy Taylor, Mr Neil Turner, Mr David Wilshire and Pete Wishart.

2 Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords]:
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Bill to Standing Committee E; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated twenty-one Members to serve on the Committee: Gregory Barker, John Barrett, Mr Parmjit Dhanda, Mr Andrew Dismore, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Paul Farrelly, Mr Fabian Hamilton, Mr Dai Havard, Mr Ian Liddell-Grainger, Ann McKechin, Mr Denis MacShane, Mr Michael Moore, Mr Jim Murphy, Linda Perham, Mr James Plaskitt, Angus Robertson, Hugh Robertson, Mr Mark Simmonds, Mr Richard Spring, Dr Phyllis Starkey and Dr Gavin Strang.
3 Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 2003:
   (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 John Bercow, Mr Simon Burns, Mrs Ann Cryer, Mr Wayne David, Mr Mark Francois, Jim Knight, Mr John Lyons, Mr Paul Marsden, Mr Jim Marshall, Mr Austin Mitchell, Mr Andrew Rosindell, Joan Ryan, Mr Makolm Savidge, Mark Tami, Dr Jenny Tonge and Ms Rosie Winterton.

4 Draft Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2003:
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the draft Regulations to the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: John Barrett, Mr David Borrow, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Michael Clapham, Clive Efford, Mr Mark Field, Mr David Jamieson, Mr Terry Lewis, Mr John MacDougall, Gillian Merron, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr Brian Sedgemore, Rachel Squire, John Thurso, Mr David Tredinnick and Mr Shaun Woodward.

5 Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 128) on Dealing with Disadvantage Grant:
   (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: Mr Nick Ainger, Mr David Borrow, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Terry Davis, Jim Dobbin, Mr Mark Field, Mr John Horam, Mr Kevin Hughes, Mr David Jameson, Tony Lloyd, Chris Mole, Mr David Ruffley, Geraldine Smith, Sir Robert Smith, John Thurso and Mr Bill Tynan.

European Standing Committees

6 European Union Document No. 5268/03, relating to Emissions of volatile organic compounds from solvents used in paints, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Lessons of Iraq]; to be printed [No. 695-x] [Mr David Crausby].

2 Draft Mental Incapacity Bill,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Joint Committee on theDraft Mental Incapacity Bill; to be printed [No. 1083-ix] [Mrs Angela Browning].

3 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: School Admissions]; to be printed [No. 1075-iii] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

4 Environmental Audit,—Sixth Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Committee, Session 2002-03, on Learning the Sustainability Lesson]; to be printed [No. 1221] [Mr Peter Anssworth].

5 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Fourteenth Special Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Government’s Reply to the Thirteenth Report from the Committee, Session 2002-03, on Poultry Farming in the United Kingdom]; to be printed [No. 1219]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The conduct of the GM public debate]; to be printed [No. 1220] [Mr David Curry].

6 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. 63-xxxiv] [Mr Michael Connarty].

7 Northern Ireland Affairs,—(1) Eighth Report from the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [The Illegal Drugs Trade and Drug Culture in Northern Ireland]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1217-4]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Separation of Paramilitary Prisoners in HMP Maghaberry]; to be printed [No. 1218-i] [Mr Michael Mates].
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8 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Warm Front: Helping to Combat Fuel Poverty]; to be printed [No. 1216-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

9 Transport.—(1) Second Special Report from the Transport Committee [Government Response to the Fourth Report from the Committee, on Railways in the North of England]; to be printed [No. 1212]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Future of the Railways]; to be printed [No. 875-iv] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Civil Registration]; to be printed [No. 1214-i] [Mr John McFall].

11 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [Railways in Wales]; to be printed [No. 1029-iii] [Mr Martyn Jones].

12 Work and Pensions.—(1) First Special Report from the Work and Pensions Committee [Government’s Response to the Fifth Report from the Committee, on Childcare for Working Parents]; to be printed [No. 1184]; and
   (2) Sixth Report from the Committee [European Social Fund], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 680] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 145; WH, No. 95.]

Wednesday 22nd October 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall
The sitting commenced at half-past Nine o’clock.

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Paul Clark.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.

[No. 146.]

Thursday 23rd October 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Water Bill [Lords].—Mr Bill O’Brien reported from Standing Committee D, That it had gone through the Water Bill [Lords], and made Amendments thereunto.

   Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered on Monday 27th October; and to be printed [Bill 167].

   Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 1215].

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

   The Lords have agreed to the Female Genital Mutilation Bill, without Amendment.

   The Lords communicate that they have ordered that the quorum of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of this House as the Joint Committee on Human Rights should be two.

   The Lords communicate that they have made the following Amendment to the Order [9th September] relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee on a draft Gambling Bill: leave out the words ‘within the United Kingdom’.

3 Adjournment (Defence procurement).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Joan Ryan);

   And it being Six o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.
4 Welsh Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr Bill Wiggin be discharged from the Welsh Affairs Committee and Mr Nigel Evans be added.—(Jim Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

5 Work and Pensions.—Ordered, That James Purnell and Mr David Stewart be discharged from the Work and Pensions Committee and Vera Baird and David Hamilton be added.—(Jim Fitzpatrick, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

6 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 29th October, Private Business set down for Four o’clock by the Chairman of Ways and Means shall be entered upon at the conclusion of Government business (whether before, at or after Four o’clock) and may then be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

7 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes past Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 27th October.

[Adjourned at 6.24 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


2 Income Tax.—Non-resident Insurance Companies Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2714), dated 22nd October 2003 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

3 Road Traffic.—Road Traffic (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Metropolitan Borough of Wirral) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2711), dated 21st October 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].


Other Papers:

5 Government Resource and Accounts.—Report and Accounts of the Treasury Solicitor’s Department for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1076] [The Solicitor General].

6 Honours, Decorations and Medals.—Paper, entitled The Naval General Service Medal and The General Service Medal (Army and Royal Air Force) [by Command] [Cm. 5999] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

7 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister.—Government Response to the Twelfth Report from the Committee on the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Planning, Local Government and the Regions, Session 2002–03, on the Evening Economy and the Urban Renaissance [by Command] [Cm. 5971] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

8 Public Petitions.—Observations by the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs on the Petition [17th July] from the Yellow Advertiser for the reduction of smells emanating from Pitsea Tip [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Bill:

(1) The Speaker has appointed Frank Cook and Mr Joe Benton Chairmen of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill; and

(2) The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Mitchell from Standing Committee B (nominated in respect of the Bill); and nominated in substitution Mr Peter Duncan.

2 European Parliamentary and Local Election (Pilots) Bill (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Geraint Davies, Mr Nick Hawkins, Mr David Heath, Mr Mark Lazarowicz, Mr Christopher Leslie, Bridget Prentice and Mr David Wilshire members of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.
3 Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords].—The Speaker has appointed Derek Conway Chairman of Standing Committee E in respect of the Bill.

4 Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

5 Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) Rules Order of Council 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order of Council.

6 Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2003.—The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

7 Draft Education (Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for the Fourth Key Stage) (England) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nigel Beard Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

8 Care Standards Act 2000 (Domiciliary Care Agencies and Nurses Agencies) (Amendment) Regulations 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jimmy Hood Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

9 Draft Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations.

10 Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 128) on Dealing with Disadvantage Grant.—The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report.

European Standing Committees

11 The Speaker has appointed Mr Jonathan Sayeed Chairman of European Standing Committee B in respect of European Union Document No. 11817/03 on Reduced Rates of VAT.

Standing Committee on the Inter-Governmental Conference

12 The Speaker has appointed Frank Cook Chairman of the Standing Committee on the Inter-Governmental Conference in respect of its meeting on Monday 10th November.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [Interim Report of the Review of Government Communications]; to be printed [No. 1223-i] [Tony Wright].

[No. 146; WH, No. 96.]

Thursday 23rd October 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service—Third Report from the Committee on the Lord Chancellor’s Department, Session 2002–03, and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Margaret Hodge.)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 28th October.

[Adjourned at 4.56 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 Planning and Compulsory Purchase (Re-committed) Bill.—Mr Alan Hurst reported from Standing Committee A, That it had gone through the Planning and Compulsory Purchase (Re-committed) Bill, and made Amendments thereunto, and had amended the Title as follows:

A Bill to make provision relating to spatial development and town and country planning, and the compulsory acquisition of land.

Bill, as amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 168].

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 1226].

2 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Commission for Health Improvement (Functions) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1587).

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

3 European Standing Committee B.—Mr Jonathan Sayeed reported from European Standing Committee B the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 11817/03, draft Council Directive amending Directive 77/388/EEC as regards reduced rates of Value Added Tax, and supports the Government’s position both that the proposals as they relate to zero rates are unacceptable in their current form and that it will not accept any proposals that would harm its social objectives or undermine the fairness of the United Kingdom’s VAT system and the competitiveness of the UK economy.

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

4 Opposition Day [20th allotted day].—It being an allotted day at the disposal of the Leader of the Opposition in pursuit of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), the House proceeded to consider Opposition business.

NATO and EU Defence Policy.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House believes in the importance of European nations’ building up their military capabilities to contribute more to European and global defence and security through NATO; notes that the ‘Berlin Plus’ agreement provides the EU with assured access to NATO assets to plan and conduct military operations under NATO’s Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, who is always a European military officer; condemns proposals for the European Union to conduct the planning and leadership of operations independent of NATO means and capabilities; further notes that this represents a threat to NATO, which was developed in the 1998 St. Malo Declaration and would be given superiority under the draft EU constitution; and further believes that such proposals discriminate against non-EU members of NATO, decouple EU security policies from NATO and duplicate existing NATO structures and assets without increasing real military capability in any way whatsoever.—(Mr Bernard Jenkin);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 2, to leave out from the word ‘House’ to the end of the Question and add the words ‘believes that NATO is, and should remain, the cornerstone of Europe’s collective defence; believes in the importance of European nations building up their military capabilities to contribute more to their defence and security through NATO and the EU; welcomes the development of the European Security and Defence Policy as a part of the Common Foreign and Security Policy, including its role in undertaking operations where NATO as a whole is not engaged; welcomes the “Berlin Plus” agreement which provides the EU with assured access to NATO planning and presumed access to NATO assets and capabilities for military operations; and welcomes the success of the ESDP operation undertaken in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the continuing military operation in Macedonia and police operation in Bosnia’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Hoon.)

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 Mark Francois: 134.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Jim Murphy: 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 amendment(s))—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House believes that NATO is, and should remain, the cornerstone of Europe's collective defence; believes in the importance of European nations building up their military capabilities to contribute more to their defence and security through NATO and the EU; welcomes the development of the European Security and Defence Policy as a part of the Common Foreign and Security Policy, including its role in undertaking operations where NATO as a whole is not engaged; welcomes the 'Berlin Plus' agreement which provides the EU with assured access to NATO planning and presumed access to NATO assets and capabilities for military operations; and welcomes the success of the ESDP operation undertaken in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the continuing military operation in Macedonia and police operation in Bosnia.

Effect of Government Targets on the Provision of Health Care.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House notes that the Government's obsession with target-setting now pervades almost every aspect of healthcare; believes that the volume of centrally set targets and the way in which these have been imposed is having a detrimental effect on clinical outcomes, since the welfare of the patient becomes a secondary consideration to the achievement of the target; further believes that the imposition of these targets is seriously demoralising the professional staff within the NHS, diverting them from spending time with patients to additional paperwork and bureaucracy; is appalled that pressure on managers to achieve targets has led to distortions in reporting on performance, so that the public has no confidence in claims that are made about achievements in the NHS, and calls on the Government to align their clinical targets with the reliance on the target-setting culture, to re-invest the money saved on bureaucracy into front line medical care and to trust doctors, nurses and other professional staff to get on with their jobs with minimal interference, in the interests of all of their patients—(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 record extra investment in the National Health Service; supports the Government's policy of linking investment to reform; notes that setting targets and monitoring performance against them are a vital part of the accountability process; welcomes the Government’s determination to devolve power in the health service to the front line backed by three-year allocations of money to NHS organisations and clear delivery targets for the next three years; welcomes the positive effect of the right targets on staff morale, motivation and standards; welcomes the increases in capacity and workforce numbers, the greater availability of new and better drugs, the shorter waiting times and the greater choice available to all patients; notes that expenditure on NHS management as a proportion of the total NHS budget is falling; and supports the Government’s commitment to a high quality NHS, responsive to the needs of patients, available to all free at the point of need’, instead thereof.—(Mr Secretary Reid).

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 Mark Francois: 132.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Paul Clark: 333.

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 amendment(s)); The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Paul Clark: 290.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Mark Francois: 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 Government’s record extra investment in the National Health Service; supports the Government’s policy of linking investment to reform; notes that setting targets and monitoring performance against them are a vital part of the accountability process; welcomes the Government’s determination to devolve power in the health service to the front line backed by three-year allocations of money to NHS organisations and clear delivery targets for the next three years; welcomes the positive effect of the right targets on staff morale, motivation and standards; welcomes the increases in capacity and workforce numbers, the greater availability of new and better drugs, the shorter waiting times and the greater choice available to all patients,
notes that expenditure on NHS management as a proportion of the total NHS budget is falling; and supports the Government’s commitment to a high quality NHS, responsive to the needs of patients, available to all free at the point of need.

5 Local Government Finance (England).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Local Government Finance (England) Special Grant Report (No. 127) (House of Commons Paper No. 1049) on special grant for 2003–04 for reducing fire deaths in those areas of England suffering the highest fatality rate, dated 12th August 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 8th September, be approved—(Margaret Moran)—It was agreed to.

6 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 30th October, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Peter Hain relating to pay for chairmen of select committees not later than Six o’clock; such Questions shall include the Questions on any Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; the Questions may be put after the moment of interruption; and the Orders of the House of 28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002 relating to deferred Divisions shall not apply.—(Margaret Moran.)

7 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr David Borrow be discharged from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Joan Ruddock be added.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

8 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Holmer Green, Buckinghamshire, and others against a proposed showmen’s site on the south side of Holmer Green was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

9 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Margaret Moran.)

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 delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 24th October 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Countryside,—Access to the Countryside (Exclusions and Restrictions) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2713), dated 22nd October 2003 [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


3 Police,—(1) Police Pensions (Additional Voluntary Contributions) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2717), and

   (2) Police Pensions (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2716), dated 22nd October 2003 [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

4 Social Security,—Income Support (General) (Standard Interest Rate Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2693), dated 20th October 2003 [Mr Secretary Smith].

5 Terms and Conditions of Employment,—Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) (Transfer to OFCOM) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2715), dated 22nd October 2003 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 27th October 2003:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

6 Building and Buildings,—Building (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2692), dated 17th October 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
7 Education,—School Staffing (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2725), dated 27th October 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

8 Income Tax,—(1) Individual Savings Account (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2747), and
(2) Personal Equity Plan (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2748), dated 27th October 2003 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].

9 Road Traffic,—Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2695), dated 20th October 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

10 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—
(1) Difficult Forms: How government agencies interact with citizens, and
(2) Protecting England and Wales from plant pests and diseases
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1145 and 1186] [Clerk of the House].

11 National Insurance,—Report by the Government Actuary on the Quinquennial Review of the National Insurance Fund for the period ended 5th April 2000 [by Command] [Cm. 6008] [Dawn Primarolo].

12 National Lottery,—Report of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts for 2002-03 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Papers withdrawn:

13 Education,—Draft Education (Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Fourth Key Stage) (England) Order 2003 [laid 18th September].

14 Police,—Draft Police (Complaints) (Informal Resolution) Regulations 2003, with an Explanatory Memorandum [laid 15th October].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Andrew Dismore and Dr Phyllis Starkey from Standing Committee E nominated in respect of the Bill; and nominated in substitution Mr Eric Joyce and Mr Mark Todd.

2 Commission for Health Improvement (Functions) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1587).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Simon Burns, Clare Short and Dr Desmond Turner from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation nominated in respect of the Regulations; and nominated in substitution Mr Jim Cunningham, Chris Grayling and Jane Griffiths.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Public Accounts.—(1) Forty-fifth Report from the Committee of Public Accounts [Protecting Public and Consumer Interests in Relation to Food: the Food Standards Agency]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 708].
(2) Forty-sixth Report from the Committee [Ministry of Defence: Building and Air Maneouvre Capability: the Introduction of the Apache Helicopter]; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 533]; and
(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Community Fund: Review of Grants made to the National Coalition of Anti-deportation Campaigns]; to be printed [No. 1229-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

2 Science and Technology.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Government Support for Nanotechnology]; to be printed [No. 1160-ii] [Dr Ian Gibson].
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspection) Bill [Lords],—Derek Conway reported from Standing Committee E, That it had gone through the Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspection) Bill [Lords], and directed him to report the same, without Amendment. Bill, not amended in the Standing Committee, to be considered to-morrow.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to be printed [No. 1230].

2 Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Commencement) Bill,—Paul Flynn, supported by Mr Huw Edwards, presented a Bill to amend the date of commencement of the Freedom of Information Act 2000: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 169].

3 Non-Prescription Contact Lenses,—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to reclassify non-prescription contact lenses as medical devices; and to restrict their sale so that they can only be sold by, or under the supervision of, a registered doctor or optician: And that John Robertson, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr Bill Tynan, Mr David Heath, Mr Peter Duncan, Mr Jimmy Hood, Mr Parmjeet Dhanda, Ms Candy Atherton, Mr David Drew, John Mann, Syd Rapson and Dr Ian Gibson do prepare and bring it in.

4 Non-Prescription Contact Lenses Bill,—John Robertson accordingly presented a Bill to reclassify non-prescription contact lenses as medical devices; and to restrict their sale so that they can only be sold by, or under the supervision of, a registered doctor or optician: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 170].

5 Waste and Emissions Trading Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Waste and Emissions Trading Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Joint municipal waste management strategies: England)—(Mr Elliot Morley)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Power to disapply duties under section (Joint municipal waste management strategies: England))—(Mr Elliot Morley)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Interpretation of Chapter 3)—(Mr Elliot Morley)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Repeal of duty to prepare recycling plans in England and Wales)—(Mr Elliot Morley)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Strategies for waste minimisation: England)—(Norman Baker)—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, Annette Brooke: 172.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Heppell, Mr Vernon Coaker: 283.

Another Clause (Environmental impact assessment of incineration)—(Norman Baker)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.


Tellers for the Noes, Derek Twigg, Charlotte Atkins: 292.

Another Clause (Directions to waste disposal authorities)—(Mr Bill Wiggin)—brought up, and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Robert Syms, Hugh Robertson: 176.

Tellers for the Noes, Derek Twigg, Charlotte Atkins: 289.
Amendment (No. 10) proposed to the Bill, in page 1, line 8, after the word ‘waste’, to insert the words ‘municipal solid waste, commercial and industrial waste and construction and demolition waste’.—(Mr Bill Wiggin.)

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

Amendment (No. 36) made to the Bill.

It being Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [20th March], put the Question on Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 37 to 58) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

6 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 (Gaming Machines) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 17th September, be approved—(Jim Fitzpatrick).—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 12th November at five minutes to Nine o’clock to consider a substantive Motion for the adjournment of the Committee—(Jim Fitzpatrick).—It was agreed to.

8 Healthcare and Associated Professions.—Ordered, That the Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) Rules Order of Council 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1572), dated 13th June 2003, be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

9 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

And the Motion having been made at Seven 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 7.30 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Electronic Communications.—Advanced Television Services (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2750), dated 27th October 2003 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

Other Papers:

2 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of the—

(1) Department for International Development, and

(2) Serious Fraud Office

for 2002–03, with Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1059 and 1189] [Ruth Kelly].

3 Judicial Appointments,—Report by the Lord Chancellor on Judicial Appointments for 2002–03 [by Command] [Cm. 5938] [Mr Christopher Leslie].

4 Local Government,—Report and Accounts of The Standards Board for England for 2002–03 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

5 Science and Technology,—Report and Accounts of the Medical Research Council for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1147] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

6 Transport,—Government Response to the Fifth Report from the Transport Committee, Session 2002–03, on Local Roads and Pathways [by Command] [Cm. 6007] [Mr Secretary Darling].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Bill [Lords] (Programming Sub-Committee).—The Speaker has appointed Annette Brooke in place of Mr David Heath as a member of the Programming Sub-Committee of Standing Committee B in respect of the Bill.

2 Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords].—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Fabian Hamilton from Standing Committee E (nominated in respect of the Bill), and nominated in substitution Colin Packthall.

3 Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Simon Burns and Dr Jenny Tonge from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations), and nominated in substitution Mr John Baron and Mrs Patsy Calton.

4 Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) Rules Order of Council 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1572).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Peter Atkinson Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order of Council, in place of Mrs Marion Roe.

5 Draft Education (Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for the Fourth Key Stage) (England) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Graham Brady, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr Tony Colman, Mr John Grogan, Dr Brian Iddon, Mr David Miliband, Julie Morgan, Albert Owen, Dr John Pugh, Andrew Selous, Mr Andrew Turner, Derek Twigg, Mr Robert N. Waring, Angela Watkinson, Mr Phil Willis and Mr Michael Wills from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order).

6 Care Standards Act 2000 (Domiciliary Care Agencies and Nurses Agencies) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2323).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tony Banks and Helen Jackson from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations), and nominated in substitution John Cryer and Mr John Grogan.

7 Draft Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2003.

(1) The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Regulations, in place of Mr Jonathan Sayeed; and

(2) the Committee of Selection has discharged John Barrett, Mr David Borrow, Mr John MacDougal and Rachael Squire from the Committee (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Ann Coffey, Ann McKechin, Mr Alan Reid and Dr Desmond Turner.

8 Strategic Health Authorities Consultation on Changes Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1617).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Ms Rosie Winterton from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations), and nominated in substitution Mr John Hutton.

9 Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 128) on Dealing with Disadvantage Grant.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Sir Robert Smith from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report), and nominated in substitution Tom Brake.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs.—Fourth Report from the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Immigration and Asylum: the Government’s proposed changes to publicly funded immigration and asylum work], together with Appendices, and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1171] [Mr A. J. Beith].

2 Culture, Media and Sport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Cultural Objects]; to be printed [No. 950-ii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Foreign Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Foreign Affairs Committee [The Inter-Governmental Conference]; to be printed [No. 1233-i] [Donald Anderson].

4 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Work of the Parole Board]; to be printed [No. 1231-i] [Mr John Denham].
Tuesday 28th October 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4.41 p.m.]

Wednesday 29th October 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) Rules Order of Council 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1572).

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

2 Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—David Taylor reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Child Support (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 2) Regulations 2003.

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

3 Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2003.

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

4 European Standing Committee C,—Mr Joe Benton reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 6090/03, a draft Regulation on official feed and food controls; and supports the Government’s view that the measure will improve the consistency and effectiveness of feed and food law enforcement throughout Europe thereby increasing consumer safety and protection and facilitating the functioning of the single market.

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

5 European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the Order of 21st October 2003 (European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Bill (Programme)) shall be amended by the substitution in paragraph 2 (time for conclusion of proceedings in Standing Committee) for the words ‘Thursday 30th October’ of the words ‘Tuesday 4th November’—(Joan Ryan),
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Jim Fitzpatrick: 332.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr George Osborne: 144.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Dangerous Drugs.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the draft Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 11th September, be approved—(Joan Ryan).

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 John Heppell, Mr Jim Murphy: 316.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Mr Robert Syms: 160.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Mersey Tunnels Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded further to consider the Mersey Tunnels Bill, as amended.

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, to leave out lines 35 to 37.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr John Randall, Angela Watkinson: 108.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Charlotte Atkins: 209.

Another Amendment (No. 33) proposed to the Bill, in page 6, line 27, to leave out from the beginning to the end of line 42 on page 7.—(Stephen Hesford.)

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

Another Amendment (No. 20) proposed to the Bill, in page 9, line 24, to leave out the words ‘in the vicinity of’ and insert the words ‘adjacent to’, instead thereof.—(Mr Christopher Chope.)

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

The Bill was read the third time, and passed.

8 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Margaret Moran.)

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 Affirmative Resolution:

1 Investigatory Powers.—Draft Retention of Communications Data (Code of Practice) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Northern Ireland.—Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Act 2003 (Consequential Modifications No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2752), dated 28th October 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

3 Pensions.—Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2719), dated 21st October 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
Other Papers:

4 Government Resources and Accounts.—(1) Report and Accounts of the Duke of York’s Royal Military School for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 919] [Mr Secretary Hoon]; and

(2) Resource Accounts of the:

(i) Crown Prosecution Service, and

(ii) HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor

for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1073 and 1188] [Ruth Kelly].

5 School Standards and Framework.—Reports and Accounts of the:

(1) Easington & Seaham Education Action Zone,

(2) Sunderland Education Action Zone, and

(3) Wakefield Education Action Zone

for 2002–03, with Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1234, 1235 and 1236] [Clerk of the House].

6 Treaty Series (No. 42, 2003).—2000 Amendments, adopted at London on 5th December 2000, to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended [by Command] [Cm. 6001] [Mr Secretary Straw].

7 Treaty Series (No. 43, 2003).—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 [by Command] [Cm. 6002] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers withdrawn:


APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Lyons from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations); and nominated in substitution Kevin Brennan.


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

(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Tony Baldry, Mr John Bercow, Mr David Clelland, Mr Vernon Coaker, Angela Eagle, Mr Huw Edwards, Mr Tom Harris, Lady Hermon, Rob Marris, Chris Mole, Lembit Opik, Albert Owen, Mr Frank Roy, Mr John Spellar, Mr John Taylor and Angela Watkinson.

3 Draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2003:

(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: Charlotte Atkins, Malcolm Bruce, Mrs Helen Clark, Mr Tony Colman, Derek Conway, Brian Cotter, Mr David Curry, Michael Fabricant, Mr Mark Field, Dr Hywel Francis, Dr Brian Iddon, Helen Jackson, Ian Lucas, Mr John MacDougall, Ian Stewart and Mr Stephen Timms.


(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 Richard Allan, Colin Burgon, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Frank Dobson, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, Caroline Flint, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr David Heath, Mr John Heppell, Miss Julie Kirkbride, Shona McIsaac, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr John Randall, Rachel Squire, David Winnick and Derek Wyatt.

5 Health Professionals Council (Registration and Fees) Rules Order of Council 2003
(S.I., 2003, No. 1572),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Stephen Hesford and Mrs Helen Liddell from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Rules); and nominated in substitution Rosemary McKenna and Ms Dari Taylor.

6 Care Standards Act 2000 (Domiciliary Care Agencies and Nurses Agencies) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2323),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr John Battle and Christine Russell from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr George Howarth and Siobhain McDonagh.

7 Fishing Vessels (Decommissioning) Scheme 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2669):
(1) The Speaker has allocated the Scheme to the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and
(2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Ms Diane Abbott, Mr Nick Ainger, Mr Ben Bradshaw, Mr Chris Bryant, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Tony Clarke, Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr John Denham, Paul Flynn, Andrew George, Mr John Hayes, Mr George Osborne, Dr Nick Palmer, Christine Russell, Mr Mark Simmonds and Ann Winterton.

8 Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 128) on Dealing with Disadvantage Grant,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Chris Mole from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Report); and nominated in substitution Brian White.

European Standing Committees

9 Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum dated 20th October 2003, submitted by HM Treasury, relating to the Activity of the European Anti-Fraud Office, has been referred to European Standing committee B together with European Union Documents Nos. 11954/03 and 11993/03 relating to the Activities of OLAF and the fight against fraud, already referred to the Committee on 15th October 2003.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Memorandum laid before the Defence Committee [Courts Martial] [Mr Bruce George].

2 Environmental Audit,—(1) Seventh Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee [Government Response to the Seventh Report from the Committee on Export Credits Guarantee Department and Sustainable Development]; to be printed [No. 1238]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [GM Food—Evaluating the Farm Scale Trials]; to be printed [No. 1239-i] [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Seventeenth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Alternative Uses for Crops: Biofuels], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 929-i and -II].
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Water Pricing]; to be printed [No. 1240-i]; and
(3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Alternative Uses for Crops: Biofuels] [Mr David Curry].

4 European Scrutiny,—Thirty-fifth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 63-xxxv] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

5 Modernisation,—First Report from the Select Committee on Modernisation of the House of Commons [Programming of Bills], together with Appendices; to be printed, with the
Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1222] [Mr Peter Hain].

6 Public Accounts.—(1) Forty-seventh Report from the Public Accounts Committee [Film Council: Improving access to, and education about, the moving image through the British Film Institute], together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 685]; and
(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Purchasing and Managing Software Licences]; to be printed [No. 1241-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [The Future of the Railways]; to be printed [No. 875-v] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

8 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [The Adjudicator’s Office]; to be printed [No. 1237-i] [Mr John McFall].

9 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Service Delivery by DWP to its Minority Ethnic Customers]; to be printed [No. 1213-i] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].

[No. 149; WH, No. 98.]

Wednesday 29th October 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 Vernon Coaker).

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.42 p.m.]

[No. 150.]

Thursday 30th October 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Peter Atkinson reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 2003.

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

2 Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Jimmy Hood reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Care Standards Act 2000 (Domiciliary Care Agencies and Nurses Agencies) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2323).

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

3 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Cran reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 128) on Dealing with Disadvantage Grant.

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

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

Dealing in Cultural Objects (Offences) Act 2003
Legal Deposits Libraries Act 2003
Household Waste Recycling Act 2003
Sustainable Energy Act 2003
Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003
Crime (International Co-operation) Act 2003
London Local Authorities and Transport for London Act 2003

5 Pay for Chairmen of Select Committees,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put,
That this House—
1. takes note of the Report of the Review Body on Senior Salaries on Pay for Select Committee Chairmen in the House of Commons presented to Parliament on 17th July (Cm. 5673);
2. approves the Sixth Report of the Committee on Standards and Privileges on Pay for Select Committee Chairmen (House of Commons Paper No. 1150); and endorses the principles set out in paragraph 16 of that report; and
3. expresses the opinion that—
(a) with effect from the beginning of the next Session of Parliament, the salary of a Member should be £12,500 per annum higher than the figure determined in accordance with the provisions of the Resolution of the House of 10th July 1996 in respect of any period during which he is the Chairman of a select committee appointed under Standing Order No. 152 (Select Committees related to government departments), the Environmental Audit Committee, the European Scrutiny Committee, the Committee of Public Accounts, the Select Committee on Public Administration, the Regulatory Reform Committee, the Joint Committee on Human Rights or the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, other than to the extent that the provisions of sub-paragraph (c) apply;
(b) a period begins for the purpose of sub-paragraph (a)—
(i) with the day on which the Member becomes Chairman of such a committee, or
(ii) with the beginning of the next Session of Parliament, in the case of a Member who became Chairman before that time;
and ends on the day on which the Member ceases to be Chairman (or, if he is Chairman of more than one such committee, he ceases to be Chairman of the last of those committees);
(c) there shall be disregarded for the purpose of sub-paragraph (a)—
(i) any period which is of less than 24 hours duration; and
(ii) any period, or part thereof, in respect of which the Member is also entitled to an additional salary by virtue of any provision of the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975;
(d) reference to any Committee in sub-paragraph (a) shall—
(i) if the name of the Committee is changed, be taken (subject to paragraph (ii)) to be a reference to the Committee by its new name; and
(ii) if the functions of the Committee become functions of a different Committee, be taken to be a reference to the Committee by whom the functions are for the time being exercisable;
(e) the provisions of paragraph (2) of the Resolution of the House of 10th July 1996 relating to Members’ Salaries (No. 2) shall apply, with effect from 1st April 2004, to a salary determined in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (a) as they apply in relation to a salary determined in accordance with the provisions of that Resolution; and
(f) the Speaker shall have authority to interpret these provisions and to determine rules from time to time for their implementation—(Peter Hain);
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Paul Clark: 86.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Pete Wishart: 59.
So the Question was agreed to.

6 Pay for Chairmen of Select Committees (No. 2),—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Pay for Chairmen of Select Committees (No. 2);
A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the following provision shall be made with respect to the salaries of Members of this House—
(1) With effect from the beginning of the next Session of Parliament, the salary of a Member shall be £12,500 per annum higher than the figure determined in accordance
with the provisions of the Resolution of the House of 10th July 1996 in respect of any period during which he is the Chairman of a select committee appointed under Standing Order No. 152 (Select Committees related to government departments), the Environmental Audit Committee, the European Scrutiny Committee, the Committee of Public Accounts, the Select Committee on Public Administration, the Regulatory Reform Committee, the Joint Committee on Human Rights or the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, other than to the extent that the provisions of paragraph (3) apply.

(2) A period begins for the purpose of paragraph (1)—

(i) with the day on which the Member becomes Chairman of such a committee, or

(ii) with the beginning of the next Session of Parliament, in the case of a Member who became Chairman before that time;

and ends on the day on which the Member ceases to be Chairman (or, if he is Chairman of more than one such committee, he ceases to be Chairman of the last of those committees).

(3) There shall be disregarded for the purpose of paragraph (1)—

(i) any period which is of less than 24 hours duration; and

(ii) any period, or part thereof, in respect of which the Member is also entitled to an additional salary by virtue of any provision of the Ministerial and other Salaries Act 1975.

(4) Reference to any Committee in paragraph (1) shall—

(i) if the name of the Committee is changed, be taken (subject to sub-paragraph (ii)) to be a reference to the Committee by its new name; and

(ii) if the functions of the Committee become functions of a different Committee, be taken to be a reference to the Committee by whom the functions are for the time being exercisable.

(5) The provisions of paragraph (2) of the Resolution of the House of 10th July 1996 relating to Members’ Salaries (No. 2) shall apply, with effect from 1st April 2004, to a salary determined in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (1) as they apply in relation to a salary determined in accordance with the provisions of that Resolution.

(6) The Speaker shall have authority to interpret these provisions and to determine rules from time to time for their implementation—(Mr Phil Woolas);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Mr Vernon Coaker: 81.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Kevin Hughes, Pete Wishart: 53.

So the Question was agreed to.

7 Notices of Questions.—Ordered, That, in respect of Questions to the Advocate General and the Secretary of State for Scotland for oral answer on Tuesday 2nd December and to the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland for oral answer on Wednesday 3rd December in the next Session of Parliament, paragraph (5)(a) of Standing Order No. 22 (Notices of Questions, Motions and Amendments) shall apply with the substitution of ‘two days’ for ‘four days’.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

8 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Tuesday 4th November, the Motion for the adjournment of the House in the name of the Prime Minister on the subject of quality of life in local communities shall lapse, if not previously disposed of, three hours after the commencement of proceedings on it, and the Motion for the adjournment of the House in the name of the Prime Minister relating to Africa may be proceeded with, though opposed, until Seven o’clock or for three hours after the commencement of proceedings on it, whichever is the later, and shall then lapse.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

9 Business of the House.—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 5th November, notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (2)(c)(i) of Standing Order No. 14 (Arrangement of public business), proceedings on the Motion in the name of the Leader of the Opposition may continue, though opposed, for three hours, and shall then be interrupted.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

10 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-nine minutes to Six o’clock, adjourned till Monday 3rd November.

[Adjourned at 5.31 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1. Education,—Draft Education (Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Fourth Key Stage) (England) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

2. International Development,—Draft International Fund for Agricultural Development (Sixth Replenishment) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Hilary Benn].

3. Taxes,—(1) Draft Stamp Duty Land Tax (Amendment of Schedule 5 to the Finance Act 2003) Regulations 2003, and

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Other Papers:

8. Betting, Gaming and Lotteries,—Department for Culture, Media and Sport Statistical Bulletin: Betting Licensing, Great Britain, for June 2002 to May 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].


10. Education,—Report on Powers to Facilitate Innovation for the academic year ending 31st July 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Clarke].

11. Government Resources and Accounts,—Reports and Accounts of the—
   (1) Defence Intelligence and Security Centre for 2002–03 with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1167] [Mr Secretary Hoon], and
   (2) Ministry of Defence for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1125] [Ruth Kelly].


13. National Lottery,—Reports and Accounts of the—
   (1) Community Fund, and
   (2) New Opportunities Fund for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed [Nos. 1122 and 1124] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Draft Dental Auxiliaries (Amendment) Regulations 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mrs Ann Cryer from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Regulations), and nominated in substitution Mr Andrew Miller.
2 Draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2003; the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Act 2003 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 206); and the Northern Ireland Assembly (Date of Next Assembly Poll) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2697).—The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order and Orders.

3 Draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Win Griffiths Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

4 Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) Order 2003, the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) Order 2003 and the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Intrusive Surveillance) Order 2003.—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nigel Beard Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Orders.

5 Fishing Vessels (Decommissioning) Scheme 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2669).—The Speaker has appointed Mr Edward O’Hara Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Scheme.

6 Strategic Health Authorities Consultation on Changes Regulations 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Roger Gale Chairman of the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

7 Local Government Finance Special Grant Report (No. 128) on Dealing with Disadvantage Grant,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Terry Davis and Geraldine Smith from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Report; and nominated in substitution Dr Brian Iddon and Bridget Prentice.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

Health,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Obesity]; to be printed [No. 755-v]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Public Expenditure 2003]; to be printed [No. 1109-ii]

[Mr David Hinchliffe].

[No. 150; WH, No. 99.]

Thursday 30th October 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Trade and Development at the WTO: Issues for Cancun—Seventh Report from the International Development Committee, Session 2002-03, and the Government’s response thereto).—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—[Mr Gareth Thomas (Harrow West).]

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 4th November.

[Adjourned at 5.56 p.m.]
PRAYERS.

1 First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—David Taylor reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2003, the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Act 2003 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2696) and the Northern Ireland (Date of Next Assembly Poll) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2697).

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

2 Sexual Offences Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Sexual Offences Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

Ordered, That the Amendments to the Sexual Offences Bill [Lords], as amended, be considered in the following order, namely, new Clauses, Amendments relating to Clauses Nos. 1 to 56, Schedule No. 1, Clauses Nos. 57 to 72, Schedule No. 2, Clauses Nos. 73 to 80, Schedule No. 3, Clauses Nos. 81 to 93, Schedule No. 4, Clauses Nos. 94 to 104, Schedule No. 5, Clauses Nos. 105 to 138, Schedule No. 6, Clause No. 139, Schedule No. 7, Clauses Nos. 140 to 142, new Schedules.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

A Clause (Penalties for keeping a brothel)—(Paul Goggins)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Service Courts)—(Ms Harriet Harman)—brought up, read the first and second time, and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Anonymity of suspects and defendants in certain cases (No. 2))—(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, Mr George Osborne, Mr Mark Francois: 158.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Paul Clark: 276.

Another Clause (Disqualification)—(Sir Paul Beresford)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Encryption (No. 2))—(Sir Paul Beresford)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Sections 17 to 20: Exemption for same sex relationships)—(Dr Evan Harris)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Another Clause (Sexual activity in a public place)—(Dr Evan Harris)—brought up, and read the first time.

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

Amendment (No. 187) proposed to the Bill, in page 3, line 15, at the end, to insert the words—

'(c) a person aged below 18 years at the time of the offence shall be assessed by a multi-disciplinary team and be eligible for treatment, even if he does not subsequently become subject to notification requirements.'—(Annette Brooke.)

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

Amendments (Nos. 1 to 6) made to the Bill.

Another Amendment (No. 116) proposed to the Bill, in page 5, line 34, to leave out '9' and insert '19', instead thereof.—(Annette Brooke.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Andrew Stunell, Mr David Heath: 40.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Charlotte Atkins: 278.

It being after Nine o'clock, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [15th July], put the Question on the remaining Amendments moved by a Minister of the Crown to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 7, 8, 82, 118, 10 to 15, 119, 17, 120, 19 to 43, 83, 84, 121 to 123, 47 to 51, 53, 52, 85, 86, 63 to 66, 68, 69, 111, 67, 87, 88, 124, 125, 89, 90, 126, 91 to 95, 127 to 131, 96, 97, 70 to 72, 98, 132, 99, 73, 100 to 104, 54 to 56, 133, 105, 57 to 60, 74, 134, 76, 77, 112, 78 to 80, 113 to 115, 81, 106 to 108, 62, 109 and 110) made to the Bill.

The Bill was read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

3 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) (No. 2) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 10th September, be approved—(Bridget Prentice).—It was agreed to.

4 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 Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 15th October, be approved—(Bridget Prentice).—It was agreed to.

5 Reduced Rates of VAT,—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. 11817/03, draft Council Directive amending Directive 77/388/EEC as regards reduced rates of Value Added Tax; and supports the Government’s position both that the proposals as they relate to zero rates are unacceptable in their current form and that it will not accept any proposals that would harm its social objectives or undermine the fairness of the United Kingdom’s VAT system and the competitiveness of the UK economy—(Bridget Prentice).—It was agreed to.

6 Official Feed and Food Controls,—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. 6090/03, a draft Regulation on official feed and food controls; and supports the Government’s view that the measure will improve the consistency and effectiveness of feed and food law enforcement throughout Europe thereby increasing consumer safety and protection and facilitating the functioning of the single market—(Bridget Prentice).—It was agreed to.

7 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Thursday 6th November, the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Peter Hain relating to Programming of Bills and Deferred Divisions not later than Six o’clock; such Questions shall include any Questions on Amendments selected by the Speaker which may then be moved; the Questions may be put after the moment of interruption; and the Orders of the House of 28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002 relating to Deferred Divisions shall not apply.—(Bridget Prentice.)

8 Home Affairs,—Ordered, That Mr David Cameron be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Mr John Bercow be added.—(Mr Peter Luff, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

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

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

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 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 delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 31st October 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 3rd November 2003:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

3. Electronic Communications,—Draft Telephone Number Exclusion (Domain Names and Internet Addresses) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

4. Fees and Charges,—Draft Department for Transport (Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration Fees) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Darling].

Other Papers:

5. Cereals Marketing,—Report and Accounts of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority for 2002-03 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

6. National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on— (1) Department for International Development: Responding to humanitarian emergencies, (2) Getting it right, putting it right: improving decision-making and appeals in social security benefits, and (3) The Management of Suspensions of Clinical Staff in NHS Hospital and Ambulance Trusts in England [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1227, 1142 and 1143] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections) (Amendment) Order 2003, the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Act 2003 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2696) and the Northern Ireland (Date of Next Assembly Poll) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2697),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Clelland, Rob Marris, Lembit Öpik and Mr Frank Roy from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order and Orders); and nominated in substitution Mr Alistair Carmichael, Huw Irranca-Davies, Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West) and Mr Anthony D. Wright.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1. Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Cetacean By-Catch Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Cetacean By-Catch]; to be printed [No. 1244-i] [Mr David Curry].

2. Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Government Support for Nanotechnology]; to be printed [No. 1160-iii] [Dr Ian Gibson].

3. Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Support to businesses from Regional Development Agencies]; to be printed [No. 814-ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].
Tuesday 4th November 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—Mr Richard Page reported from the Committee on the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], That it had examined the allegations contained in the Preamble to the Bill and found the same to be true; and had gone through the Bill and made Amendments thereto.

Bill, as amended in the Committee, to lie upon the Table.

2 European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) Bill.—Frank Cook reported from Standing Committee B, That it had gone through the European Parliamentary and Local Elections (Pilots) 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. 1258].

3 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Win Griffiths reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2003.

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

4 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nigel Beard reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) Order 2003, the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) Order 2003 and the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Intrusive Surveillance) Order 2003.

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 agree to the Amendments made by this House to the Waste and Emissions Trading Bill, without Amendment.

The Lords agree to the Fire Services Bill, with Amendments; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords agree to the European Union (Accessions) Bill, with an Amendment; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

6 Fire Services Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Fire Services Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 172].

7 European Union (Accessions) Bill,—Lords Amendment to the European Union (Accessions) Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 173].

8 Children’s Television (Advertising) (No. 2).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to ban the advertising of high fat, high sugar and high salt content food and drinks during pre-school children’s television programmes and related scheduling: And that Ms Debra Shipley, Linda Perham, Vera Baird, Ann Clwyd, Dr Brian Iddon, Glenda Jackson, Brian White, Mr Jim Cunningham, Geraint Davies, Andrew Mackinlay and Angela Eagle do prepare and bring it in.

9 Children’s Television (Advertising) (No. 2) Bill,—Ms Debra Shipley accordingly presented a Bill to ban the advertising of high fat, high sugar and high salt content food and drinks during pre-school children’s television programmes and related scheduling: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 171].

10 Adjournment (Quality of life in local communities).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Joan Ryan).

And it being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Motion for the adjournment of the House, the Motion lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to Order [30th October].

11 Adjournment (African development strategies).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Paul Clark).
And it being Seven o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put, pursuant to Order [30th October].

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 Special Grant Report (No. 128) on Dealing with Disadvantage Grant, a copy of which was laid before this House on 14th October, be approved—(Bridget Prentice)—It was agreed to.

13 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 2003, which were laid before this House on 15th October, be approved—(Bridget Prentice).—It was agreed to.

14 Broadcasting.—Ordered, That Mr James Gray be discharged from the Select Committee on Broadcasting and Gregory Barker be added.—(Bridget Prentice.)

15 Sittings in Westminster Hall.—Ordered, That, on Thursday 20th November, there shall be no sitting in Westminster Hall.—(Bridget Prentice.)

16 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) the York group of the Palestine Solidarity Campaign for the imposition of trade sanctions on Israel; and

(2) residents of Dumfries and Galloway for upgraded digital television transmission in the area,

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

17 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Bridget Prentice.)

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 European Communities,—(1) Draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria) Order 2003, and

(2) draft European Communities (Definition of Treaties) (Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an Association between the European Communities and their Member States and the Republic of Lebanon) Order 2003 [by Act], with Explanatory Memoranda thereon [by Command] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Animals,—Horse Passports (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2780), dated 4th November 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


Other Papers:

6 Criminal Justice,—Report and Accounts of the Parole Board for 2002-03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1182] [Clerk of the House].

7 Police Reform,—Paper, entitled The National Policing Plan 2004-07 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].
APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Communications Data) Order 2003, draft Regulation on Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) Order 2003 and the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Intrusive Surveillance) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Colin Burgon, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, David Winnick and Derek Wyatt from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution Janet Anderson, Mr Russell Brown, Ross Cranston, Mr David Crausby and Jon Trickett.

2 Fishing Vessels (Decommissioning) Scheme 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2669),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Mark Simmonds from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Scheme), and nominated in substitution Mr Hugo Swire.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Cultural Objects]; to be printed [No. 950-iii] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

2 Foreign Affairs,—(1) Twelfth Report from the Foreign Affairs Committee [Foreign and Commonwealth Office Annual Report 2003], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 857], and (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism]; to be printed [No. 1257-i] [Donald Anderson].

3 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Rehabilitation of Prisoners]; to be printed [No. 1245-i] [Mr John Denham].

4 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 [The Fire Service]; to be printed [No. 1168-i]; and (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Coalfield Communities]; to be printed [No. 1169-II] [Andrew Bennett].

5 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Coincidence of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries in Scotland and the Consequences of Change]; to be printed [No. 1256-i] [Mrs Irene Adams].

6 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Thirty third Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xxx]; and (2) Fourth Report from the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with a Memorandum laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 126-iv] [Brian White].

7 Trade and Industry,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Trade and Industry Committee [Support to businesses from Regional Development Agencies]; to be printed [No. 814-iii and -iv] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

8 Transport,—Ninth Report from the Transport Committee [Ports], 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. 783-i and -ii] [Ms Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Transparency of Credit Card Charges]; to be printed [No. 962-vi] [Mr John McFall].
The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4.29 p.m.]
constructively in furthering the peace process in Northern Ireland; and looks forward to further progress after the elections towards the restoration of devolved government in Northern Ireland on a stable and inclusive basis', instead thereof.—(Jane Kennedy.)

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, Angela Watkinson, Mr Mark Field: 186.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Bridget Prentice: 332.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Question, That the proposed words be there added, being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 31 (Questions on amendments):—It was agreed to.

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

Resolved, That this House notes the importance of confidentiality to effective decommissioning of weapons in Northern Ireland; expresses its gratitude for the professionalism of General de Chastelain and the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning; welcomes the further positive developments in the peace process set out by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in his statement to the House on 22nd October, including the calling of elections to the Northern Ireland Assembly on 26th November; calls on all parties in the House to engage constructively in furthering the peace process in Northern Ireland; and looks forward to further progress after the elections towards the restoration of devolved government in Northern Ireland on a stable and inclusive basis.

6 Water Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That—

Procedure on Consideration and Third Reading

(1) Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the Programme Order of 8th September 2003 relating to the Water Bill shall be omitted;

(2) proceedings on consideration shall be taken in the order shown in the following table, and each part of the proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion on the day on which those proceedings are commenced at the time specified in the second column,

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(3) proceedings on Third Reading shall, so far as not previously concluded, be brought to a conclusion at the moment of interruption on the day on which those proceedings are commenced—(Gillian Merron),
The House divided.
Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Bridget Prentice: 300.
Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Mark Field: 181.
So the Question was agreed to.

7 Adjournment (Making a success of vocational education).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Gillian Merron);
And it being Seven o'clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

8 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 2003, which was laid before this House on 22nd October, be approved—(Bridget Prentice);—It was agreed to.

9 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Act 2003 (Consequential Modications) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2696), dated 21st October 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd October, be approved—(Bridget Prentice);—It was agreed to.

10 Northern Ireland.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the Northern Ireland (Date of Next Assembly Poll) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2697), dated 21st October 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 22nd October, be approved—(Bridget Prentice);—It was agreed to.

11 Public Petitions.—A Public Petition from the Restricted Growth Association against stereotyping and discrimination directed towards people of restricted growth 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—(Bridget Prentice);
And the Motion having been made after Seven o'clock, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Speaker adjourned the House, without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twenty-nine minutes to Eight o'clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 7.31 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:


Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Channel Tunnel.—Channel Tunnel (International Arrangements) (Amendment) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2799), dated 4th November 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].


4 Tax Credits.—Tax Credits (Miscellaneous Amendments No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2815), dated 4th November 2003 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].


Other Papers:

6 Justices of the Peace.—Report of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of the Magistrates' Courts Service for 2002-03 [by Act], to be printed [No. 1119] [Mr Christopher Leslie].
7 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of—
(1) Astons & Nechells Education Action Zone,
(2) Clacton and Harwich Education Action Zone,
(3) East Basildon Education Action Zone,
(4) Herefordshire Education Action Zone,
(5) Leigh (Wigan) Education Action Zone,
(6) North Gillingham Education Action Zone,
(7) North Somerset (Weston-Super-Mare) Education Action Zone,
(8) Telford & Wrekin Education Action Zone, and
(9) Wolverhampton Education Action Zone,
for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act],
to be printed [Nos. 1246, 1247, 1248, 1249, 1250, 1251, 1252, 1253 and 1254] [Clerk of
the House].

8 Social Security Administration,—Reports by the Industrial Injuries Advisory Council:—
(1) on whether sufficient evidence exists to warrant adding osteoarthritis of the hip as
a prescribed disease, and
(2) reviewing the prescription of conditions due to biological agents
in accordance with Section 171 of the Social Security Administration Act 1992 [by
Command] [Cm. 5977 and 5997] [Mr Secretary Smith].

9 Treaty Series (No. 44, 2003),—Convention, done at Vilnius on 19th March 2001, between the
Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the
Government of the Republic of Lithuania for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and
the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income and on Capital Gains;
and Protocol, done at London on 21st May 2002, amending the Convention [by
Command] [Cm. 6003] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Education (Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for the Fourth Key Stage)
(England) Order 2003:
(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 Graham Brady, Mr Ian Cawsey, Mr James Clappison, Mr Ian
Davidson, Mr Parmjit Dhandha, Helen Jones, Mr Tony McWalter, Mr David Miliband,
Dr John Pugh, Geraldine Smith, Mark Tami, Mr Paul Truswell, Mr Andrew Turner,
Derek Twigg, Angela Watkinson and Mr Phil Willis.

2 Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Act 2003 (Consequential
(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 Richard Bacon, Richard Burden, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Vernon
Coaker, Mr Terry Davis, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Brian H. Donohoe, David Hamilton,
Mr Tom Harris, Mr Doug Henderson, Lady Hermon, Mr John Lyons, Mr Andrew
Mackay, Mr John Spellar, Mr John Taylor and Angela Watkinson.

3 Draft Department of Transport (Driver Licensing and Vehicles Registration Fees) (England)
Order 2003:
(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 Harold Best, Mr Clive Betts, Mr Bob Blizzard, Mr David Borrow,
Virginia Bottomley, Mr Christopher Chope, Mr Michael Connarty, Mr Stephen Dorrell,
Mr Mark Field, Mr David Jamieson, Rob Marris, Mr Paul Marsden, Gillian Merron,
Mr Austin Mitchell, Llew Smith and John Thurso.
4 Immigration (Leave to Remain) (Fees) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1711):
   (1) The Speaker has allocated the Regulations to the Fifth Standing Committee on
       Delegated Legislation; and
   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the
       Committee: Annette Brooke, Barbara Follett, Mr Barry Gardiner, Mrs Cheryl Gillan,
       Mr David Heath, Mr John Heppell, Beverley Hughes, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Peter Lilley,
       Mr Humfrey Malins, Mr Eric Martlew, Diana Organ, Sandra Osborne, Anne Picking,
       Mr John Randall and Mr Dennis Skinner.

5 Fishing Vessels (Decommissioning) Scheme 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2669),—The Committee of
   Selection has discharged Mrs Claire Curtis-Thomas, Mr John Denham and Christine
   Russell from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in
   respect of the Scheme); and nominated in substitution Mr Martin Caton, Mr Jon Owen
   Jones and Albert Owen.

6 Strategic Health Authorities Consultation on Changes Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1617),—The Committee of
   Selection has discharged Mr Martin Salter and Claire Ward from the Sixth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in
   respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Jim Knight and Jonathan Shaw.

European Standing Committees

7 The European Scrutiny Committee has withdrawn its recommendations [3rd July and 18th
   December 2002] that European Union Documents Nos. 10288/01 and 14205/02, relating
   to Allocation of slots at Community airports, be further consulted, and the documents
   no longer stand referred to European Standing Committee A.

8 European Union Document No. 12985/03, relating to Protection of groundwater against
   pollution, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

9 European Union Documents Nos. 13297/03 and 13244/03 and Addendum 1, relating to
   Trans-European Networks, have been referred to European Standing Committee A
   together with European Union Document No. 12817/02 relating to the same subject,
   already referred to the Committee on 6th November 2002.

10 European Union Document No. 10965/3/03, relating to Security at European Council
    meetings and other comparable events, has been referred to European Standing
    Committee B.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Lessons of Iraq];
   to be printed [No. 695-xi]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Armed Forces Pension and
       Compensation]; to be printed [No. 1255]
       [Rachel Squire].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills
   Committee [The Work of Ofsted]; to be printed [No. 1260] [Valerie Davey].

3 Environmental Audit,—(1) Thirteenth Report from the Environmental Audit Committee
   [Greening Government 2003]; 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. 961]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [GM Food—Evaluating the
       Farm Scale Trials]; to be printed [No. 1239-ii]
       [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment,
   Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Water Pricing]; to be printed [No. 1240-ii] [Mr
   David Curry].

5 European Scrutiny,—(1) Thirty-sixth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be
   printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No.
   63-xxxv]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Inter-Governmental
       Conference on the Draft Treaty on a Constitution for Europe]; to be printed[No. 1078-ii]
       [Mr Jimmy Hood].
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6 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee [Introduction of the Aggregates Levy in Northern Ireland: One Year On]; to be printed [No.1101-ii] [Mr Michael Mates].

7 Procedure,—Third Report from the Procedure Committee [Sessional Orders and Resolutions], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 855] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].

8 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [The Future of the Railways]; to be printed [No. 875-vi] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Royal Mint Annual Report 2002–03]; to be printed [No. 1261-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 153; WH, No. 101.]

Wednesday 5th November 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4.59 p.m.]

[No. 154.]


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

PRAYERS.

1 Programming,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Orders A to I relating to the Programming of Bills, made by the House on 28th June 2001, and programme orders of the current session of Parliament relating to bills which are carried over to the next session, shall continue to have effect in the next session of Parliament—(Peter Hain);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Gillian Merron: 232.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr George Osborne, Mr Mark Hoban: 87.

So the Question was agreed to.

2 Deferred Divisions,—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, 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—(Jim Fitzpatrick);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Gillian Merron: 242.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr George Osborne, Mr Mark Hoban: 80.

So the Question was agreed to.

3 Immigration,—Ordered, That the Immigration (Leave to Remain) (Fees) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1711) be referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

4 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from Mrs Rosemary Anne Hornsey against the misuse of the name of the Lord, in violation of the Third Commandment, in films, books and television programmes was presented; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

5 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Jim Fitzpatrick.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till five minutes past Five o’clock, adjourned till Monday 10th November.

[Adjourned at 5.05 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1. Agriculture,—Organic Products (Imports from Third Countries) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2821), dated 5th November 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2. Charities,—Draft Charities (Alexandra Park and Palace) Order 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].


Other Papers:

5. Public Petitions,—Observations by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry on the Petition [18th September] from residents of Knutsford, Alderley Edge and the surrounding area for international trade rules more favourable to the poorest nations [by Standing Order]; to be printed [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1. Draft Education (Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for the Fourth Key Stage) (England) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mrs Marion Roe Chairman of the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the draft Order.

2. Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Act 2003 (Consequential Modifications No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2752),—The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

3. Department for Transport (Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration Fees) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr James Cran Chairman of the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Order.

4. Immigration (Leave to Remain) (Fees) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1711),—The Speaker has appointed David Taylor Chairman of the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

5. Patients’ Forums (Membership and Procedure) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2123) and the Patients’ Forums (Functions) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2124),—The Speaker has appointed Mr Joe Benton Chairman of the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Regulations.

6. Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Australia) Order 2003 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Chile) Order 2003,—The Speaker has appointed Mr Nigel Beard Chairman of the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation in respect of the Orders.

Grand Committees

7. The Speaker has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman of the Scottish Grand Committee in respect of its meeting on Wednesday 12th November.

European Standing Committees

8. The Speaker has appointed Mr Mike Hancock Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Document No. 5268/03 on Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds from Solvents used in Paints.

9. The Speaker has appointed Mr Alan Hurst Chairman of European Standing Committee A in respect of European Union Documents Nos. 12817/02, 13297/03 and 13244/03 and Addendum I on Trans-European Networks.

10. The Speaker has appointed Mrs Irene Adams Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document No. 5007/03 and Unnumbered Explanatory Memorandum on Competition Policy: Mergers.

11. The Speaker has appointed Mr David Amess Chairman of European Standing Committee C in respect of European Union Document No. 10122/03 on Quality and Safety of Human Tissues.
APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Obesity]; to be printed [No. 755-vi] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 International Development.—(1) Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [The Autumn Meetings of the World Bank and the IMF]; to be printed, together with Appendices [No. 1266]; and
   (2) Memoranda laid before the Committee [The Autumn Meetings of the World Bank and the IMF]
   [Tony Baldry].

3 Public Administration.—(1) Sixth Report from the Select Committee on Public Administration [On Target? Government by Measurement: 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. 1264]; and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [A Civil Service Act]; to be printed [No. 837-ii]
   [Tony Wright].

[No. 154; WH, No. 102.]


The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Export Controls—First and Second Joint Reports from the Defence, Foreign Affairs, International Development and Trade and Industry Committees, Session 2002–03, on the Government’s proposals for secondary legislation under the Export Control Act 2002, and on Strategic Export Controls—Annual Report for 2001, Licensing Policy and Parliamentary Scrutiny, and the Government’s responses thereto).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Charlotte Atkins);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 11th November.

[Adjourned at 5.54 p.m.]
[No. 155.]

Monday 10th November 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mrs Marion Roe reported from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Education (Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Fourth Key Stage) (England) Order 2003.

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

2 European Standing Committee C,—Mrs Irene Adams reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of the unnumbered explanatory memorandum dated 15th January 2003 from the Department of Trade and Industry on the European Commission’s guidance associated with merger control proceedings and horizontal mergers, and European Union document No. 5007/03, draft Council Regulation on the control of concentrations between undertakings (‘The European Community Merger Regulation’); welcomes the draft Regulation and associated guidance as an important step in securing reform of the European Community merger regime; and supports the Government’s approach in seeking to build on the strengths of the existing Regulation to achieve a modern framework for European merger control as part of the economic reform agenda.

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

3 Water Bill [Lords],—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Water Bill [Lords], as amended in the Standing Committee.

A Clause (Commencement and expiry of licences)—(Mr Bill Wiggin)—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 Mark Francois, Mr John Randall: 132.

Tellers for the Noes, Gillian Merron, Bridget Prentice: 318.

Amendments (Nos. 54 to 85) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Regulatory methodology)—(Mr Bill Wiggin)—brought up and read the first time.

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

Another Amendment (No. 19) proposed to the Bill, in page 135, line 8, after the word ‘chairman’, to insert the words ‘, a chief executive’.—(Mr Andrew Lansley.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr John Randall: 160.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Margaret Moran: 282.

It being after Six o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Question on the remaining Government Amendments to be disposed of at that hour, pursuant to Order [5th November].

Other Amendments (Nos. 86 to 89) made to the Bill.

Another Clause—(Schemes for the adoption of sewers, lateral drains and sewage disposal works)—(Mr Elliot Morley)—brought up, read the first and second time and added to the Bill.

Another Clause (Consultation on the cost of environmental protection measures)—(Norman Baker)—brought up and read the first time.

Question put, That the Clause be read a second time.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Mr Alan Reid: 122.

Tellers for the Noes, Margaret Moran, Mr John Heppell: 247.
It being after Seven o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Question on the remaining Government Amendments to be disposed of at that hour.

Other Amendments (Nos. 90 and 94 to 101) made to the Bill.

Another Clause (Prohibition of artificial fluoridation of water supplies)—(Mr Simon Thomas)—brought up and read the first time.

Question proposed, That the Clause be read a second time.

And it being Nine o’clock, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jim Murphy, Derek Twigg: 181.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Joan Ryan: 284.

The Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Question on an Amendment selected by the Speaker for separate Division.

Amendment (No. 8) proposed to the Bill, in page 75, line 23, to leave out from the word ‘a’ to the end of line 25 and insert the words ‘local authority’, instead thereof.—(Mr Bill Wiggin.)

Question put, That the Amendment be made.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Jim Murphy, Derek Twigg: 200.

Tellers for the Noes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Joan Ryan: 243.

The Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Question on the remaining Government Amendments to be disposed of at that hour.

Amendments (Nos. 91 to 93, 102, 103, 117 to 125 and 104 to 116) made to the Bill.

A Motion being made, That the Bill be now read the third time;

Alun Michael, 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.

Alun Michael, 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 [5th November]—It was agreed to.

The Bill was accordingly read the third time, and passed, with Amendments.

4 Sittings of the House,—Ordered, That—

(1) at the sittings on Wednesday 12th, Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Message from the Lords has been received and any Committee to draw up Reasons which has been appointed at that sitting has reported; and

(2) from Thursday 20th November until the end of the current Session of Parliament, the Speaker shall not adjourn the House on any day on which a message from the Lords Commissioners is expected until that message has been received.—(Bridget Prentice.)

5 Business of the House,—Ordered, That, at the sitting on Wednesday 12th November, notwithstanding the provisions of Standing Order No. 16 (Proceedings under an Act or on European Union Documents), the Speaker shall put the Questions necessary to dispose of proceedings on the Motions in the name of Mr Chancellor of the Exchequer relating to Stamp Duty Land Tax not later than three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the first Motion; proceedings may continue after the moment of interruption; and the Orders of the House of 28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002 relating to deferred Divisions shall not apply.—(Bridget Prentice.)

6 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 (Business Tenancies) (England and Wales) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 17th September, be approved—(Bridget Prentice)—It was agreed to.
7 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 (Communications Data) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 11th September, be approved—(Bridget Prentice)—It was agreed to.

8 Investigatory Powers.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 15th October, be approved—(Bridget Prentice)—It was agreed to.

9 Investigatory Powers.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Intrusive Surveillance) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 11th September, be approved—(Bridget Prentice)—It was agreed to.

10 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 2003 (S.I., 2003., No. 2669), dated 14th October 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 16th October, be approved—(Bridget Prentice)—It was agreed to.

11 Postal Services.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Postal Services Act 2000 (Consequential Modifications) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 14th October, be approved—(Bridget Prentice)—It was agreed to.

12 Science and Technology.—Ordered, That Mr David Heath be discharged from the Science and Technology Committee and Dr Evan Harris be added.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

13 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions.—Ordered, That Dr John Pugh be discharged from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee and Mr Adrian Sanders be added.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

14 Transport.—Ordered, That Tom Brake be discharged from the Transport Committee and Mr Paul Marsden be added.—(Mr John McWilliam, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

15 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Bridget Prentice);

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

[Adjourned at 10.32 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 7th November 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Home Office.—Paper, entitled Prison Statistics England and Wales 2002 [Cm. 5996] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

2 Science and Technology.—Government Response to the Fourth Report from the House of Lords Science and Technology Committee Session 2002-03, on ‘Fighting Infection’ [Cm. 6012] [Mr Secretary Reid].

3 Treaty Series (No. 45, 2003).—Agreement, done at Lima on 7th March 2003, between the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the Government of the Republic of Peru on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons [Cm. 6009] [Mr Secretary Straw].
Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 7th November 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Employment and Training.—(1) Employment Equality (Religion or Belief) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2828), and
(2) Employment Equality (Sexual Orientation) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2827),
dated 6th November 2003 [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


6 National Health Service.—(1) NHSU (Establishment and Constitution) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2772), and
(2) NHSU Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2773),
dated 3rd November 2003 [Mr Secretary Reid].


8 Supreme Court (Northern Ireland).—Crown Court (Amendment No. 3) Rules (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 471), dated 4th November 2003 [Mr Christopher Leslie].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 10th November 2003:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


12 Legal Services.—Community Legal Service (Financial) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2838), dated 6th November 2003 [by Act] [Mr David Lammy].


14 National Health Service.—(1) National Health Service (Improved Access, Quality Information Preparation and Violent Patients Schemes) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2824), dated 6th November 2003; and
(2) National Health Service (General Medical Services etc.) (Patients’ Forums) Amendment Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2863), dated 10th November 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].


16 Sex Discrimination.—Code of Practice on Equal Pay Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2865), dated 7th November 2003 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

17 Social Security.—Social Security (Electronic Communications) (Carer’s Allowance) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2800), dated 3rd November 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].

18 Taxes.—(1) Stamp Duty and Stamp Duty Land Tax (Consequential Amendment of Enactments) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2866), dated 10th November 2003,
(2) Stamp Duty Land Tax (Administration) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2837), dated 7th November 2003, and
(3) Stamp Duty Land Tax (Consequential Amendment of Enactments) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2867), dated 10th November 2003 [by Act] [Ruth Kelly].
Other Papers:

19 Biological Standards,—Account of the National Biological Standards Board for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1271] [Clerk of the House].

20 Government Resources and Accounts,—Resource Accounts of the Lord Chancellor’s Department for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No.1243] [Ruth Kelly].

21 Judicature (Northern Ireland),—Accounts of Funds in Court in Northern Ireland for 1998–99 and 1999–2000, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1269] [Clerk of the House].

22 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

(1) Identifying and Tracking Livestock in England, and

(2) Unlocking the past: the 1901 census online
[by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1144 and 1259] [Clerk of the House].

23 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister,—Government Response to the Tenth Report from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and Regions Committee, Session 2002–03, on The Draft Housing Bill [by Command] [Cm. 6000] [Mr Secretary Prescott].

24 Police (Northern Ireland),—Accounts for the period from 31st May 2000 to 31st March 2001 and for 2001–02 of the Office of the Oversight Commissioner, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1270] [Clerk of the House].

25 Regulatory Reform,—Proposal for a Regulatory Reform (Patents) Order 2004, together with a statement by the Department of Trade and Industry [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].

26 School Teachers,—Thirteenth Report of the School Teachers’ Review Body, for 2003 [by Command] [Cm. 5987] [The Prime Minister].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

Draft Education (Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Fourth Key Stage) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Paul Truswell from the Second Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Order), and nominated in substitution Mr Kevan Jones.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: School Admissions]; to be printed [No. 1075-iv] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

2 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Cetacean By-Catch Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Cetacean By-Catch], to be printed [No. 1244-ii] [Mr David Curry].

3 Human Rights,—Sixteenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Draft Voluntary Code of Practice on Retention of Communications Data under Part II of the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001]; together with Appendices, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings relating to the Report [No. 1272] [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 [Coalfield Communities]; to be printed [No. 1169-i] [David Clelland].

5 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [The Office of Telecommunications: Helping customers benefit from competition in the telecommunications market]; to be printed [No. 1273-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Science and Technology,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Science and Technology Committee [Office of Science and Technology Scrutiny Report 2003]; to be printed [No. 1265-i] [Dr Ian Gibson].
[No. 156.]

Tuesday 11th November 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—Ordered, That the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] be considered on Tuesday 18th November.

2 Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—David Taylor reported from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Act 2003 (Consequential Modifications No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2752).

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

3 European Standing Committee A.—Mr Alan Hurst reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 12817/02, amended draft Decision amending Decision No. 1692/96/EC on Community guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network, No. 13244/03 ADD1, amended draft Decision amending an amended draft Decision to amend Council Decision No. 1692/96/EC on Community guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network, and No. 13297/03, amended draft Regulation amending an amended draft Regulation to amend Council Regulation (EC) No. 2236/95, laying down general rules for the granting of Community financial aid in the field of trans-European networks, and endorses the Government’s approach to discussions on these documents.

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

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

Mersey Tunnels Bill.—The Lords communicate that they have come to the following Resolution in respect of the Mersey Tunnels Bill, to which they desire the agreement 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 Thursday 13th November and that all fees due on or before that day have been paid.

That if the Bill is brought from the House of Commons in the next Session the agent for the Bill deposit in the Private Bill Office a declaration signed by them stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill which was brought from the Commons 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 those stages;

That the Private Business Standing Orders apply to the Bill in the next Session only in regard to any stage through which the Bill has not passed during the present Session;

That if any petitions have been presented against the Bill—

(i) any such petition (if not withdrawn) stand referred to any select committee on the Bill in the next Session;

(ii) no petitioners be heard before any select committee on the Bill in the next Session unless their petition has been presented within the time stipulated for the deposit of petitions in the present Session or deposited pursuant to Private Business Standing Order 109(b);

(iii) Private Business Standing Order 110 have effect as if the words ‘under Standing Order 109’ were omitted.

5 Group Personal Accident Insurance (Regulation).—Ordered, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to prohibit employers from benefiting from the death or illness of employees as a result of group insurance policies taken out without the employees' consent: And that Jim Sheridan, Mr John Lyons, Jim Dobbin, Anne Picking, David Hamilton, Mr Simon and Mr John MacDougall do prepare and bring it in.

6 Group Personal Accident Insurance (Regulation) Bill.—Jim Sheridan accordingly presented a Bill to prohibit employers from benefiting from the death or illness of employees as a result of group insurance policies taken out without the employees’ consent. And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time on Friday 21st November and to be printed [Bill 175].
7 Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Bill [Lords], not amended in the Standing Committee. The Bill was read the third time and passed, without Amendment.

8 European Union (Accessions) Bill (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That the following provisions shall apply to the European Union (Accessions) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 21st May 2003:

Consideration of Lords Amendments
1. Proceedings on consideration of Lords Amendments shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

Subsequent stages
2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question put.

3. The proceedings on any further Message from the Lords shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement—(Gillian Merron).—It was agreed to.

9 European Union (Accessions) Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendment to the European Union (Accessions) Bill. Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.

10 Adjournment (Reforming the United Nations).—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.

11 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Nick Ainger.) And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-seven minutes to Seven o’clock, adjourned till to-morrow. [Adjourned at 6.33 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 National Lottery,—New Opportunities Fund (Increase in Membership) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2869), dated 9th November 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Other Papers:

2 Identity Cards,—Papers, entitled—
(1) Identity Cards: A Summary of Findings from the Consultation Exercise on Entitlement Cards and Identity Fraud, and
(2) Identity Cards: The Next Steps
[by Command] [Cmss. 6019 and 6020] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Northern Ireland Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Act 2003 (Consequential Modifications No. 23 Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2752).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Hilton Dawson, David Hamilton and John Lyons from the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order), and nominated in substitution Iain Luke, Mr Andy Reed and Gareth Thomas (Clwyd West).
2 Immigration (Leave to Remain) (Fees) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1711).—The Committee of Selection has discharged Annette Brooke and Mr David Heath from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Richard Allan and Mr John Barrett.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Judicial appointments and a Supreme Court (court of final appeal)]; to be printed [No. 1273-i] [Mr A. J. Beith].

2 Culture, Media and Sport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Culture, Media and Sport Committee [Cultural Objects]; to be printed [No. 950-iv] [Mr Gerald Kaufman].

3 Draft Civil Contingencies Bill.—Report from the Joint Committee on the Draft Civil Contingencies 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 [No. 1074] [Dr Lewis Mooney].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Directives Sub-Committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive and End of Life Vehicles Directive]; to be printed [No. 1261-i] [Mr David Curry].

5 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Rehabilitation of Prisoners]; to be printed [No. 1245-ii] [Mr John Denham].

6 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Development Assistance and the Occupied Palestinian Territories]; to be printed [No. 1107-iii] [Tony Baldry].

7 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Office of the Deputy Prime Minster: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions Committee [The Fire Service]; to be printed [No. 1168-iii] [Andrew Bennett].

8 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Coincidence of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries in Scotland and the Consequences of Change]; to be printed [No. 1256-ii] [Mrs Irene Adams].

9 Statutory Instruments,—Thirty-first Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xxxi] [Mr David Tredinnick].

10 Trade and Industry.—(1) Sixth Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Observations on the Twelfth Report from the Committee, on the UK Biotechnology Industry]; to be printed [No. 1282]; and

(2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [The Development of the UK Broadband Market]; to be printed [No. 1283-i and -ii] [Mr Martin O’Neill].

11 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Treasury Committee [Restoring confidence in long-term savings]; to be printed [No. 1274-i] [Mr John McFall].

[No. 156; WH, No. 103.]

Tuesday 11th November 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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—(Bridget Prentice);

At Eleven o’clock, two minutes’ silence was observed in memory of those who gave their lives for their country.

And the sitting having continued for two and a half hours after Two o’clock, it was adjourned without Question put, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 4.30 p.m.]
Wednesday 12th November 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.—Mr Joe Benton reported from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Patients’ Forums (Membership and Procedure) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2123) and the Patients’ Forums (Functions) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2124).

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

2 European Standing Committee C.—Mr David Amess reported from European Standing Committee C the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 10122/03, amended draft Directive on setting standards of quality and safety for the donation, procurement, testing, processing, storage and distribution of human tissues and cells; notes the additional set-up costs and annual running costs arising in the United Kingdom are now expected to be greater than originally anticipated, and in particular may require investment by fertility clinics to upgrade their facilities and practices, but recognises that these costs will be offset by significant benefits to patients, and therefore supports the Government’s position that the proposed Directive, as presently drafted, is broadly acceptable.

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

3 Constitution for Europe (Referendum).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to make provision for holding a binding referendum on any Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe before any Bill relating to the Treaty is presented to Parliament—(Mr John Maples);

And the Motion being opposed, after a brief explanatory statement from the Member who made the Motion and from a Member who opposed it, the Deputy Speaker put the Question, pursuant to Standing Order No. 23 (Motions for leave to bring in bills and nomination of select committees at commencement of public business).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Andrew Mackay: 145.


So the Question was negatived.

4 Fire Services Bill (Programme)(No.3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Fire Services Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 8th May 2003 and 3rd June 2003:

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 at this day’s sitting.

Subsequent stages

2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question put.

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—(Mr Nick Raynsford)—It was agreed to.

5 Fire Services Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Fire Services Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 2.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 6, at the end, to add the words ‘or enables an action in tort on the ground only that it contravenes a statutory duty imposed by an order made under this Act, which would affect the possibility of mediation, conciliation or arbitration.’—(John McDonnell.)

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

Tellers for the Ayes, Jeremy Corbyn, Mr Kelvin Hopkins: 85.
Tellers for the Noes, Charlotte Atkins, Bridget Prentice: 412.
So the Question was negatived.

It being more than one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Bill, the Deputy Speaker put forthwith the remaining Question necessary to dispose of proceedings, pursuant to Order [this day].

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

6 Taxes.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the Stamp Duty and Stamp Duty Land Tax (Variation of the Finance Act 2003) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2816), dated 5th November 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 5th November, be approved—(Ruth Kelly);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Derek Twigg, Jim Fitzpatrick: 313.
Tellers for the Noes, Gregory Barker, Mr Peter Atkinson: 189.
So the Question was agreed to.

7 Taxes.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That the draft Stamp Duty Land Tax (Amendment of Schedule 5 to the Finance Act 2003) Regulations 2003, which were laid before this House on 30th October, be approved—(Ruth Kelly);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Derek Twigg, Paul Clark: 317.
Tellers for the Noes, Gregory Barker, Mr Peter Atkinson: 186.
So the Question was agreed to.

8 Education.—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Standing Order No. 118 (Standing Committees on Delegated Legislation), That the draft Education (Amendment of the Curriculum Requirements for Fourth Key Stage) (England) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 30th October, be approved—(Mr Nick Ainger):—It was agreed to.

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

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting until a Message was received from the Lords, pursuant to Order [10th November].

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

The Lords have agreed to the Transas Group Bill, with Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords agree to one of the Amendments made by this House to the Courts Bill [Lords], with Amendments and with a consequential Amendment to the Bill, to which they desire the concurrence of this House; and they agree without Amendment to the remaining Amendments made by this House.

The Lords have agreed to the Extradition Bill, with Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

11 Courts Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendments to a Commons Amendment, and a Lords consequential Amendment to the Courts Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 177].

12 Extradition Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Extradition Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 178].

13 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr Vernon Coaker.)

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

[Adjourned at 7.00 p.m.]
APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Immigration,—Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1224] [Mr Secretary Blunkett].

Other Papers:

2 European Parliament (Representation),—Recommendation by the Electoral Commission on the Distribution between electoral regions of United Kingdom Members of the European Parliament [by Act] [Mr Christopher Leslie].

3 Human Fertilisation and Embryology,—Report and Accounts of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

4 Public Accounts,—Treasury Minute on the Thirty-third, Thirty-seventh and Forty-first Reports from the Committee of Public Accounts, Session 2002–03 [by Command] [Cm. 6016] [Ruth Kelly].

5 Treaty Series (No. 46, 2003),—Convention, done at the Hague on 29th May 1993, on Protection of Children and Co-operation in respect of Intercountry Adoption [by Command] [Cm. 6010] [Mr Secretary Straw].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Retention of Communications Data (Code of Practice) Order 2003 and the draft Retention of Communications Data (Extension of Initial Period) Order 2003:

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

   (2) the Committee of Selection has nominated sixteen Members to serve on the Committee: Mr Richard Allan, Ms Hazel Blears, Annette Brooke, Mr Hilton Dawson, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr John Heppell, Mr Piara S. Khabra, Mr David Kidney, Andy King, Mr Andrew Mitchell, Mr James Plaskitt, Mr John Randall, Mr Richard Shepherd, Ms Dari Taylor, Paddy Tipping and Brian White.

2 Draft Department for Transport (Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration Fees) Order 2003,—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Borrow and Gillian Merron from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Ann Coffey and Derek Twigg.

3 Patients’ Forums (Membership and Procedure) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2123) and the Patients’ Forums (Functions) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2124),—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr David Clelland from the Seventh Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution David Wright.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Defence,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Defence Committee [Lessons of Iraq]; to be printed [No. 695-xii] [Bruce George].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: School Admissions]; to be printed [No. 1075-v] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environmental Audit,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Audit Committee [GM Food—Evaluating the Farm Scale Trials]; to be printed [No. 1239-iii] [Mr Peter Ainsworth].

4 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—(1) Eighteenth Report from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [Conduct of the GM Public Debate], together with Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 1220];

   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Marine Environment]; to be printed [No. 1285-i]; and

   (3) Memoranda laid before the Committee [Conduct of the GM Public Debate] [Mr Michael Jack].
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. 63-xxxvii] [Mr Jimmy Hood].

6 Public Accounts.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [PFI: The New Headquarters for the Home Office]; to be printed [No. 1286-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

7 Select Committees (Choice of Chairman).—Mr Michael Jack reported from the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee, That he had been chosen as Chairman of the Committee in the place of Mr David Curry.

8 Transport.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [National Rail Enquiries]; to be printed [No. 1262-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

9 Treasury.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Child Trust Funds]; to be printed [No. 1284-i] [Mr John McFall].

10 Welsh Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Provision of Railways Services in Wales]; to be printed [No. 1029-iv] [Mr Martyn Jones].

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[No. 157; WH, No. 104.]

Wednesday 12th November 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 4.48 p.m.]

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[No. 158.]

Thursday 13th November 2003.

The House met at half-past Eleven 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:

- Arms Control and Disarmament (Inspections) Act 2003
- European Union (Accessions) Act 2003

2 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the promoters of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present session and that all fees due up to that date have been paid;

That, if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the next session, a declaration signed by the agent shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill brought from the Lords in the present session,

That the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay upon the Table of the House a certificate, that such a declaration has been deposited;

That in the next Session the Bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it has passed in the present Session, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;

That no further fees shall be charged to such stages—(The Chairman of Ways and Means);

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

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Monday 17th November.
Mersey Tunnels Bill,—Resolved, That so much of the Lords Message [11th November] as relates to the Mersey Tunnels Bill be now considered. Lords Message considered accordingly.

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 deposition 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 Chairman of Ways and Means.) Message to the Lords to acquaint them therewith.

First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Edward O’Hara reported from the First Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Draft Retention of Communications Data (Code of Practice) Order 2003 and the Draft Retention of Communications Data (Extension of Initial Period) Order 2003. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr James Cran reported from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Draft Department for Transport (Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration Fees) Order 2003. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—David Taylor reported from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the Immigration (Leave to Remain) (Fees) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1711). Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation,—Mr Nigel Beard reported from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Chile) Order 2003 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Australia) Order 2003. Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee to lie upon the Table.

European Standing Committee A,—Mr Mike Hancock reported from European Standing Committee A the following Resolution:

That the Committee takes note of European Union Document No. 5268/03, draft Directive on the limitation of emissions of volatile organic compounds due to the use of organic solvents in decorative paints and varnishes and vehicle refinishing products and amending Directive 1999/13/EC, and supports the Government’s objectives both of taking measures to reduce emissions of precursors of ground-level ozone across the European Union, recognising that high concentrations of ground-level ozone represents a serious public health risk, and also of seeking to reduce as far as possible adverse effects on United Kingdom industry of new European Union legislation.

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

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

The Lords have agreed to the Anti-social Behaviour Bill, with Amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

Anti-social Behaviour Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Anti-social Behaviour Bill to be considered on Monday 17th November; and to be printed [Bill 179].

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 Assembly (Elections and Periods of Suspension) Act 2003 (Consequential Modifications No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2752), dated 28th October 2003, a copy of which was laid before this House on 29th October, be approved.—(Gillian Merron):—It was agreed to.
12 Extradition Bill [Money] (No. 2).—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Extradition Bill [Money] (No. 2);

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Extradition Bill, it is expedient to authorise the payment out of money provided by Parliament of any expenditure incurred by the Secretary of State under the Act.—(Gillian Merron.)

13 Extradition Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Extradition Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 9th December 2002 and 25th March 2003:

Consideration of Lords Amendments

1. Proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall be completed at this day’s sitting and shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at Six o’clock.

2. The Lords Amendments shall be considered in the following order, namely, Nos. 3, 26, 27, 72, 74, 111, 1 and 2, 4 to 25, 28 to 71, 73, 75 to 110, 112 to 244, and any remaining Lords Amendments.

Subsequent stages

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—(Gillian Merron):—It was agreed to.

14 Extradition Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Extradition Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 3.

Amendments ((a) to (d)) were made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 26 was disagreed to.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 26 disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 27 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment Nos. 72 and 74 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 111 was disagreed to.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 111 disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 and 2, 4 to 25, 28 to 71, 73, 75 to 110 and 112 to 244 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendment No. 157.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their Amendment No. 27.

That Mr Alistair Carmichael, Caroline Flint, Mr Nick Hawkins, Shona McIsaac and Derek Twigg be members of the Committee.

That Caroline Flint be the Chairman of the Committee.

That three be the Quorum of the Committee.

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Derek Twigg.)

15 Trans-European Networks.—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. 12817/02, amended draft Decision amending Decision No. 1692/96/EC on Community guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network, No. 13244/03 ADD1, amended draft Decision amending an amended draft Decision to amend Council Decision No. 1692/96/EC on Community guidelines for the development of the trans-European transport network, and No. 13297/03, amended draft Regulation amending an amended draft Regulation to amend Council Regulation (EC) No. 2236/95, laying down general rules for the granting of Community financial aid in the field of trans-European networks; and endorses the Government’s approach to discussions on these documents—(Charlotte Atkins):—It was agreed to.

16 Public Petitions,—A Public Petition from residents of Romford and the Collier Row area for measures to ban the sale of display fireworks to the general public and the import and sale of fireworks not complying with British Standards was presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.
17 Extradition Bill,—Caroline Flint reported from the Committee to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to one of their Amendments to the Extradition Bill, that it had drawn up the following Reason, which it had directed her to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 27 for the following Reason:

Because it would not be appropriate to provide for the giving of an assurance, or for monitoring, of the kind described in the Lords Amendment.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

18 Adjournment,—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Charlotte Atkins.)

And accordingly the House, having continued to sit till twenty-four minutes to Four o’clock, adjourned till Monday 17th November.

[Adjourned at 3.36 p.m.]

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Broadcasting,—Draft Media Ownership (Local Radio and Appointed News Provider) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages,—Births, Deaths and Marriages (Fees) Order (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 467), dated 3rd November 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

Other Papers:

3 Air Force (Constitution),—(1) Amendment List 2 to Air Publication 3393—Commissioning of Officers and terms of Service of Officers and Airmen (Aircrew) in the Royal Air Force (sixth edition),

(2) Amendment List 10 to Air Publication 1269—The Royal Air Force Manual of Medical Management and Administration (eighth edition), and

(3) Amendment List 22 to Air Publication 1269A—The Royal Air Force Manual of Assessment of Medical Fitness (third edition)

[by Act] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

4 Government Resources and Accounts,—Report and Accounts of the Royal Air Force Training Group Defence Agency for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1173] [Mr Secretary Hoon].

5 Northern Ireland,—(1) Report and Accounts of the Department of Finance and Personnel, and

(2) Statements of the Department of Education—Teachers’ Superannuation Scheme, for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument], to be printed [Nos. 1203 and 1194] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

6 Resource Accounts (Northern Ireland),—Resource Accounts for 2002–03 of:

(1) the Department for Employment and Learning,

(2) the Department for Regional Development,

(3) the Department for Social Development,

(4) the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development,

(5) the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure,

(6) the Department of Education,

(7) the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Investment,

(8) the Department of Finance and Personnel Superannuation and other Allowances,

(9) the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety,

(10) the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety HPSS Superannuation Scheme,
(11) the Department of the Environment,
(12) the Northern Ireland Assembly,
(13) the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints,
(14) the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister, and
(15) the Office for the Regulation of Electricity and Gas,
with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General for Northern Ireland thereon [by Statutory Instrument]; and of
(16) the Northern Ireland Audit Office [by Command];
to be printed [Nos. 1199, 1198, 1202, 1191, 1192, 1193, 1195, 1204, 1200, 1201, 1197, 1206, 1207, 1205, 1196 and 1208] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

APPENDIX II

Standing Committees

1 Draft Department for Transport (Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration Fees) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Llew Smith from the Fourth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Order); and nominated in substitution Ian Stewart.

2 Immigration (Leave to Remain) (Fees) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1711).—The Committee of Selection has discharged John Heppell, Mr Brian Jenkins, Mr Eric Martlew, Diana Organ and Anne Picking from the Fifth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the Regulations); and nominated in substitution Mr Vernon Coaker, Wayne David, Mr George Howarth, Jim Sheridan and Mr Dave Watts.

3 Draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Australia) Order 2003 and the draft Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Chile) Order 2003.—The Committee of Selection has discharged Mr Tom Watson from the Eighth Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (nominated in respect of the draft Orders); and nominated in substitution James Purnell.

APPENDIX III

Reports from Select Committees

1 Health.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Health Committee [Obesity]; to be printed [No. 755-vii] [Mr David Hinchliffe].

2 Public Administration.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [A Civil Service Act]; to be printed [No. 837-iii] [Tony Wright].

[No. 158; WH, No. 105.]

Thursday 13th November 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment (Housing: Improving conditions and making the market work better).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That the sitting be now adjourned—(Joan Ryan);

And the sitting having continued for three hours, it was adjourned without Question put, till Tuesday 18th November.

[Adjourned at 5.30 p.m.]
[No. 159.]

Monday 17th November 2003.

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

PRAYERS.

1 London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for resuming the adjourned debate on the Question proposed on 13th November, That the promoters of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords] shall have leave to suspend proceedings thereon in order to proceed with it, if they think fit, in the next session of Parliament, provided that notice of their intention to do so is lodged in the Private Bill Office not later than the day before the close of the present session and that all fees due up to that date have been paid;

That, if the Bill is brought from the Lords in the next session, a declaration signed by the agent shall be deposited in the Private Bill Office, stating that the Bill is the same in every respect as the Bill brought from the Lords in the present session,

That the Clerk in the Private Bill Office shall lay upon the Table of the House a certificate, that such a declaration has been deposited;

That in the next session the Bill shall be deemed to have passed through every stage through which it has passed in the present session, and shall be recorded in the Journal of the House as having passed those stages;

That no further fees shall be charged to such stages;

Ordered, That the Debate be resumed on Tuesday 2nd December.

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

Taxation (Information) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to make provision for public information about the burden of taxation, for a public holiday in each calendar year to mark in symbolic fashion the date on which the national burden of taxation may be said to have been discharged; and for connected purposes; to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

Wild Mammals (Protection) (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill [Lords].—The Lords have passed a Bill to amend the Wild Mammals Protection Act 1996, to which the Lords desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords agree to the Criminal Justice Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House.

The Lords agree without Amendment to the Amendments made by this House to the Water Bill [Lords].

The Lords disagree to an Amendment made by this House to the Sexual Offences Bill [Lords], for which disagreement they assign their Reason; they disagree to another Amendment but propose an Amendment in lieu thereof; they agree to another Amendment, with an Amendment in lieu of the words so left out of the Bill; they agree to certain other Amendments, with Amendments; and they agree without Amendment to the remaining Amendments.

3 Sexual Offences Bill [Lords].—Lords Amendment in lieu of words left out of the Bill by a Commons Amendment, Lords Amendment in lieu of a Commons Amendment, Lords Reason for disagreeing to a Commons Amendment, and Lords Amendments to Commons Amendments to the Sexual Offences Bill [Lords] to be considered to-morrow; and printed pursuant to Standing Orders Nos. 57A (Bills brought from the Lords) and 78 (Lords amendments) on 13th November [Bill 180].

4 Criminal Justice Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill to be considered to-morrow; and to be printed [Bill 181].

5 Courts Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Courts Bill [Lords] for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 9th June 2003—

Consideration of Lords Message

1. Proceedings on consideration of the Lords Message shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement at this day’s sitting.
Subsequent stages

2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any question put.

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—(Margaret Moran);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Margaret Moran: 303.

Tellers for the Noes, Hugh Robertson, Gregory Barker: 123.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Courts Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to a Commons Amendment and the Lords consequential Amendment to the Courts Bill [Lords].

Lords Amendments Nos. 24A to 24D were agreed to.

7 Anti-social Behaviour Bill [Money] (No. 2),—Her Majesty’s Recommendation having been signified to the proposed Motion relating to Anti-social Behaviour Bill [Money] (No. 2);

Resolved, That, for the purposes of any Act resulting from the Anti-social Behaviour Bill (‘the Act’), it is expedient to authorise the payment of money provided by Parliament of any expenses incurred by the Secretary of State in consequence of the Act.—(Mr John Heppell.)

8 Anti-social Behaviour Bill (Programme) (No. 3).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Anti-social Behaviour Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 8th April 2003 and 24th June 2003:

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 at this day’s sitting.

2. Those proceedings shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the following Table, and each part of those proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the time shown in the second column.

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Subsequent stages

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—(Gillian Merron).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Mr Fraser Kemp: 310.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr John Randall, Hugh Robertson: 161.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Anti-social Behaviour Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Anti-social Behaviour Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 1 to 38 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 14 and 28.

Lords Amendment No. 39.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 4, at the end, to insert the words—

‘( ) In subsection (1) omit “in the open air”,’—(Mr James Paice.)
And the Question being proposed, That the Amendment be made.—The Amendment was, by leave, withdrawn.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 40 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 41.

An Amendment ((a)) was proposed to the Lords Amendment, in line 10, at the end, to insert the words—

'3C Where the local authority in 3B is a District or Unitary Authority the officer must also consult every adjoining District or Unitary Authority.'.—(Mr James Paice.)

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Mark Francois, Mr Geoffrey Clifton-Brown: 156.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Vernon Coaker: 311.

So the Question was negatived.

The Lords Amendment was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 42 was agreed to.

It being three hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put forthwith the Question on the remaining Lords Amendments, pursuant to Order [this day].

Lords Amendments Nos. 43 to 74 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privileges in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 45 to 48 and 54.

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) (Chile) Order 2003 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 8th September—(Derek Twigg).—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) (Australia) Order 2003 be made in the form of the draft laid before this House on 8th September—(Derek Twigg).—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 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 Retention of Communications Data (Code of Practice) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 29th October, be approved—(Derek Twigg);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Charlotte Atkins, Paul Clark: 312.

Tellers for the Noes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Mark Francois: 154.

So the Question was agreed to.

13 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 Retention of Communications Data (Extension of Initial Period) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 11th September, be approved—(Derek Twigg);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Charlotte Atkins, Paul Clark: 307.

Tellers for the Noes, Hugh Robertson, Mr Mark Francois: 156.

So the Question was agreed to.
14 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 Department for Transport (Driver Licensing and Vehicle Registration Fees) Order 2003, which was laid before this House on 3rd November, be approved—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

15 Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds from Solvents.—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. 5268/03, draft Directive on the limitation of emissions of volatile organic compounds due to the use of organic solvents in decorative paints and varnishes and vehicle refinishing products and amending Directive 1999/13/EC; and supports the Government’s objectives both of taking measures to reduce emissions of precursors of ground-level ozone across the European Union, recognising that high concentrations of ground level ozone represent a serious public health risk, and also of seeking to reduce as far as possible adverse effects on United Kingdom industry of new European Union legislation—(Derek Twigg)—It was agreed to.

16 Public Accounts.—Ordered, That Mr David Rendel be discharged from the Committee of Public Accounts and Mr Richard Allan be added.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth.)

17 Standards and Privileges.—Ordered, That Mr Russell Brown be discharged from the Committee on Standards and Privileges and Mr Stephen Pound be added.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth.)

18 Home Affairs.—Ordered, That Mr John Bercow be discharged from the Home Affairs Committee and Mr John Taylor be added.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

19 Defence.—Ordered, That Mr Gerald Howarth be discharged from the Defence Committee and Mr Crispin Blunt be added.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

20 International Development.—Ordered, That Alistair Burt be discharged from the International Development Committee and Mr Quentin Davies be added.—(Mr Bob Ainsworth, on behalf of the Committee of Selection.)

21 Adjournment.—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House do now adjourn—(Derek Twigg);
And it being Ten o’clock, the Motion for the adjournment of the House lapsed, without Question put.

22 Adjournment.—Resolved, That this House do now adjourn.—(Mr 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 delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 14th November 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 158 (Presentation of command papers):

1 Regulatory Impact Assessments.—List of Regulatory Impact Assessments for 1st January to 30th June 2003 [Cm. 5981] [Mr Douglas Alexander].

Papers delivered to the Votes and Proceedings Office on Friday 14th November 2003 (Non-sitting Friday, S.O. No. 12) pursuant to Standing Order No. 159 (Presentation of statutory instruments):

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

2 Merchant Shipping.—Merchant Shipping (Merchant Navy Reserve) (Revocation) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2861), dated 10th November 2003 [Mr Secretary Darling].

Papers presented or laid upon the Table on Monday 17th November 2003:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

3 Local Government.—Draft Local Government Best Value (Exemption) (England) Order 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Mr Secretary Prescott].
Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

4 Agriculture,—Feeding Stuffs, the Feeding Stuffs (Sampling and Analysis) and the Feeding Stuffs (Enforcement) (Amendment) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2912), dated 12th November 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].

5 European Communities,—European Communities (Designation) (No. 4) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2901), dated 13th November 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Straw].

Other Papers:

6 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Partnership Law [by Command] [Cm. 6015] [Mr Christopher Leslie].

7 National Audit,—Reports by the Comptroller and Auditor General on—

   (1) Success in the regions, and
   (2) Transforming the performance of HM Customs and Excise through electronic service delivery
   [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1268 and 1267] [Clerk of the House].

8 Police (Northern Ireland),—Account of the Police Ombudsman for Northern Ireland for 2002–03, with the Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [No. 1242] [Clerk of the House].

APPENDIX II

Reports from Select Committees

1 Draft Mental Incapacity Bill,—Report from the Joint Committee on the Draft Mental Incapacity 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 [No. 1083] [Jim Dowd].

2 Education and Skills,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills Committee [Secondary Education: School Admissions]; to be printed [No. 1075-vi] [Mr Barry Sheerman].

3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environmental Directives Sub-committee of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee [The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive and End of Life Vehicles Directive]; to be printed [No. 1281-ii] [Mr Michael Jack].

4 Human Rights,—(1) Seventeenth Report from the Joint Committee on Human Rights [Scrutiny of Bills], together with Appendices, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee [No. 1278];

   (2) Eighteenth Report from the Committee [The Government’s Response to the Committee’s Tenth Report of Session 2002–03 on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child], together with Appendices, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee [No. 1279]; and

   (3) Nineteenth Report from the Committee [Draft Gender Recognition Bill], together with Appendices, to be printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Joint Committee [No. 1276] [Jean Corston].

5 Public Accounts,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee of Public Accounts [Housing the Homeless]; to be printed [No. 1280-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

6 Welsh Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Welsh Affairs Committee [The Provision of Railways Services in Wales]; to be printed [No. 1029-v] [Mr Martyn Jones].
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1. Transas Group Bill.—The House proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Transas Group Bill; and the same were agreed to.

2. London Local Authorities Bill [Lords].—The Order of the day being read, for consideration of the London Local Authorities Bill [Lords], as amended in the Committee;

   Ordered, That the Bill be considered on Tuesday 2nd December.

3. Fisheries Jurisdiction Bill.—Mr Alex Salmond, supported by Mr Roy Beggs, Mr Alistair Carmichael, Mr Eddie McGrady, Mr Austin Mitchell, Ann Winterton, Mr Ellyn Llwyd, Angus Robertson and Mr Michael Weir, presented a Bill to make provision for withdrawal from the Common Fisheries Policy of the European Union; to amend the Fishery Limits Act 1976; to make provision about the exercise of functions under that Act by Northern Ireland Ministers, Scottish Ministers, the National Assembly for Wales and the Secretary of State; to provide that that Act shall have effect regardless of the provisions of the European Communities Act 1972; to define English, Northern Irish, Scottish and Welsh waters; 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 183].

4. Grammar Schools (Ballots and Consultation).—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to amend the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 in order to remove the powers to hold grammar school ballots and to require the Secretary of State for Education and Skills before the end of the next Parliament to consult all maintained primary and secondary schools in each local education authority in England on the future arrangements for secondary school admissions within that authority; and for connected purposes—(David Taylor);

   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, David Taylor, Mr Lindsay Hoyle: 132.

   Tellers for the Noes, Mr Eric Forth, Mr Andrew Turner: 105.

   So the Question was agreed to.

   Ordered, That David Taylor, Mr David Chaytor, Mr Colin Challen, Tony Lloyd, Mr Gordon Prentice, Mrs Janet Dean, John Austin, John Cryer, Mr Kelvin Hopkins, Mr Roger Berry, Valerie Davey and Dr Doug Naysmith do prepare and bring in the Bill.

5. Grammar Schools (Ballots and Consultation) Bill.—David Taylor accordingly presented a Bill to amend the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 in order to remove the powers to hold grammar school ballots and to require the Secretary of State for Education and Skills before the end of the next Parliament to consult all maintained primary and secondary schools in each local education authority in England on the future arrangements for secondary school admissions within that authority; 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 182].

6. Sexual Offences Bill [Lords] (Programme) (No. 2).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That the following provisions shall apply to the Sexual Offences Bill [Lords] for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 15th July 2003:

   Consideration of Lords Message

   1. Proceedings on consideration of the Lords Message shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement at this day's sitting.

   Subsequent stages

   2. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any Question put.

   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—(Charlotte Atkins)—It was agreed to.
7 Sexual Offences Bill [Lords].—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Message relating to the Sexual Offences Bill [Lords].

Lords Amendment No. 1A, in lieu of words left out of the Bill by Commons Amendment No. 1, was disagreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That Amendment (ia) be made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 1A, disagreed to.—(Annette Brooke);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bob Russell, Mr Alan Reid: 173.

Tellers for the Noes, Fraser Kemp, Bridget Prentice: 338.

So the Question was negatived.

It being more than an hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker put the Question on Motions made by a Minister in relation to the Lords’ proposals.

Resolved, That this House does not insist on Commons Amendment No. 261, to which the Lords have disagreed.—(Mr John Heppell.)

An Amendment (ia) was made to the Bill in lieu of the said Commons Amendment.

The Deputy Speaker then put the Question, That the House agrees with the Lords in all the remaining Lords proposals:—It was agreed to.

Accordingly, Commons Amendment No. 105, to which the Lords had disagreed, was not insisted on; and Lords Amendment No. 105A in lieu thereof, Lords Amendment No. 274A to Commons Amendment No. 274, and Lords Amendment No. 291A to Commons Amendment No. 291, were agreed to.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to Lords Amendment No. 1A in lieu of words left out of the Bill by Commons Amendment No. 1;

That Annette Brooke, Paul Goggins, Mr John Heppell, Mr Hamfrey Malins and Ms Dari Taylor be members of the Committee;

That Paul Goggins be the Chairman of the Committee;

That three be the quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr John Heppell.)

8 Criminal Justice Bill (Programme) (No. 6).—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [20th June 2001 and 29th October 2002]. That the following provisions shall apply to the Criminal Justice Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Orders of 4th December 2002 and 2nd April 2003:

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 at this day’s sitting.

2. Those proceedings shall be taken in the order shown in the first column of the following Table, and each part of those proceedings shall (so far as not previously concluded) be brought to a conclusion at the time shown in the second column.

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3. Any further Message from the Lords may be considered forthwith without any further question being 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—

(Gillian Merron).

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Fraser Kemp, Bridget Prentice: 343.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Mark Field, Hugh Robertson: 181.

So the Question was agreed to.

9 Sexual Offences Bill [Lords].—Paul Goggins reported from the Committee appointed to draw up a Reason to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to their proposed Amendment in lieu of the words left out of the Bill by Commons Amendment No. 1, That it had drawn up the following Reason, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to the Amendment proposed by the Lords in lieu of the words left out of the Bill by Commons Amendment No. 1 for the following Reason:

Because it is unnecessary to make provision for the anonymity of suspects and defendants.

The Reason was agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reason, with the Bill and Amendments.

10 Criminal Justice Bill.—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 32.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—

(Mr Secretary Blankett),

And it being an hour and three quarters 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 Nick Ainger, Charlotte Atkins: 327.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Mr Alan Reid: 221.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 33.

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, Charlotte Atkins: 329.


So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Amendments ((a) to (f)) were made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 34.

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, Charlotte Atkins: 334.

Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Richard Younger-Ross: 221.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Amendments ((a) and (b)) were made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 35 and 36 were disagreed to.

Amendments ((a) and (b)) were made to the words restored to the Bill by disagreement to Lords Amendment No. 36.
Lords Amendment No. 37 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 38 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 39 and 40 were disagreed to.
Amendments ((a) and (b)) were made to the words restored to the Bill by disagreement to Lords Amendment No. 40.
Lords Amendment No. 1 was agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 2.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Caroline Flint);

And it being two and three quarter hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair—It was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
The Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 4.

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, Gillian Merron, Charlotte Atkins: 331.
Tellers for the Noes, Bob Russell, Mr A. J. Beith: 56.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 8 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 3, 5 to 7, 9 to 31, 41 to 99 and 308 to 318 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 100.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Paul Goggins);
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Margaret Moran, Gillian Merron: 357.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Reid, Mr Don Foster: 58.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

It being more than three and a quarter hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker proceeded to put the Questions necessary to dispose of the remaining business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 101 was disagreed to.
Lords Amendments Nos. 102 to 113 were agreed to.
Lords Amendment No. 114.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Paul Goggins);

And it being four and a half hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.
The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Margaret Moran: 345.
Tellers for the Noes, Angela Watkinson, Sir Robert Smith: 201.
So the Question was agreed to.
The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.
The Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put the Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.
Lords Amendment No. 115 was disagreed to.
An Amendment ((a)) was made to the words so restored to the Bill.
Lords Amendments Nos. 116 to 124 were disagreed to.

An Amendment (a) was made to the words restored to the Bill by disagreement to Lords Amendment No. 124.

Lords Amendments Nos. 125 and 126 were disagreed to.

An Amendment (a) was made to the words restored to the Bill by disagreement to Lords Amendment No. 126.

Lords Amendments Nos. 127 to 129 were disagreed to.

Amendments (a) to (c) were made to the words restored to the Bill by disagreement to Lords Amendment No. 129.

Lords Amendment No. 130 was disagreed to.

Amendments (a) to (d) were made to the words restored to the Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 131 and 132 were disagreed to.

An Amendment (a) was made to the words restored to the Bill by disagreement to Lords Amendment No. 132.

Lords Amendments Nos. 133 to 137 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 138 was disagreed to.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Paul Goggins);

And it being five and a quarter hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Derek Twigg: 336.


So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of the business to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 139 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 167 was disagreed to.

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, Jim Fitzpatrick, Derek Twigg: 332.

Tellers for the Noes, Richard Younger-Ross, Mr Andrew Stunell: 51.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 173 and 235 were disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 140 to 166, 236 to 307, 319 to 430 and 432 to 496 were agreed to.

And it being six hours after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Derek Twigg, Jim Fitzpatrick: 322.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Alan Reid, Bob Russell: 54.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

The Deputy Speaker then proceeded to put the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings to be concluded at that hour.

Amendments (a) and (b) were made to the Bill in lieu of Lords Amendment No. 203 disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 431 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 204 to 234, 236 to 307, 319 to 430 and 432 to 496 were agreed to.
Title accordingly amended, as follows: A Bill to make provision about criminal justice (including the powers and duties of the police) and about dealing with offenders; to amend the law relating to jury service; to amend Chapter 1 of Part 1 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and Part 5 of the Police Act 1997; to make provision about civil proceedings brought by offenders; and for connected purposes.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to Lords Amendments Nos. 32, 35, 39, 2, 4, 8, 100, 101, 114, 116 to 123, 125, 127, 128, 131, 138, 139, 167, 173, 235 and 431 to the Criminal Justice Bill;

That Paul Goggins, Mr Dominic Grieve, Mr John Heppell, Simon Hughes and Ms Dari Taylor be members of the Committee;

That Paul Goggins be the Chairman of the Committee;

That three be the quorum of the Committee;

That the Committee do withdraw immediately.—(Mr John Heppell.)

11 Quality and Safety of Human Tissues and Cells.—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. 10122/03, amended draft Directive on setting standards of quality and safety for the donation, procurement, testing, processing, storage and distribution of human tissues and cells; notes the additional set-up costs and annual running costs arising in the United Kingdom are now expected to be greater than originally anticipated, and in particular may require investment by fertility clinics to upgrade their facilities and practices, but recognises that these costs will be offset by significant benefits to patients, and therefore supports the Government’s position that the proposed Directive, as presently drafted, is broadly acceptable—(Mr Nick Ainger):—It was agreed to.

12 Public Petitions,—Public Petitions from—

(1) the staff, parents and friends of Oxclo Community Nursery School, Washington, Tyne and Wear, against the proposed closure of the school; and

(2) residents of the Cotswolds for the appointment of an independent inspector to consider an application by Huntsmans Quarries Ltd in relation to aggregate recycling, agricultural restoration and infilling works were presented and read; and ordered to lie upon the Table and to be printed.

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

The Lords have agreed to the Ragwort Control Bill, without Amendment. The Lords have agreed to the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill, with Amendments, to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Extradition Bill to which this House has disagreed and agree to the Amendments proposed by this House in lieu thereof; they agree to the Amendments made by this House to another Lords Amendment, and they do not insist on their remaining Amendment to which this House has disagreed.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendment to the Sexual Offences Bill [Lords] to which this House has disagreed; and they agree to the Amendment proposed by this House in lieu of an Amendment made by this House to which the Lords had disagreed.

14 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill,—Lords Amendments to the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill to be considered tomorrow, and to be printed [Bill 184].

15 Criminal Justice Bill,—Paul Goggins reported from the Committee appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to certain of their Amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reasons, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 32 for the following Reason: Because it should be possible for a defendant to apply for a trial to be conducted without a jury.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 35 for the following Reason: Because it is necessary to make provision about the procedure for applications for trials to be conducted without a jury.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 39 for the following Reason: Because it is necessary to make provision in relation to rules of court.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 2 for the following Reason: Because it is appropriate to extend the circumstances in which the telephone may be used in connection with the review of police detention.
The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 4 for the following Reason:
Because it is appropriate to ensure the exclusion in certain cases of the duty under section 64(3) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 to destroy fingerprints and samples.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 8 for the following Reason:
Because it may prove desirable in the light of experience to vary the minimum age above which a test for Class A drugs may be required under section 63B of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 100 and 101 for the following Reason:
Because the restrictions already imposed on the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions are sufficient.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendments Nos. 114, 116 to 123, 125, 127, 128 and 131 for the following Reason:
Because they would result in a less satisfactory scheme for dealing with evidence of bad character.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 138 for the following Reason:
Because it may be desirable to increase the sentencing powers of magistrates’ courts before the provisions about sentences of less than 12 months can be brought into force.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 139 for the following Reason:
Because it is consequential on Lords Amendment No. 138 to which the Commons have disagreed.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 167 for the following Reason:
Because the test originally proposed is preferable.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 173 for the following Reason:
Because it is appropriate for prisoners serving sentences of four years or more to be released on licence at the half-way point in cases where the provisions for dangerous offenders do not apply.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 235 for the following Reason:
Because it is unnecessary to impose the duty referred to.

The Reasons were agreed to.
Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

16 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 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 past Nine o’clock, till to-morrow.

[Adjourned at 9.20 p.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:

1 Agriculture,—Pig Carcase (Grading) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2949), dated 17th November 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

2 Customs and Excise,—Export of Objects of Cultural Interest (Control) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2759), dated 17th November 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

Other Papers:

3 Criminal Procedure,—Youth Conference Rules (Northern Ireland) 2003 (S.R. (N.I.), 2003, No. 473), dated 28th October 2003 [by Statutory Instrument] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

4 Culture, Media and Sport,—Government Response to the Sixth Report from the Culture, Media and Sport Committee, Session 2002–03, on the British Film Industry [by Command] [Cm. 6022] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].

5 Export Control,—Statutory Guidance on the Export Controls on Objects of Cultural Interest [by Act] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
6 Law Commission,—Report of the Law Commission on Renting Homes [by Command] [Cm. 6018] [Mr David Lammy].

7 Ombudsman (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Assembly Ombudsman for Northern Ireland and the Northern Ireland Commissioner for Complaints for 2002–03 [by Statutory Instrument]; to be printed [No. 1225] [Mr Secretary Murphy].

8 School Standards and Framework,—Accounts of—
   (1) Corby Education Action Zone,
   (2) Derbyshire North East Coalfields Education Action Zone,
   (3) Leicester Education Action Zone,
   (4) South Bradford Education Action Zone,
   (5) South Tyneside Education Action Zone,
for 2002–03, with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act]; to be printed [Nos. 1287, 1288, 1289, 1290 and 1291] [Clerk of the House].

Papers withdrawn:

9 Human Rights (Northern Ireland),—Report of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commissioner for 2003 [Cm. 5866] [laid 11th July].

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Reports from Select Committees

1 Constitutional Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Constitutional Affairs Committee [Judicial appointments and a Supreme Court (court of final appeal)]; to be printed [No. 1273-ii] [Mr A. J. Beith].

2 Home Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [The Rehabilitation of Prisoners]; to be printed [No. 1245-iii] [Mr John Denham].

3 International Development,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the International Development Committee [Development Assistance and the Occupied Palestinian Territories]; to be printed [No. 1107-iv] [John Battle].

4 Public Administration,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Select Committee on Public Administration [A Civil Service Act]; to be printed [No. 837-iv] [Tony Wright].

5 Scottish Affairs,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Scottish Affairs Committee [Coincidence of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries in Scotland and the Consequences of Change] to be printed [No. 1256-iii] [Mrs Irene Adams].

6 Standards and Privileges,—Seventh Report from the Committee on Standards and Privileges [Guidance for Chairman and Members of Select Committees]; to be printed [No. 1292] [Sir George Young].

7 Trade and Industry,—Seventh Special Report from the Trade and Industry Committee [Government Observations on the Fifteenth Report from the Committee, on Retaining Retentions]; to be printed [No. 1331] [Mr Martin O'Neill].

8 Statutory Instruments,—(1) Thirty-second Report from the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments, together with Memoranda laid before the Committee; to be printed [No. 96-xxxii].
   (2) First Special Report from the Committee [Departmental Returns, 2000–2002], together with Appendices; to be printed [No. 1329]; and
   (3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Land Registration Fee Order 2003 (S.I. 2003/2092)]; to be printed [No. 1330-i] [Mr David Tredinnick].

[No. 160; WH, No. 106.]

Tuesday 18th November 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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 5.35 p.m.]
The House met at half-past Eleven o'clock.

PRAYERS.

1 Income Tax,—The Vice-Chamberlain of the Household reported to the House, That its Addresses of 17th November 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) (Chile) Order 2003 and the Double Taxation Relief (Taxes on Income) (Australia) Order 2003 be made in the form of the drafts laid before your House on 8th September 2003.

I will comply with your request.

2 Corporal Punishment of Children (Abolition) Bill,—Mr David Hinchliffe, supported by Mr Hilton Dawson, Julie Morgan, Jane Griffiths, Dr Rudi Vis, Geraint Davies, Mr Paul Burstow, Dr Jenny Tonge, Mr Mike Hancock, Mr Ellynn Llyyd and Dr Richard Taylor, presented a Bill to amend the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 to remove any existing defence which justifies the corporal punishment of children and to give children the same protection as adults under the law on assault: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 185].

3 First Aid Training in Schools,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That leave be given to bring in a Bill to require first aid training to be given to children in schools as part of the National Curriculum—(Bob Russell);

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 Bob Russell, Mr David Amess, Annette Brooke, Sandra Gidley, Mr Ivan Henderson, Lady Hermon, Kate Hoey, Mr Alan Hurst, Andrew Rosindell, Mr Simon Thomas, Dr Jenny Tonge and Angela Watkinson do prepare and bring in the Bill.

4 First Aid Training in Schools Bill,—Bob Russell accordingly presented a Bill to require first aid training to be given to children in schools as part of the National Curriculum: And the same was read the first time; and ordered to be read a second time to-morrow and to be printed [Bill 186].

5 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill (Programme) (No. 3),—A Motion was made, and the Question being put forthwith, pursuant to Orders [28th June 2001 and 29th October 2002], That the following provisions shall apply to the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill for the purpose of supplementing the Order of 7th May 2003—

Consideration of Lords Amendments

(1) Proceedings on a motion to disagree with Lords Amendment No. 1 shall be brought to a conclusion two hours after the commencement of proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments at this day’s sitting;

(2) Remaining proceedings on Consideration of Lords Amendments shall be brought to a conclusion one hour after their commencement.

Subsequent stages

(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—(Gillian Merron);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Bridget Prentice: 380.

Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr David Wilshire: 210.

So the Question was agreed to.

6 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill,—The House, according to Order, proceeded to consider the Lords Amendments to the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) 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 Secretary Reid).

And it being two hours after the commencement of proceedings on Lords Amendment No. 1, the Deputy Speaker, pursuant to Order [this day], put the Question already proposed from the Chair.

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Bridget Prentice: 302.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr David Wilshire: 285.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment Nos. 2 and 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—(Joan Ryan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Bridget Prentice: 344.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 5 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 6 to 25 were agreed to.

Lords Amendments No. 26 was disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 27 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 28.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Joan Ryan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Gillian Merron, Charlotte Atkins: 343.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Peter Luff, Mr David Wilshire: 213.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 29.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House disagrees with the Lords in their Amendment—(Joan Ryan);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Nick Ainger, Charlotte Atkins: 347.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Lords Amendment was accordingly disagreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 30 to 55 were agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 56.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 57.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 58 was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 59.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the Lords Amendment.

The Lords Amendment, as amended, was agreed to.

Lords Amendments Nos. 60 to 121 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privilege in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 77, 78 and 90.
It being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the remaining Lords Amendments, the Deputy Speaker put forthwith the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings to be concluded at that hour.

Lords Amendment No. 161 was disagreed to.

Amendments ((a) to (z), (aa) and (bb)) were made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Lords Amendments Nos. 122 to 160 and 162 to 231 were agreed to, the Commons being willing to waive their privilege in respect of Lords Amendments Nos. 217 and 218.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up Reasons to be assigned to the Lords for disagreeing to Lords Amendments Nos. 1, 5, 26, 28 and 29.

That Mr Paul Burstow, Mr John Hutton, Mr Andrew Lansley, Joan Ryan and 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.—(Joan Ryan.)

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting, pursuant to Order [10th November].

7 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) 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 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill, That it had drawn up the following Reasons, which it had directed him to report to the House:

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 1 for the following Reason:
   Because it is necessary to provide for the constitution of NHS foundation trusts.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 5 for the following Reason:
   Because it is not necessary to have special mechanisms for appeals against or reviews of the regulator’s decisions.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 26 for the following Reason:
   Because the provision is not necessary for a borrowing code.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 28 for the following Reason:
   Because the regulator should be required to place restrictions on private health care.

The Commons disagree to Lords Amendment No. 29 for the following Reason:
   Because it is unnecessary.

The Reasons were agreed to.

Message to the Lords to communicate the said Reasons, with the Bill and Amendments.

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 consideration of any Lords Messages and Amendments that may be received may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour—(Mr Vernon Coaker)—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting until a Message was received from the Lords, pursuant to Order [10th November].

9 Message from the Lords,—A Message was received from the Lords, as follows:

The Lords insist on certain of their Amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill, to which this House has disagreed, for which insistence they assign their Reason; they do not insist on certain Amendments to which this House has disagreed and do agree with the Amendments proposed by this House to the words so restored to the Bill; and they do not insist on their remaining Amendments to which this House has disagreed.

10 Criminal Justice Bill,—Lords Reasons for insisting on Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed to the Criminal Justice Bill to be printed [Bill 187].

11 Criminal Justice Bill,—The House, pursuant to Order [yesterday], proceeded forthwith to consider the Lords Reasons for insisting on Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed to the Criminal Justice Bill.

The Lords Reason for insisting on their Amendment No. 32 was read, as follows:
   Because it is inappropriate to make provision for applications by the defendant for trials to be conducted without a jury.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment—(Paul Goggins),
And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [yesterday].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Vernon Coaker, Jim Fitzpatrick: 332.
Tellers for the Noes, Richard Younger-Ross, Mr Hugo Swire: 220.

So the Question was agreed to.

An Amendment ((a)) was made to the words so restored to the Bill.

The Lords Reason for insisting on their Amendment No. 33 was read, as follows:
Because it is inappropriate to make provision for prosecution applications for certain complex or lengthy trials to be conducted without a jury.

The Lords Reason for insisting on their Amendment No. 34 was read, as follows:
Because it is inappropriate to make provision for prosecution applications for trials to be conducted without a jury on the ground of the danger of jury tampering.

The Lords Reason for insisting on their Amendment No. 36 was read, as follows:
Because it is consequential on the Lords' insistence on their Amendment No. 34.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendments Nos. 33, 34 and 36—(Mr John Heppell);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Vernon Coaker: 331.

So the Question was agreed to.

Amendments ((a) to (h)) were made to the words restored to the Bill by the Commons' insistence on the Lords in their Amendment Nos. 33.

Amendments ((a) to (e)) were made to the words restored to the Bill by the Commons' insistence on the Lords Amendment No. 34.

Amendments ((a) to (d)) were made to the words restored to the Bill by the Commons' insistence on the Lords Amendment No. 36.

Lords Amendments Nos. 114 to 119 and 121 to 131.

The Lords Reason for insisting on their Amendments Nos. 114 to 119 and 121 to 131 was read, as follows:
Because the Amendments proposed by the Lords provide a more satisfactory scheme for dealing with evidence of bad character.

A Motion was made, and the Question being put, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendments—(Mr John Heppell);

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Jim Fitzpatrick, Mr Vernon Coaker: 339.
Tellers for the Noes, Richard Younger-Ross, Mr Hugo Swire: 216.

So the Question was agreed to.

Amendments ((a) to (n)) were made to the words so restored to the Bill.

Consequential Amendments ((o) to (q)) were made to the Bill.

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its disagreement to Lords Amendment No. 120.—(Mr John Heppell.)

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting until a Message was received from the Lords, pursuant to Order [10th November].

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

The Lords insist on certain of their Amendments to the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill to which this House has disagreed, for which insistence they assign their Reasons; they do not insist on an Amendment to which this House have disagreed and do agree with the Amendment proposed by this House to the words so restored to the Bill; they agree to the Amendments made by this House to certain Lords Amendments; and they do not insist on their remaining Amendments to which this House has disagreed.
13 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill.—Lords Reasons for insisting on Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed to the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill to be printed [Bill 188].

14 Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill.—The House, pursuant to Order [18th November], proceeded forthwith to consider the Lords Reasons for insisting on Amendments to which the Commons have disagreed to the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill.

The Lords Reason for insisting on their Amendment No. 1 was read, as follows:

Because Foundation Trusts will damage the wider interests of patients and the NHS.

A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment.—(Mr John Hutton.)

And it being one hour after the commencement of proceedings on the Lords Message, the Deputy Speaker put the Question already proposed from the Chair, pursuant to Order [yesterday].

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Fraser Kemp, Mr Jim Murphy: 290.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr David Wilshire, Mr Peter Luff: 249.

So the Question was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker put forthwith the remaining Questions necessary to dispose of the proceedings to be concluded at that hour.

Consequential Amendment (a) was made to the Bill.

The Lords Reason for insisting on their Amendment No. 161 was read, as follows:

Because it is consequential on the Lords insistence on Amendment No. 1.

Resolved, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment.—(Joan Ryan.)

Amendments (a) to (i), (aa) and (bb)) were made 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.—(Joan Ryan);

And the Motion having been made after Seven o’clock on Wednesday evening, and the Debate having continued for half an hour, the Deputy Speaker adjourned the House without Question put, pursuant to the Standing Order, it being then twelve minutes to Three o’clock on Thursday morning, till this day.

[Adjourned at 2.48 a.m.

APPENDIX I

Papers presented or laid upon the Table:

Papers subject to Affirmative Resolution:

1 Environmental Protection,—Draft Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2003 [by Act], with an Explanatory Memorandum [by Command] [Secretary Margaret Beckett].

Papers subject to Negative Resolution:


3 Electronic Communications,—Wireless Telegraphy (Licence Charges) (Amendment) (Channel Islands and Isle of Man) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2984), dated 19th November 2003 [by Act] [Ms Secretary Hewitt].


5 Medicines,—(1) Medicines (Products for Animal Use—Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2957), dated 17th November 2003 [by Act] [Secretary Margaret Beckett]; and (2) Prescription Only Medicines (Human Use) Amendment (No. 2) Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2915), dated 13th November 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Reid].
6 Merchant Shipping.—(1) Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2950), and
   (2) Merchant Shipping (Fire Protection) Regulations (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2951),
   dated 14th November 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Darling].
7 Northern Ireland.—Road Traffic (Driving Disqualifications) (Northern Ireland) Order 2003
   (S.I., 2003, No. 2903), dated 13th November 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].
8 Pensions.—Judicial Pensions (Election against Benefits) Regulations 2003 (S.I., 2003,
   No. 2916), dated 12th November 2003 [by Act] [Mr Secretary Smith].
9 Social Security.—Social Security (Contributions) (Amendment No. 7) Regulations 2003 (S.I.,
   2003, No. 2958), dated 18th November 2003 [by Act] [Dawn Primarolo].

Other Papers:
10 Gambling.—Draft Gambling Bill with Explanatory Notes, Regulatory Impact Assessment
   and the Policy [by Command] [Cm. 6014-I, II, III and IV] [Secretary Tessa Jowell].
11 Government Resource and Accounts.—Resource Accounts for 2002–03 of:
   (1) the Department of Inland Revenue, Trust Statement and Standard Report, and
   (2) the Northern Ireland Court Service
   with the Reports of the Comptroller and Auditor General thereon [by Act], to be printed
   [No. 1072 and 1228] [Ruth Kelly].
   [by Act] [Mr Secretary Murphy].
13 Statutory Instruments (Notification).—Communication declaring that the undermentioned
   Statutory Instrument had come into operation before copies were laid before Parliament,
   and explaining why such copies had not been so laid before the Instrument came into
   operation:
   Land Registration Fee Order 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 2092)
   [by Standing Order] [The Speaker].
14 Tribunals and Inquiries.—Report of the Council on Tribunals for 2002–03 [by Act], to be
   printed [No. 1163] [Mr Christopher Leslie].

APPENDIX II
Standing Committees

European Standing Committees

European Union Document No. 12179/03, relating to Controls on fluorinated greenhouse
gases, has been referred to European Standing Committee A.

APPENDIX III
Reports from Select Committees

1 Education and Skills.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Education and Skills
   Committee [Secondary Education: School Admissions]; to be printed [No. 1075-vii] [Mr
   Barry Sheerman].
2 Environmental Audit.—(1) Eighth Special Report from the Environmental Audit Committee
   [Government Response to the Eighth Report from the Committee on the Energy White
   Paper—Empowering Change?]; to be printed [No. 1333], and
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [GM Food—Evaluating the
   Farm Scale Trials]; to be printed [No. 1239-iv]
   [Mr Peter Ainsworth].
3 Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Environment,
   Food and Rural Affairs Committee [US ‘Ghost’ Ships], together with Memoranda laid
   before the Committee; to be printed [No. 1336] [Mr Michael Jack].
4 European Scrutiny.—(1) Thirty-eighth Report from the European Scrutiny Committee; to be
   printed, with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report
   [No. 63-xxxviii]
   (2) Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee [Commission Work Programme
   2004]; to be printed [No. 1334-i]
   [Mr Jim Marshall].
5 Home Affairs.—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Home Affairs Committee [Asylum
   Applications]; to be printed [No. 692-ix] [Mr John Denham].
6 Office of the Deputy Prime Minister: Housing, Planning, Local Government and the Regions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the committee [The Fire Service]; to be printed [No. 1168-v] [Mr Andrew Bennett].

7 Procedure,—Fourth Report from the Procedure Committee [Procedures for Debates, private Members’ bills and the Powers of the Speaker], together with an Appendix, and Appendices to the Minutes of Evidence taken before the Committee; to be printed, with the Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 333] [Sir Nicholas Winterton].

8 Public Accounts,—(1) Forty-eighth Report from the Committee [The Public Private Partnership for National Air Traffic Services Ltd]; together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 80]; and

(2) Forty-ninth Report from the Committee [The Operational Performance of PFI Prisons]; together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Report [No. 904]; and

(3) Minutes of Evidence taken before the committee of Public Accounts [Getting it right, putting it right: Improving decision-making and appeals in social security benefits]; to be printed [No. 1335-i] [Mr Edward Leigh].

9 Transport,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Transport Committee [Disabled People’s Access to Transport]; to be printed [No. 1263-i] [Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody].

10 Treasury,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Sub-Committee of the Treasury Committee [Child Trust Funds]; to be printed [No. 1284-ii] [Mr John McFall].

11 Work and Pensions,—Minutes of Evidence taken before the Work and Pensions Committee [Child Poverty]; to be printed [No. 1328-i] [Sir Archy Kirkwood].

Wednesday 19th November 2003.

The House sitting in Westminster Hall

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

Adjournment,—Resolved, That the sitting be now adjourned.—(Mr Gareth Thomas (Harrow West).)

And accordingly the sitting was adjourned till Tuesday 25th November, pursuant to Order [4th November].

[Adjourned at 4.43 p.m.]

Thursday 20th November 2003.

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. 1338].

2 Welsh Grand Committee,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Welsh Grand Committee be printed [No. 1339].

3 Northern Ireland Grand Committee,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Northern Ireland Grand Committee be printed [No. 1340].

4 Standing Committee on Regional Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee on Regional Affairs be printed [No. 1341].

5 European Standing Committee A,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European Standing Committee A be printed [No. 1342].

6 European Standing Committee B,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European Standing Committee B be printed [No. 1343].
Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of European Standing Committee C be printed [No. 1344].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee on the Convention be printed [No. 1345].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee on the Inter-Governmental Conference be printed [No. 1346].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Accommodation and Works Committee be printed [No. 1293].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Administration Committee be printed [No. 1294].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Broadcasting be printed [No. 1295].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Catering Committee be printed [No. 1296].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Constitutional Affairs Committee be printed [No. 1297].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Culture, Media and Sport Committee be printed [No. 1298].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Defence Committee be printed [No. 1299].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Education and Skills Committee be printed [No. 1300].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Badgers and Bovine Tuberculosis Sub-Committee, the Broadband in Rural Areas Sub-Committee, the Cetacean By-Catch Sub-Committee, the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 Sub-Committee, the Delivery of Education in Rural Areas Sub-Committee, the Environmental Directives Sub-Committee, the Mid-term Review of the CAP Sub-Committee, the New Covent Garden Market Sub-Committee, the Poultry Farming in the United Kingdom Sub-Committee, the Rural Payments Agency Sub-Committee and the Vets and Veterinary Services Sub-Committee [No. 1301].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Environmental Audit Committee be printed [No. 1277].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the European Scrutiny Committee be printed [No. 1302].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance and Services Committee be printed [No. 1303].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Foreign Affairs Committee be printed [No. 1304].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Health Committee be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the Maternity Services Sub-Committee [No. 1305].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Home Affairs Committee be printed [No. 1306].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Human Rights be printed [No. 1307].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Information Committee be printed [No. 1308].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the International Development Committee be printed [No. 1309].

Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Liaison Committee be printed [No. 1310].
29 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. 1311].

30 Northern Ireland Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee be printed [No. 1312].


32 Procedure,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Procedure Committee be printed [No. 1314].

33 Public Accounts,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee of Public Accounts be printed [No. 1315].

34 Public Administration,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Public Administration be printed [No. 1316].

35 Regulatory Reform,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Regulatory Reform Committee be printed [No. 1317].

36 Science and Technology,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Science and Technology Committee be printed [No. 1318].

37 Scottish Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Scottish Affairs Committee be printed [No. 1319].

38 Standards and Privileges,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Committee on Standards and Privileges be printed [No. 1320].

39 Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee on Statutory Instruments be printed [No. 1321].

40 Statutory Instruments,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Select Committee appointed to join with a Committee of the House of Lords on Statutory Instruments be printed [No. 1322].

41 Trade and Industry,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Trade and Industry Committee be printed [No. 1323].

42 Transport,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Transport Committee be printed [No. 1324].

43 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. 1325].

44 Welsh Affairs,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Welsh Affairs Committee be printed [No. 1326].

45 Work and Pensions,—Ordered, That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Work and Pensions Committee be printed, together with the Minutes of Proceedings of the IT Sub-Committee [No. 1327].

46 Sittings of the House,—A Motion was made, and the Question being proposed, That, at the sittings on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th November—

(1) notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 21 (Time for taking questions), no Questions shall be taken, provided that, one hour after the commencement of the sitting, the Speaker may interrupt the proceedings in order to permit Questions to be asked which are in his opinion of an urgent character and relate either to matters of public importance or to the arrangement of business, statements to be made by Ministers or personal explanations to be made by Members; and

(2) the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Message from the Lords has been received and any Committee to draw up Reasons which has been appointed at that sitting has reported—(Mr Peter Hain);

An Amendment was proposed to the Question, in line 3, to leave out paragraph (1) and insert the words—
'(1) notwithstanding paragraph (5) of Standing Order No. 22 (Notices of questions, motions and amendments), Oral Questions shall be taken on Monday 24th November to the Secretary of State for the Home Department and on Tuesday 25th November to the Secretary of State for Health: and the sittings for these Oral Questions shall be held at Six o’clock at this day’s sitting or one hour after the conclusion of proceedings on this Motion, whichever is later', instead thereof.—(Mr Paul Tyler.)

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

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

And the Question being put, That the Question be now put;

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Bridget Prentice, Mr Nick Ainger: 331.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Hugo Swire, Mr John Randall: 175.

So the Question was agreed to.

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

The House divided.

Tellers for the Ayes, Mr Crispin Blunt, Mr Richard Bacon: 174.
Tellers for the Noes, Mr Nick Ainger, Bridget Prentice: 330.

So the Question was negatived.

And the Main Question being put;

Ordered, That, at the sittings on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th November—

(1) notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (1) of Standing Order No. 21 (Time for taking questions), no Questions shall be taken, provided that, one hour after the commencement of the sitting, the Speaker may interrupt the proceedings in order to permit Questions to be asked which are in his opinion of an urgent character and relate either to matters of public importance or to the arrangement of business, statements to be made by Ministers or personal explanations to be made by Members; and

(2) the Speaker shall not adjourn the House until any Message from the Lords has been received and any Committee to draw up Reasons which has been appointed at that sitting has reported.

The Speaker suspended the sitting, pursuant to Order [10th November].

47 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 Peter Hain and the consideration of any Lords Messages and Amendments that may be received may be proceeded with, though opposed, until any hour.—(Derek Twigg):—It was agreed to.

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting, pursuant to Order [10th November].

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

The Lords insist on certain of their Amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill, and disagree to certain Amendments made by this House, for which insistence and disagreement they assign their Reasons; they propose certain further Amendments; they agree to certain Amendments made by this House; and they do not insist on certain of their Amendments.

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Bill to which this House has disagreed, and agree with this House in their Amendments to the Bill.

49 Criminal Justice Bill.—Lords Reasons for insisting on certain of their Amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill and for disagreeing to Commons Amendments, Lords Amendments to words restored to the Bill and Lords consequential Amendments to be printed [Bill 189].

50 Criminal Justice Bill.—The House, pursuant to Order [18th November], proceeded forthwith to consider the Lords Message relating to the Criminal Justice Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 32.

Resolved, That this House does not insist on its disagreement to the Lords Amendment, does not insist on its Amendment No. 32C to the words so restored to the Bill and agrees to Lords Amendments Nos. 32E to 32L.—(Mr Secretary Blankett.)
Lords Amendment No. 33.

Resolved, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment but proposes Amendments ((a) to (j)) to the words restored to the Bill by that disagreement.—(Mr John Heppell.)

A consequential Amendment ((a)) was made to the Bill.

Lords Amendment No. 34J was agreed to.

Lords Amendment No. 121.

Resolved, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment but proposes Amendment ((a)) to the words restored to the Bill by that disagreement.—(Mr John Heppell.)

Lords Amendment No. 126.

Resolved, That this House insists on its disagreement with the Lords in their Amendment, does not insist on its Amendment No. 131H to which the Lords have disagreed, and proposes Amendment ((a)) to the words restored to the Bill by the disagreement insisted on.—(Mr John Heppell.)

The Deputy Speaker suspended the sitting, pursuant to Order [10th November].

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

The Lords do not insist on their Amendments to the Criminal Justice Bill to which this House has disagreed and agree to the Amendments made by this House to the words so restored to the Bill and the consequential Amendment made by this House to the Bill.

52 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:—

Water Act 2003
Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003
Courts Act 2003
Ragwort Control Act 2003
Extradition Act 2003
Sexual Offences Act 2003
Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003
Criminal Justice Act 2003

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 major programmes of reform in the priority areas of crime, health and transport.

My Government is committed to reforming the criminal justice system, to deliver justice for all and to safeguard the interests of victims, witnesses and communities.

An Act has been passed to provide the police and other agencies with effective tools to tackle anti-social behaviour.

Legislation has been passed to reform sentencing arrangements and to modernise criminal procedures to protect the public and reduce re-offending.
An Act has also been passed reforming the courts system. This will allow Magistrates’ Courts and the Crown Court to work more effectively together under a single organisation and will reform the system for enforcing fines and other non-custodial penalties.

Legislation has also been passed modernising the laws on sexual offences, strengthening the framework of penalties for sex offenders to protect the public.

In addition, legislation has been passed improving international co-operation in tackling serious crime, including terrorism, and modernising the arrangements for international mutual assistance to prosecute criminals.

My Government continues to modernise the delivery of healthcare based on the founding principles of the National Health Service. Legislation has been passed to introduce incentives to ensure that hospital discharges are not delayed and that those needing community care are fully supported.

Legislation has been passed to devolve power and resources to frontline staff, giving greater patient choice and more freedom to successful hospitals while increasing their accountability to local communities and introducing independent health and social care inspectorates.

Legislation has been passed to improve the delivery of local services through better financial management and greater freedom for councils.

An Act has been passed to improve railway and transport safety, establishing a Rail Accident Investigation Body with effective evidence-gathering powers, reforming the body responsible for regulating the railways and introducing alcohol testing on board maritime vessels and in civil aviation.

Draft legislation has been brought forward on a number of matters including civil contingencies, housing, nuclear liabilities, corruption and mental incapacity.

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

My Government continues to work closely with the political parties and the Irish Government to secure the full implementation of the Belfast Agreement. Legislation has been passed which establishes an Independent Monitoring Commission to report on the ongoing commitments connected with the implementation of the Belfast Agreement. An Act has also been passed amending legislation on policing in Northern Ireland.

My Government maintains its commitment to devolution in Scotland and Wales. Legislation has been passed reforming the provision of health services in Wales.

Legislation has been passed providing for the holding of referendums in any English region except London, on the establishment of elected regional assemblies and other preparations for the implementation of elected regional government.

In addition, legislation has been passed to create a new regulatory framework for the communications sector to promote competition and investment, establishing a new regulatory body, implementing European Union telecoms directives, and reforming rules on media ownership.

An Act has been passed modernising and streamlining the law governing premises selling alcohol, providing public entertainment and late night refreshment, including important measures for tackling anti-social behaviour.

An Act has been passed allowing the Secretary of State to specify the pay, terms and conditions of the Fire Service and to direct the Fire Service on its use of facilities and assets.

Legislation has been passed improving water management and conservation, establishing an independent Consumer Council for Water, reforming the regulatory system for water and promoting competition in the water industry.

An Act has also been passed providing for the development of a strategy for reducing the amount of biodegradable waste going to landfill and help ensure the UK meets its climate change commitments.

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 His Excellency the President of Russia in June. We are pleased to receive the state visit of His Excellency the President of the United States this week.

My Government has played an active role in combating the global threat from terrorism and preventing the development or use of weapons of mass destruction by hostile states. My Government has worked to help publish and implement a Road Map for peace in the Middle East, and to support the rebuilding of Afghanistan.

My Government took part in international action to ensure Iraq’s compliance with its obligations under UN resolutions. Iraq is now on its way to a better future, free and at peace with its neighbours. Political and economic reconstruction are proceeding apace and for the first time in Iraq’s history it has government institutions which reflect the diversity of its people and uphold human rights and the rule of law.

My Government helped secure the lifting of UN sanctions against Libya following the latter’s compliance with the demands of the Security Council, and has supported international negotiations with Iran and North Korea.

My Government was active in ensuring the decision of the European Council last December to issue formal invitations to ten countries to join the European Union in May 2004. Legislation has been enacted to enable the United Kingdom to ratify the Accession Treaty with the new member states.

Through the Convention on the Future of Europe and the subsequent Intergovernmental Conference, my Government has participated actively in efforts to agree a new Constitutional Treaty for the European Union to equip it for the challenges of enlargement.

My Government published its assessment of the Five Economic Tests on whether to recommend entry into the single European currency.

My Government helped achieve agreement at the NATO Summit last November to invite seven countries to join the Alliance, and has continued to support these countries in their preparations for membership.

My Government was heavily involved in the continuing development of the European Security and Defence Policy, including the conclusion of agreements between the European Union and NATO for the use of NATO assets and capabilities for European Security and Defence Policy military operations. My Government supported, and British personnel participated in, the first three European Security and Defence Policy operations: a police mission in Bosnia and military crisis management operations in Macedonia and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The Millennium Development Goals remained at the forefront of my Government’s commitment to global poverty reduction. My Government has worked with partners in the UN, the G8 and other bodies to make progress towards these goals, particularly by ensuring support for developing countries’ own plans such as the New Partnership for Africa’s Development.

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may attend you.

After which the Lord Chancellor said:

My Lords and Members of the House of Commons,

By virtue of Her Majesty’s Commission which has now been read we do, in Her Majesty’s name, and in obedience to Her Majesty’s Commands, prorogue this Parliament to Wednesday the twenty-sixth day of this instant November, to be then here holden, and this Parliament is accordingly prorogued to Wednesday the twenty-sixth day of November.

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FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION BILL: Presented and read the first time, 74. Explanatory Notes ordered to be printed, 247. Read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee, 274. C, 365. Reported, without Amendment, 482. Not amended, considered; read the third time, and passed, 539. Agreed to by the Lords, 643. (Cited as Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003) Royal Assent, 658.

FEES AND CHARGES: Draft Department of Transport (Fees)(Amendment) Order 2003, allocated to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, 268. Reported, 308. Approved, 313.


FINANCE BILL: Ordered, presented and read the first time, 354. Motion for Second Reading; Reasoned Amendment negatived; read a second time and committed partly to a Committee of the whole House (specified Clauses and Schedules) and partly to a Standing Committee, 370. B, 381. Resolution reported from Programming Committee, 384. Considered in Committee, 392. Further considered in Committee; reported, with Amendments, 397. Reported from the Standing Committee, with Amendments, 459. Resolution reported from Programming Committee, 492. As amended, considered; read the third time, and passed, 497. Agreed to by the Lords (no entry), 3rd July 2003. (Cited as Finance Act 2003) Royal Assent, 533.


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FIRE SERVICES BILL: Presented and read the first time; Explanatory Notes ordered to be printed, 274. Read a second time and committed to a Committee of the whole House, 379. Considered in Committee, 424. Reported, with Amendments; considered; read the third time and passed, 425. Agreed to by the Lords, with Amendments, 665. Lords Amendments agreed to, 684. (Cited as Fire Services Act 2003) Royal Assent, 687.

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FIREFIGHTERS BILL: Presented and read the first time, 73. Explanatory Notes ordered to be printed, 203. Read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee, 209. C, 287. Reported, with Amendments, 363. As amended, considered; read the third time and passed, 451. Agreed to by the Lords, 595. (Cited as Firefighters Act 2003) Royal Assent, 613.

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FOOD LABELLING BILL: Presented and read the first time, 75. Order for Second Reading read; it being half-past Two o'clock, the Debate stood adjourned, 227.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 (COMMENCEMENT) BILL: Presented and read the first time, 650.

GOVERNMENT POWERS (LIMITATIONS) BILL: Presented and read the first time; 75. Order for Second Reading read; Queen's consent signified; Motion made, That the House sit in private; fewer than forty Members having taken part in the division, the Speaker declared that the Question was not decided and the business stood over until the next sitting of the House, 250.


GRAMMAR SCHOOLS (BALLOTS AND CONSULTATION) BILL: Ordered, presented and read the first time, 697.

GREENBELT PROTECTION BILL: Ordered, presented and read the first time, 151.

GROUP PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE (REGULATION) BILL: Ordered, presented and read the first time, 681.

HARBOURS BILL [Lords]: Brought from the Lords, 407. Read the first time; Explanatory Notes ordered to be printed, 412. Read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee, 540. C, 627.

HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK (AMENDMENT) BILL: Ordered, presented and read the first time, 101. Order for Second Reading read and discharged; Bill withdrawn, 107.

HEALTH AND SAFETY AT WORK (OFFENCES) BILL: Presented and read the first time, 107. Explanatory Notes ordered to be printed, 147. Motion for Second Reading; Debate stood adjourned at half-past Two o'clock on a Friday, 160.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE (COMMUNITY HEALTH AND STANDARDS) BILL: Presented and read the first time; Explanatory Notes ordered to be printed, 242. Motion for Second Reading; Reasoned Amendment negatived; read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee, 375. E. 381. Reported, with Amendments, 466. As amended, considered; read the third time, and passed (Queen's and Prince of Wales's Consent signified on Third Reading), 522. Agreed to by the Lords, with Amendments, 702. Certain Lords Amendments disagreed to; other Amendments disagreed to and Amendments made to the words so restored to the Bill; certain Amendments amended and agreed to; and the remaining Lords Amendments agreed to, without Amendment, 706. Lords insist on certain Amendments; do not insist on an Amendment to which the Commons have disagreed and agree to the Commons Amendment to the words so restored to the Bill; agree to the Commons Amendments to certain Lords Amendments; and do not insist on their remaining Amendments, 708. Lords Message considered forthwith, pursuant to Order; disagreement to Lords Amendments insisted upon and consequential Amendments made to the Bill, 709. Lords do not insist on their Amendments and agree to Commons Amendments, 714. (Cited as Health and Social Care (Community Health and Standards) Act 2003) Royal Assent, 715.

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HEALTHCARE AND ASSOCIATED PROFESSIONS: Health Professions Council (Registration and Fees) Rules 2003 (S.I., 2003, No. 1572), referred to a Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, 651. Allocated (before referral) to the Third Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, 627. Reported, 653.


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HIGH HEDGES BILL (Lords): Brought from the Lords, 227. Read the first time, 241.

HIGH HEDGES (No. 2) BILL: Present and read the first time, 74. Explanatory Notes ordered to be printed, 242. Read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee, 293. C, 306. Reported, without Amendment, 374. Not amended, considered; being half-past Two o’clock, further consideration stood adjourned, 471. Not amended, considered; objection taken to further proceedings (after half-past Two o’clock on a Friday); ordered to be read the third time on a future date, 539. Order for Third Reading read and discharged; Bill withdrawn, 623. Money Resolution, 314.

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— at or after Six o’clock on a Thursday, 126, &c.

— at or after Seven o’clock on a Tuesday or Wednesday, 108, &c.

— at or after Ten o’clock on a Monday, 163, &c.

Before Temporary Standing Orders (New provision for earlier sittings on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and for Thursdays and Fridays) came into effect on 1st January 2003:

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— till this day, 371, 457.

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— from Friday till Monday, 11, &c.

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— at half-past Eleven o’clock on a Tuesday or Wednesday, pursuant to temporary Standing Order, 107, &c.

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— any Messages from the Lords Commissioners shall have been received, 677.

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VI. SETTINGS OF THE HOUSE IN WESTMINSTER HALL:

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HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY (DECEASED FATHERS) BILL: Presented and read the first time, 74. Explanatory Notes ordered to be printed, 276. Read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee, 293. C, 322. Reported, with Amendments, 374. As amended, considered; read the third time and passed, 452. Agreed to by the Lords, 612. (Cited as Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Deceased Fathers) Act 2003) Royal Assent, 613.
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LEGAL: Deposit LIBRARIES BILL: Presented and read the first time, 74. Explanatory Notes ordered to be printed, 225. Read a second time and stood committed to a Standing Committee, 250. C, 287. Transferred to F, 426. Reported, with Amendments, 429. As amended, considered; read the third time, and passed, 513. Agreed to by the Lords, 615. (Cited as Legal Deposit Libraries Act 2003) Royal Assent, 657.


LICENSING BILL [Lords]: Brought from the Lords and read the first time; Explanatory Notes ordered to be printed, 241. Read a second time and committed to a Standing Committee, 276. D, 287. Reported, with Amendments, 412. As amended, considered; read the third time and passed, with Amendments (Queen’s and Prince of Wales’s Consent signified on Third Reading), 455. Lords agree to certain Amendments, disagree to certain others, for which disagreement they assign their Reasons; agree to one Amendment with an Amendment in lieu of the words so left out of the Bill; and disagree to the remaining Amendments but propose an Amendment in lieu thereof, 466. Lords Message considered; a Commons Amendment insisted on, Lords Amendment in lieu thereof disagreed to and an Amendment made to the Bill in lieu of the Lords Amendment; a Commons Amendment not insisted on and Amendments made to the Bill in lieu thereof; remaining Commons Amendments not insisted on and a Lords Amendment in lieu agreed to, 480. Lords agree to the Amendment made by the Commons in lieu of a Commons Amendment to which the Lords have disagreed; do not insist on their disagreement to a Commons Amendment and do not insist on their Amendment in lieu of that Amendment but propose an Amendment to the words so left out of the Bill; and agree to the Commons Amendments made in lieu, with Amendments, 509. Lords Amendments to a Commons Amendment and Lords Amendment in lieu of words left out of the Bill by a Commons Amendment agreed to, 525. (Cited as Licensing Act 2003) Royal Assent, 533.

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